

Transhumanist Ideas for Reforming Political Processes and Improving Government Accountability

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**TRANSHUMANIST
PARTY**

PUTTING SCIENCE, HEALTH, & TECHNOLOGY
AT THE FOREFRONT OF AMERICAN POLITICS



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About the U.S. Transhumanist Party

- Founded by Zoltan Istvan on October 7, 2014.
- Zoltan Istvan ran for President in 2016 – write-in candidate in many states.
- Gennady Stolyarov II became the Chairman on November 17, 2016.
- Membership is **free** at <https://transhumanist-party.org/membership> – no matter where you reside.
- **Over 1300 members** have joined thus far. We have **doubled** our membership over the past year.
- **Upwing party:** Moving beyond Left and Right.
- **Transpartisan:** We have libertarian, socialist, democratic, republican, centrist, apolitical, and other transhumanists as members.
- **Alternative names:** Transhumanist Party, Transhuman Party, USTP, US(TP)²



Immortality Bus Sticker by Rachel Lyn Edler





Mainstream Politics Has Failed.



- The two-party system is the greatest obstacle to progress today.
- Both major parties are engaged in cynical, toxic, destructive rhetoric and actions that threaten to spiral out of control.
- They each hope that you will be so afraid of “the other” that you will vote for “the lesser evil”.
- **Specific barriers:** ballot-access laws, control of the Commission on Presidential Debates, non-inclusive polling, “wasted vote” mentality.
- It is time to reject the “lesser evil” mentality and support a political approach oriented toward **policy** and **principles** that **you actually agree with**.
- Both major parties completely ignore **technological progress** and the potential for **radical abundance** to solve most existing social, political, and material problems.
- We need a political party that is at the same time **sensibly moderate** and **radically progressive** – focused on **reason, science, technology**, and **the long-term future** - and peaceful ways of getting there.
- Only the U.S. Transhumanist Party / Transhuman Party explicitly discusses and advocates for **life extension, artificial intelligence, biotechnology / nanotechnology / genetic engineering, space colonization, and automation**.
- Only the U.S. Transhumanist Party / Transhuman Party welcomes **everyone** and refuses to demonize people for political gain. We need to **work together to overcome age-old problems**, not fight one another.



U.S. Transhumanist Party Platform

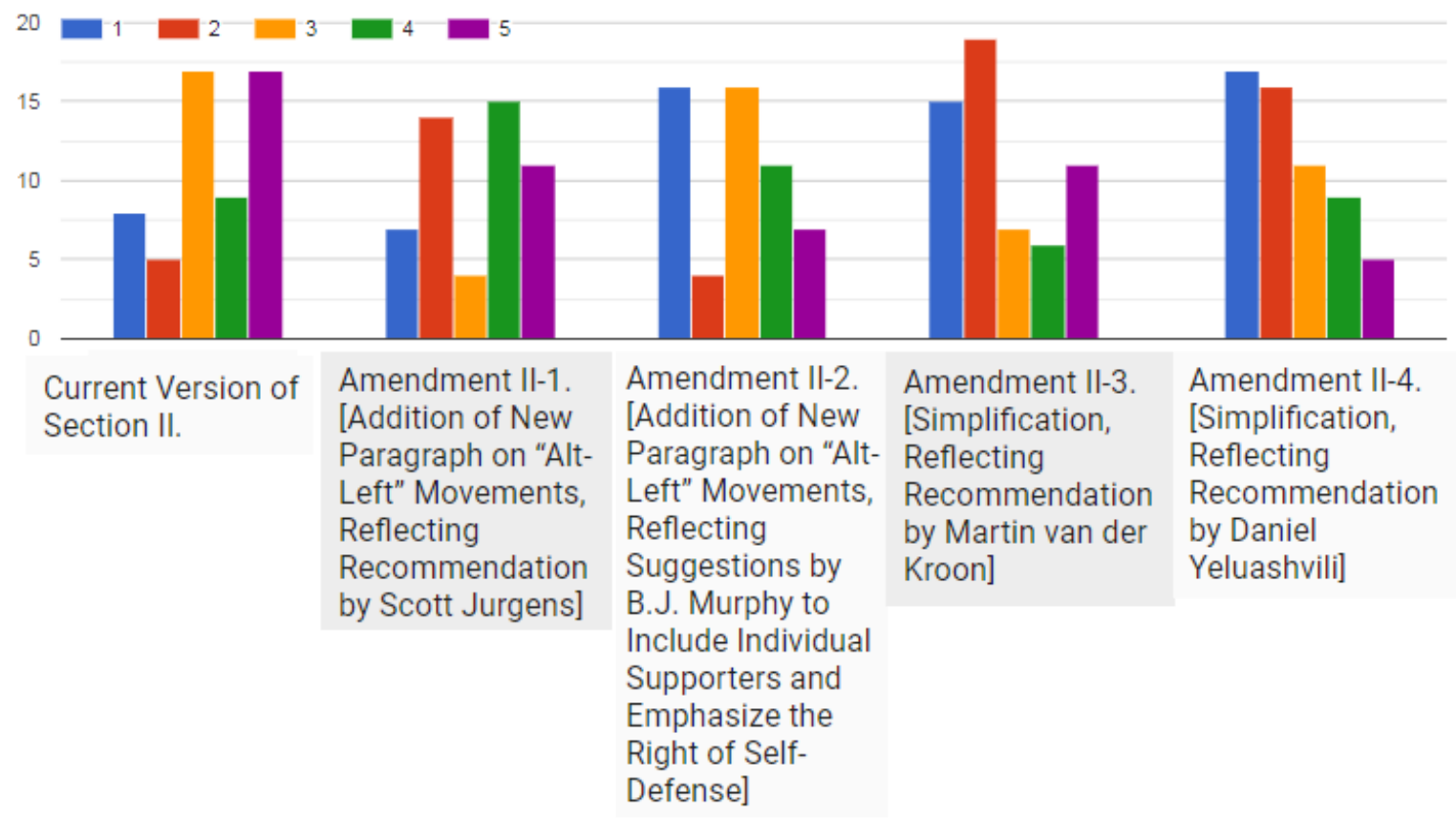
- 82 planks, adopted in the course of six electronic, ranked-preference votes of the members in 2017: <https://transhumanist-party.org/platform/>

