

## THERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU CAN JOIN US BY:

1. Selecting Pirate as your political designation on your voter registration form. When choosing a party on your voter registration form, simply enter Pirate in the space for Political Designation.

You can pick up a voter registration form at your city elections office or town clerk's office or request one be sent to you by filling out the form at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elestu/stuidx.htm>

2. Filling out the Join Us form on our website at <http://www.masspirates.org/blog/join-us/>

We would prefer that you do both.

### RELATED LINKS

#### Massachusetts Pirate Party on the Web

<http://www.masspirates.org>

#### Massachusetts Pirates on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=113749605327521>

#### Massachusetts Pirates on Twitter

<http://www.twitter.com/masspirates>

#### United States Pirate Party

<http://pirate-party.us>

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Alexander the Great angrily demanded of a pirate, "How dare you molest the seas?" To which the pirate replied, "How dare you molest the whole world? Because I do it with a small boat I am called a pirate and a thief. You, with a great navy, molest the world and are called an emperor"

— City of God, St. Augustine



# The Pirate Party of Massachusetts

**P**UT PEOPLE BEFORE  
CORPORATIONS

**DEFEND YOUR PRIVACY**



**OPEN UP GOVERNMENT**

**R**EFORM COPYRIGHT  
& PATENTS TO FOSTER  
INNOVATION

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You can be a Pirate too. The Pirate Party is a registered political party in Massachusetts!

# WHAT IS THE PIRATE PARTY?



Taking inspiration from the success of the Swedish Pirate Party, and the flowering of pirate parties worldwide, we started the Massachusetts Pirate Party in 2010 to:

## **Put People Before Corporations**

*The Pirate Party will make sure our laws put people before corporations.*

The Supreme Court and Congress have expanded the power of corporations for over a hundred years and made them more powerful than people. Whether it is the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that allows corporations to buy elections, or Congress' cuts in corporate tax rates while raising payroll taxes, real people end up with the short end of the stick. The Pirate Party will make sure our laws put people before corporations.

*“He that would give up a little bit of liberty for a little bit of personal safety, deserves neither liberty nor safety”*

— Benjamin Franklin

## **Open Up Government**

*The Pirate Party will make sure that our government is transparent and accountable.*

In order for citizens to control their democratic destiny, we need to know what our government is doing and which special interests are influencing our elected officials. Increasingly government officials ignore open meeting laws, make deals favorable to corporations behind closed doors and sell off your public information to private interests. The Pirate Party will make sure that our government is transparent and accountable to the people.



## **Defend Your Privacy**

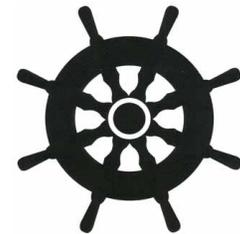
*Terrorists may attack the open society, but only governments can abolish it.*

Whether it was the PATRIOT ACT, illegal NSA wiretapping or local surveillance cameras, our government has used 9/11 to increase its surveillance and control over us. Corporations have increased their spying on employees in order to get more work out of them. The arguments for each step on the road to a surveillance state may sound convincing, but that road leads to less control by people and more by government and corporate elites. Terrorists may attack the open society, but only governments can abolish it. The Pirate Party will prevent that from happening.

## **Reform Patents & Copyright to Foster Innovation**

*We will make the Internet the greatest public library ever created.*

Pharmaceutical patents kill people in third world countries every day. They hamper lifesaving research by forcing scientists to lock up their findings pending patent application, instead of sharing them with the rest of the scientific community and promoting technology. Government created copyright laws to promote knowledge & culture. Now big corporations use copyright laws to lock down the media we all use with DRM technologies for seventy years after the death of the creator and criminalize their customers. The Pirate Party will limit digital copyright to five years, make sure that all non-commercial copying and use is completely free, and that file sharing and remixing are legal. We will make the Internet the greatest public library ever created.



## **How You Can Help**

*The Pirate Party needs people like you to grow the party, be candidates and take our government back. To help, please contact us at:*

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