

**Manifesto
of the Non-Governmental Organization
"LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF UKRAINE"**

Over the last two and a half decades Ukrainian people, having gained their own Independence, were not able to be freed from the influence of the communist past. The replacement of one kleptocratic and oligarchic political forces by another, faith in populist slogans and in unfulfilled commitments, general reluctance to take responsibility for own actions have all led to moral and active degradation of the State mechanism, and therefore to the destruction of Ukrainian society. The attempt of the new generation during the Revolution of Dignity at the cost of their own blood to win the right to develop the country in accordance with principals of liberal democracy and the heroic resistance of our people to Russian aggressors for the sake of the very possibility of existence of better Ukraine have not changed the attitude of Ukrainian politicians towards own people. By continuing the tradition of political fraud, they do everything to destroy the possibility of building successful liberal democratic Ukraine and for promoting prosperity of the old post-socialist system.

Unwilling to observe all of the above, we, Non-Governmental Organization "Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine", are starting our struggle for the development of genuine strong Ukrainian democracy on the basis of liberal principals, since precisely this type of socio-political system is the most favourable for the achievement of the greatest possible welfare with respect for the right to happiness of every individual.

In our struggle we will do the following:

- Disseminate and implement the ideas of liberalism as an ideology of modern civilized democratic countries (such as Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan etc.), while trying at the same time to eradicate completely the spirit of our communist past from Ukrainians' consciousness and to destroy the post-socialistic vestiges;
- Protect natural constitutional rights and freedoms from the State encroachment through resistance both to kleptocrats' arbitrariness and to civil apathy to the latter;
- Modernize the Ukrainian legislation through its liberalization and also through support of progressive legislative initiatives in every possible way, pressuring the state apparatus into their adoption;
- Increase the level of political and legal awareness of Ukrainians by mass educational events to create a strong and conscious civil society with its involvement into the analysis of global political processes;
- Implement on the international level the idea that Ukraine is moving forward on its way of building liberal democracy alongside other civilized democratic countries of modernity.

We are already doing all of this and much more, and we will continue further by adhering to the basic principles of liberal democracy, namely the rule of law, freedom, tolerance, legal equality, social justice, equality of opportunities etc.

Besides, we acknowledge the following:

- One man's freedom ends, where another man's freedom begins;
- The individual responsibility for actions is the basis of a successful and progressive society;
- The state is the consolidation of free people on the basis of the social contract: it serves people as a service center and as a tool for the personal potential realization;
- The market economy and private property are the best means of achieving wealth, therefore the State should be maximally precluded from interfering with them;
- One person's life and individual happiness are the outmost important values, neglect of which is unacceptable.

We are absolutely confident that happiness will come to our country only through empowering the generation of people born in Ukraine and not the country that no longer exists. Our activities are based on the principle of encouraging involvement of the most talented and perspective representatives of the young generation of Ukrainians, born after 1991, for whom progressive Ukraine is not just a dream, but it is a goal which will be definitely reached by each one of us even through challenges.

Today we act within the public organization, though we aim to establish a powerful political force in the near future, which should become a basis for the development of a liberal democratic model of the statehood. To that end, we intend to unite the best representatives of the youth generation of Ukrainians, who share our idea of the open liberal society development, and also all liberal-minded powers currently represented in civil society.

We pledge to do everything within our power to give Ukraine an opportunity to stand among the most progressive modern liberal democracies, since Ukraine is not only an integral part of the European civilization, Ukraine is the whole world.

We, Non-Governmental Organization "Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine", promise not to stop our struggle for Ukraine and Ukrainians until we reach our high ideals!

If you, after having considered all of the above-mentioned, heard the call to join us, please do so! We need you! Together we will change the old system and in its place we will build new liberal democratic Ukraine, where respect for the rights to life, freedom and happiness of each individual will become the highest political priority!