Question XXII. Amendments to Section II on Anti-Bigotry to Encompass "Alt-Left" Groups or Simplify / Generalize Section II

Rank-order the Options for Amendments to Section II that you support. Choose "1" for your most highly favored option, "2" for your second-most highly favored option, etc. You may include the option for "Current Version of Section II" in your rank-ordering, and it does not need to be your most favored option if you do so. If you choose "Abstain", then do not rank-order any options, as you will be considered to have skipped this question. For full descriptions of each option, refer to the official ballot options at <http://transhumanist-party.org/2017/11/10/official-ballot-options-for-platform-vote-6/#Question22>

	1	2	3	4	5
Current Version of Section II.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amendment II-1. [Addition of New Paragraph on "Alt-Left" Movements, Reflecting Recommendation by Scott Jurgens]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amendment II-2. [Addition of New Paragraph on "Alt-Left" Movements, Reflecting Suggestions by B.J. Murphy to Include Individual Supporters and Emphasize the Right of Self-Defense]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amendment II-3. [Simplification, Reflecting Recommendation by Martin van der Kroon]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amendment II-4. [Simplification, Reflecting Recommendation by Daniel Yelushvili]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Ranked-Preference Tabulation: Human and Algorithmic

United States Transhumanist Party – Results of Platform Vote #6

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Total votes: 63

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Current Version of Section II: 8 votes – 12.7%

Amendment II-1: 7 votes – 11.1%

Amendment II-2: 16 votes – 25.4%

Amendment II-3: 15 votes – 23.8%

Amendment II-4: 17 votes – 27.0%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Amendment II-1 is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by the voters who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Amendment II-1 are shifted up by one ranking.**

Total votes: 63

Round 2: Tally of First Choices

Current Version of Section II: 9 votes – 14.3%

Amendment II-2: 18 votes – 28.6%

Amendment II-3: 19 votes – 30.2%

Amendment II-4: 17 votes – 27.0%

In Round 2, no option receives a clear majority. **The Current Version of Section II is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by the voters who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below the Current Version of Section II are shifted up by one ranking.**

Any ballots that have no remaining preferences are not considered beyond this round.

