



UTAH MODERN WHIG PARTY

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January 2018 Newsletter

Party Platform Call-Out

Taxes and Spending

The Utah Modern Whig Party believes the federal tax code needs to be drastically simplified and made more equitable. The vast majority of loopholes, subsidies, exclusions, exemptions, and deferrals should be eliminated; capital gains and other forms of passive income should be taxed at the same rate as earned income above a certain income threshold; and untapped sources of revenue (such as a tax on high-speed trading) should be explored to make reducing income tax rates fiscally feasible.

Utah Whigs further support:

1. State and federal governments operating under a balanced budget.
2. An overall reduction in federally funded programs. Though some are necessary, most are at odds with the principle of small government.
3. Increased state participation and oversight in federally funded programs where applicable to make them more efficient and responsive to local conditions.
4. A top-to-bottom review of unfunded mandates and comprehensive reform of the practice.

The federal government recently passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. We are largely opposed to this legislation. It has broadened existing loopholes instead of eliminating them. It appears to unreasonably favor the very rich. Most importantly, it introduces about \$1.5 trillion to the national debt over the next ten years, offering absolutely no recourse to pay for it. We need tax reform in this country, but this was reform in the opposite direction.

January Outreach

In the last newsletter, we introduced our 2018 plan. You can refer to the plan at any time at utahwhigs.org/2018-plan.

Part of the plan is to hold an Action Meeting each month. Our next meeting is January 25, 7:00pm, at the Layton Library. If you have any time at all to volunteer, we need your help! Currently we only have 3 active volunteers, and we'll only be able to meet our goals if our volunteer force grows. You can go to utahwhigs.org/events to see additional upcoming Action Meetings.

Also in our plan is to collect donations in preparation for our next petition drive. For now, you can donate through the national website modernwhig.org. We will soon have a local donation system set up so that you can donate directly and we can more easily manage the funds.

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Upcoming Events

January 25, 7:00pm
Action Meeting
Layton Library

February 24, 7:00pm
Action Meeting
Salt Lake City Library

See the website for more events.