



This is a Reform UK Scotland Position Paper

Election manifestos are transient documents. We believe in having set principles and goals, with policies that strive to achieve them.

We have a vision of Scotland where:

- 1** the citizens are sovereign and Government is their servant
- 2** personal liberty and free speech are respected and promoted
- 3** support is available when needed, but life is largely untrammelled by government interference
- 4** high quality health care is freely available to citizens who need it and who respect its provision
- 5** appropriate high quality education is offered to all
- 6** the natural environment is cherished and protected but is accessible to all
- 7** traditional Scottish values of integrity, thrift, hard work and tolerance are valued and upheld
- 8** Government manages the affairs of the nation as well as it can, but does not influence its direction
- 9** Scotland maintains its rightful place as a full and respected member of the United Kingdom

These are the principles that underpin everything that Reform UK believes.

1. The State is our servant, not our master

Governments must recognise they may only govern by consent, that the people hold power over them.

2. People are free

Certain freedoms, rights and liberties should always be guaranteed, regardless of circumstance. Governments must demonstrate beyond reasonable doubt when limiting freedoms that it is conducive to the common good. Freedom of speech, faith, expression and conscience should always be guaranteed.

3. The tax burden should always be minimal

Governments should reduce taxes to a minimum and demonstrate value for every pound spent.

4. Property-owning democracy

People should have the right to ownership of property and goods without the burden of undue taxation or predatory practices by larger entities. Cash must also be preserved as a way of limiting the power of the state and other bodies.

5. Defence of the Realm

The Government's first duty is to defend the people from foreign and domestic threats to life, property and liberty.

6. Free enterprise

Regulations should be kept to a minimum so as not to discourage enterprise. Regulations should not benefit larger organisations over smaller entities. The focus of regulation should be on protecting the rights of the consumer and employees from harm.

7. Certain duties belong only to the state

Only the state should provide defence, policing, judicial functions, border security and prisons.

8. National sovereignty

The Government should protect at all times our institutions, democratic process, culture and national discourse from undue foreign, supranational or corporate influence.