Total votes: 61 (Round 3 had 61 ballots considered, since two ballots only indicated the eliminated Current Version of Section II as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

Round 3: Tally of First Choices

Amendment II-2: 20 votes – 32.8%

Amendment II-3: 20 votes – 32.8%

Amendment II-4: 21 votes – 34.4%

Given that both Amendment II-2 and Amendment II-3 are tied in having the lowest number of re-assigned first preferences, they are both eliminated, resulting in the only remaining option, Amendment II-4, prevailing in Round 3.

After Round 3, Amendment II-4 wins.

Result

Round #1:

5 candidates and 63 ballots.

Number of first votes per candidate:

Current: 8

Amendment II-1: 7

Amendment II-2: 16

Amendment II-3: 15

Amendment II-4: 17

Amendment II-4 has the highest number of votes with 17 votes (26.98%)

Amendment II-1 has the lowest number of votes with 7 votes (11.11%)

Round #2:

4 candidates and 63 ballots.

Number of first votes per candidate:

Current: 9

Amendment II-2: 18

Amendment II-3: 19

Amendment II-4: 17

Amendment II-3 has the highest number of votes with 19 votes (30.16%)

Current has the lowest number of votes with 9 votes (14.29%)

Round #3:

3 candidates and 61 ballots.

Number of first votes per candidate:

Amendment II-2: 20

Amendment II-3: 20

Amendment II-4: 21

Amendment II-4 has the highest number of votes with 21 votes (34.43%)

2 candidates have the lowest number of votes with 20 votes (32.79%)

Tiebreaker: Amendment II-2 was randomly selected as the loser of the round.

Round #4:

2 candidates and 60 ballots.

Number of first votes per candidate:

Amendment II-3: 26

Amendment II-4: 34

Amendment II-4 has the highest number of votes with 34 votes (56.67%)

Amendment II-3 has the lowest number of votes with 26 votes (43.33%)

Amendment II-4 won!



More Intelligent Laypersons, Less Special-Interest Lobbying

- **Section XIII:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports the involvement of intelligent laypersons in the political process to counteract and neutralize the influence of politically connected special interests and their paid representatives. The United States Transhumanist Party supports **all electronic and other technologies** that can **inform and empower intelligent laypersons** to monitor and contribute to political discussions and decisions.
- **Section XIX:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports an end to the two-party political system in the United States and a **substantially greater inclusion of “third parties”** in the political process through mechanisms such as **proportional representation** and the **elimination of stringent ballot-access requirements**. The United States Transhumanist Party also seeks to **limit the influence of lobbying** by politically connected special interests, while increasing the influence of advocacy by intelligent laypersons.

Political Experimentation

- **Section XXII:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts at political, economic, and cultural experimentation in the form of **seasteads** and **micronations**. Specifically, the United States Transhumanist Party recognizes the existence and sovereignty of the Principality of Sealand, the Republic of Molossia, and the Free Republic of Liberland, and supports the recognition of these entities by all governments and political parties of the world.





Electoral Reforms

- **Section XXVII:** The United States Transhumanist Party advocates Constitutional reform to **abolish the Electoral College** in the United States Presidential elections and render the plurality of the popular vote the sole criterion for the election of President.
- **Section XXVIII [Excerpt]:** The United States Transhumanist Party advocates **greatly shortening the timeframe** for electoral campaigns.
- **Section XXIX [Excerpt]:** The United States Transhumanist Party advocates **abolishing all staggered party primaries** and for all primary elections to be held **on the same day** across the entire country.
- **Section XXX:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports replacing the current “winner-take-all” electoral system with **proportional representation, ranked preference voting**, and other devices to minimize the temptations by voters to favor a perceived “lesser evil” rather than the candidates closest to those voters’ own preferences.



Changes in the (Im)balance of Power

- **Section XXXVII:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports **more proportional representation of professions and occupations** among legislative and executive government officials, instead of a system in which the plurality of political offices are held by attorneys. In particular, the United States Transhumanist Party holds that a greater proportion of politicians should possess training in **mathematics, engineering, and the physical and biological sciences**.
- **Section XLI [Excerpt]:** The United States Transhumanist Party recognizes that the power of the Executive Branch of the federal government has expanded far beyond the originally conceived Constitutional framework, so as to predominate over the Legislative and Judicial Branches, as well as over the institutions of civil society and individuals. The United States Transhumanist Party supports **greatly curtailing and restricting the role of the U.S. President** so as to confine that role within parameters originally conceived by the framers of the U.S. Constitution – particularly with regard to **eliminating** the unacceptable current **prerogatives to unilaterally launch nuclear strikes and conduct military attacks**, and to **imprison, spy on, and assassinate Americans** and others without due process.
- **Section LXXI:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to **remove the possibility for a President to sign an international agreement** among two or more nations by executive order. This would prevent a President from engaging in international affairs without support from the Congress, and likewise would make it **more difficult to exit an international agreement**, as support from Congress would need to exist in order for such an exit to occur. This would furthermore ensure that the United States becomes a **more trustworthy nation** in the eyes of the international community.
- **Section XLV:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to **depoliticize the appointment of Supreme Court Justices**, and to further **incentivize their impartiality** toward political viewpoints.



