US - Principle of Liberty

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# Positive/Negative liberty ---

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| *Negative liberty* | *Positive Liberty* |
|  | * The state protects its citizen from outside dangers * The state should cover the citizen’s basic needs |

# Positions of the two American parties ---

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| **Republican Party (~Grand Old Party)** | | **Democratic party** | |
| *Elements of negative liberty* | *Elements of positive liberty* | *Elements of negative liberty* | *Elements of positive liberty* |
| * Limited state interference into the economy * Lower taxes * The federal government should interfere less into the affairs of the states * The government should not interfere into the private life of the citizen * Regulation of firearm ownership * Republicans oppose government-funded social programs * Republicans tend to take the US Constitution literally | * Strong national defence | * Strongly advocate for civil and minority rights * Reject regulations of the private life of the citizen * Rejection of stricter abortion laws | * Providing active support for multi-culturalism * State-funded programs * Support government-funded social programs * Obama care * Favor funding international institutions * WHO * Advocate for a strong federal government * Support stronger regulations of businesses and industries * Bolstering workers’ rights * Higher taxation of the rich and wealthy |
| * Weaker federal state * Favour self-responsibility of the individual * Taking the US Constitution literally | | * Stronger federal state * Value solidarity and government support for those in need | |