

The Bob Black Political platform

Introduction:

The platform is specific. I do not believe in non-specific proposals meant to get the most votes. If you want platitudes and generalizations elect someone else. There are some additional cuts that need made but more research is needed. The military and security forces are the last to be cut. The guiding principles are from The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, The Federalist Papers, Adam Smith *Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth Of Nations*, the writings of Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. For a more complete list see www.life401.com.

1. Repeal Amendment 16 to the constitution and enactment of the Fair Tax
2. Repeal amendment 17
3. Eliminate the department of Education.
4. Eliminate the department of Labor. Labor policy will be a State function. OSHA research functions will be placed in the National Institute of health. Mine Safety and health will move to the Department of Commerce. Veterans' Employment and Training Service will move to the Veterans Administration.
5. Eliminate the department of Housing and Urban Development. The tenants in the HUD housing will be given their residence. The HUD units will become condominiums.
6. Eliminate federal welfare. The void is to be filled by the States, and charities.
7. Eliminate payments to ACLU
8. Eliminate all subsidies by the Department of Energy. Use DOE funds for research and site studies and obtaining site permits for generating electricity.
9. Eliminate the make work programs like America Corp.
10. Keep the excise taxes on Alcohol, Tobacco and Motor Fuels. Eliminate all others.
11. Sell the governments stake in any businesses to the highest bidder.
12. Keep the Forest Service, Food Safety and Research programs of the Department of Agriculture. Eliminate all the other programs including subsidies. Food Safety programs are to be paid by the companies inspected. Food brought in from other countries is to be taxed enough to pay for adequate safety inspections.

13. Properly defend our borders with fences and other measures. Send back all illegal immigrants and open immigration to legal immigrants who bring skills and speak English well. Any English-speaking graduate of an American Accredited University in any technology, business or medical field will be given priority emigration status. Many of the illegal immigrants will be allowed to become legal immigrants and return after they are properly screened.
14. Stop all data collection by government departments by race. The only exception will be by the National Institute of Health for relevant drug studies.
15. Move back the age to receive Social Security payments by one month per quarter until the program is adequately solvent. Social Security disability payments would require regular reporting for a possible physical by a physician employed by Social Security. Persons found to be fraudulently collecting payments would have to pay back double all fraudulently collected payments before any future government payments could be made.
16. Shut down or sell all government agencies and quasi agencies associated with loans.
17. Eliminate the SBA. Any business education programs to be handled by the department of Commerce.
18. Move Federal Government out of rented offices in the US. The elimination of above departments and functions will free up enough office space.
19. Sell Western Federal land that is in excess of current and reasonably projected needs.
20. Pay and benefits for Federal employees should be no more than the equivalent pay and benefits in the private sector.

Notes on the Bob Black Political Platform

1. The Fair Tax would eliminate all taxes to persons in poverty. It would free people from all of the burden of tax record keeping. It would cause manufacturing to move back to the US. It would bring all multinational corporation headquarters to the US. It would eliminate 6 billion hours of work in tax perpetration collection work. This also puts one half of the lobbyist out of work. Go to www.fairtax.org for details
2. The founding fathers had it right in the first place. The Federal Government is to be equal with the States and not subordinate to the States. IT is explained well in *The Federalist Papers*. State legislators will not send Senators who will dump requirements and not provide the funds for Federal Programs.
3. Since the Department of Education was created the quality of education has gone down. There may be some nice things being done but the net effect has been a disaster. The billions that have been spent have given jobs to bureaucrats in Washington and required bureaucrats in the local school districts. Money that could have been better used in the classroom.
4. The individual States have labor departments and State laws. The system is unnecessarily redundant. Labor laws and enforcement should be a State function.
5. HUD programs and housing grow a dependent population in a crime filled environment. Dependency has been a cancer. It leads to low self-esteem, low motivation, and depression, a feeling of helplessness, envy and crime. Subsidizing the condominium fees will be required for a few years but such subsidies should taper off year by year.
6. The Federal Government is the least efficient organization to help people who are truly in need. Corruption is so endemic it cannot be eliminated without complete elimination. Local governments and charities are better able to take care of the truly needy. Also local organizations are in a better position to help people in need help themselves.
7. The ACLU was started to help people who could not afford representation. It has become an organization with an agenda to change our legal system. Our elected representatives answer to the people and should be making any changes.
8. Subsidies distort the free market and lead to less than optimum allocation of resources. This is true for energy and food. Doing R&D on energy production and helping with the permits for energy projects are appropriate.
9. We do not need to be training people to be dependent on government. It breeds dependency and does not lead to productive employment.

10. Excise taxes are easy to collect on alcohol, tobacco and motor fuels. They have the benefit of suppressing consumption.
11. The government has no business competing with private enterprise. The government cannot be as efficient and using taxpayer money to compete with private companies who do pay taxes does not make sense.
12. Subsidies paid by the Department of Agriculture are another source of corruption. The free market will work fine at providing the food and materials we need.
13. Even third world countries secure their borders. By not defending our borders we invite criminals, drug dealers and terrorists. Those who we let in cause problems for all of the social services; law enforcement and businesses that employ legal workers. At the same time open legal immigration to persons with skills and who speak English. With the Fair Tax we will need additional people in the labor force.
14. Defining people so that they are into classes has the effect of pitting one class against another. It gives ammunition to the **David Duke(s)** and the **Jessie Jackson(s)**. The whole race thing is silly in any case. We are all cousins. Anyone who has been to a mall can see that in a few generations we will be so mixed that discrimination by color will require a series of paint chips. In the spectrum from Dark Chocolate to Vanilla who is to be in the protected class? And what if they have a suntan?
15. With the Fair Tax we will be working towards a standard benefit paid from the retail taxes. It will not be based on work history. The conversion should be over enough time to be fair to those who have paid into the system. There should also be a major crack down on fraud. Persons found to be fraudulently collecting payments would have to pay back double all fraudulently collected payments.
16. Government is incompetent to determine credit worthiness. **Government competition with private loan sources will have the government making decisions that are subject to corruptive influences.** This has been shown recently when Congressman obtained loans under favorable terms from one of these. In any case the Government will always be one with the non-performing loans.
17. SBA loans require collateral. If collateral is available then what good is the SBA? It only encourages entrepreneurs to overextend and lose their houses and retirement funds. Help on obtaining permits, dealing with the government regulations and agencies would be helpful but they do not do it. I am a small businessman and I have had the experience. Local Chamber of Commerce organizations and volunteer organizations will fill any need.

18. If enough functions are eliminated then the Federal Government should fit into the offices owned by the government.
19. There is a need to keep sufficient land for parks, military training and research, and to protect water basins. Selling the excess over time would reduce our debt and provide taxes for local and State governments.
20. The present system allows Federal Government workers to support and to vote for representatives that raise their pay.