Germaneness Rule: One Bill, One Subject

- **Section XLVII:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to have bills proposed without sub-sections or provisions unrelated to the main subject of the bill. A single-subject or germaneness rule for bills would:
 - Simplify bills, rendering them more accessible and less convoluted;
 - Enable a focused vote for or against a bill without the possibility of having to accept or reject an embedded unrelated provision; and
 - Prevent an unrelated provision from being buried within a bill as a possible tactic to have it passed.
- **Germaneness rules can also prevent government shutdowns!**





Minimum Consideration Timeframes for Legislation



- *"We have to pass the bill [the Affordable Care Act] so that you can find out what is in it."*

~ Nancy Pelosi, 2010

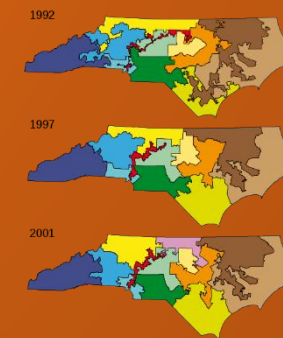
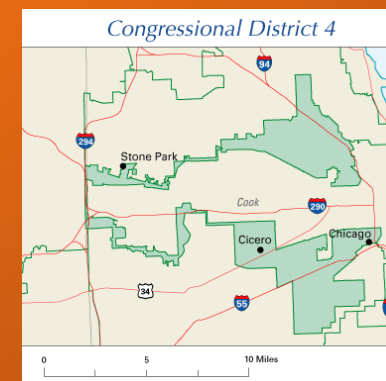
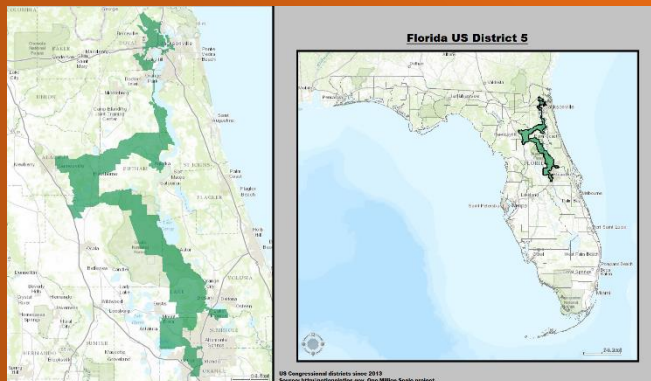
- **Section LXIV:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to create a reasonable **minimum timeframe** between the proposal of a bill and the voting procedure. To ensure a reasonable timeframe is proportional to the number of pages of a proposed bill, **a time period per each specified amount of pages** could be adopted.
- For example, and without committing to specific numerical magnitudes, a 24-hour period within a working week per every 20 pages could be adopted to ensure all members of Congress involved have sufficient time to read through and study a proposed bill's implications.
- Such measures would prevent a bill from being introduced shortly before the voting process. They would also have the added side effect that **proposals might become more concise**, as the length of a bill would influence the consideration time.
- In addition to this, after the proposal has been submitted, **any amendments must be explicitly discussed** in a public forum with the same degree of thorough consideration and **same rules pertaining to the timeframe of consideration** as allowed for the original proposal.





Roles for Artificial Intelligence

- **AI-Driven Redistricting to Counter Gerrymandering - Section LXX:** The United States Transhumanist Party strongly opposes the possibility for any political party to determine the boundaries and borders of any voting district. The United States Transhumanist Party supports measures that require any efforts to have the districts potentially redrawn, when necessary due to migration for example, to be left to an automated system such as an artificial intelligence (AI) designed for this task.
- **Section LXIX:** The United States Transhumanist Party holds that state and federal governments should establish an artificial intelligence (AI) **analysis system for measuring risk of proposed legislation**. Such a system could provide an impartial look at what legislation could cause harm or unintended consequences. Submitted policies would receive a score from 0 to 100, and the AI system would state what possible negative impacts may result. This system should be **publicly accessible for submissions** and for security audit. This is **not intended to create or enact laws**, but simply to serve as a tool to measure risk versus reward.
- Yes, **algorithmic bias** (including subtle bias) is a real concern. But **overt, partisan bias** is a far greater concern. AI can do much better than this:





Governmental Accountability

- **Section XLII:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to **minimize conflicts of interest** for government officials created by private businesses, religious institutions, not-for-profit organizations, special-interest groups, and certain individuals. However, the United States Transhumanist Party recognizes that the best way to minimize such conflicts of interest is **not to micromanage** the conduct of government officials – which can prevent petty improprieties but is inherently unable to avert the most damaging conflicts of interest among the highest echelons of power. Rather, the most promising solution is to **reduce the scope of special economic privileges and protections** that any government official would be capable of granting, thereby greatly diminishing the incentives of various special interests to even attempt to influence government officials.
- **Section LIII:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to have a **mandatory standard clause or affidavit**, affirming that a Representative, Senator, or other Legislative Branch lawmaker proposing a piece of legislation, such as a bill in Congress, has **no conflict of interest between serving the public and serving other parties, such as special-interest groups**. The clause would have to be signed and dated by the representative before the legislation is allowed to be proposed.
- **Section LII:** The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to increase the ability for **public sousveillance** on the functioning of **government officials**, in particular those who may propose laws, during negotiations and deliberations on proposing bills and national and international trade agreements. Furthermore, the United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to make the current **hosting of live-streams from the United States Congress** more user-friendly and accessible to the public, **accompanied by links to proposed bills** where applicable.



Governmental Accountability



Police Body
Camera:
Photograph by
Ryan Johnson

- **Section XLIII [Excerpt]:** If a government requires the public to contribute to its funding, then the **services, utilities, and research** produced by that government **should be easily and freely accessible** to members of the public who have contributed such funds.
- **Section LIV :** The United States Transhumanist Party supports increasing broad accountability of Federal Government departments, agencies, and entities, **especially those tasked with national security and / or criminal investigations**, to the United States Congress. Currently some agencies may receive government funding without any accountability as to what the funding is used for, often based on arguments that this information is 'classified' or 'may not be revealed in the interest of national security'. This is irresponsible use of taxpayer money.
- **Section XXXIV:** The United States Transhumanist Party holds that **sousveillance laws** should be enacted to ensure that all members of peaceful communities feel safe, to achieve governmental transparency, and to provide counter-balances to any surveillance state. For instance, law-enforcement officials, when interacting with the public, should be required to wear **body cameras** or similar devices continuously monitoring their activities.
- The United States Transhumanist Party supports the use of technologies which increase monitoring of police action and policing activities, with expressed goals of increasing policing accountability.
- The United States Transhumanist Party advocates for a requirement that **data pertaining to recordings of police action be transmitted and recorded beyond police control**, so as to be protected from falsification, deletion, and selective curation by police.



What We Can Do



- Discover more local candidates who are aligned with us, **independent or nonpartisan**, and open to endorsement.
- **2019 Transhumanist Presidential Primary Process:** Proof of concept for *simultaneous, nationwide, electronic primary with ranked-preference voting*.
- **Criteria for candidates:** Must be 35+ years old, natural-born U.S. citizen (sadly), self-funding, willing to participate in virtual debates, willing to run until Election Day in 2020.
- Reach 10,000 members – crucial threshold for a self-perpetuating organization: Join us and vote!
- Coordinate with allies to create policy papers and draft legislation on as many technologically oriented subjects as possible.
- Elevate our website to a hub for the transhumanist movement, with many content creators contributing and new features published daily.
- **Get involved! Start projects! One person can make an immense difference.**

Join online now to vote in future elections!

<https://transhumanist-party.org/membership/>

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U.S. Transhumanist Party Virtual **Meeting and Q&A** **Saturday, February 23** **6 p.m.**

Watch on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53NsdxLXUHo>



Painting: City of New Antideath by Ekaterinya Vladinakova, Commissioned by Gennady Stolyarov II