

## **THERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU CAN JOIN US BY:**

1. Selecting Pirate as your political designation on your voter registration form. When choosing a party on your voter registration form, simply enter Pirate the space for Political Designation.

You can pick up a voter registration form at your city elections office or town clerk's office or request one sent to you by filling out the form at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elestu/stuidx.htm>

2. Filling out the Join Us form on our website at <http://www.masspirates.org/blog/join-us/>

We would prefer that you do both.

### **RELATED LINKS**

#### **Massachusetts Pirate Party on the Web**

<http://www.masspirates.org>

#### **Massachusetts Pirates on Facebook**

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=113749605327521>

#### **Massachusetts Pirates on Twitter**

<http://www.twitter.com/masspirates>

#### **United States Pirate Party**

<http://pirate-party.us>

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Alexander the Great angrily demanded of a pirate, "How dare you molest the seas?" To which the pirate replied, "How dare you molest the whole world? Because I do it with a small boat I am called a pirate and a thief. You, with a great navy, molest the world and are called an emperor"

— City of God, St. Augustine



## ***The Party of Open***



***Open Government***

***Open Culture***

***Open Innovation***

***People First***

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You can be a Pirate too. The Pirate Party is a registered political party in Massachusetts!

# WHAT IS THE PIRATE PARTY?



Taking inspiration from the success of the Swedish Pirate party, and the flowering of pirate parties worldwide, we started the Massachusetts Pirate Party in 2010 to:

## **Put People Before Corporations**

***The Pirate Party will make sure that our government is transparent and accountable.***

In order for citizens to control their democratic destiny, we need to know what our government is doing and which special interests are influencing our elected officials. Increasingly, government officials ignore open meeting laws, make deals favorable to corporations behind closed doors and sell off your personal information to private interests. The Pirate Party will make sure that our government is transparent and accountable to the people.

*“He that would give up a little bit of liberty for a little bit of personal safety, deserves neither liberty nor safety”*

— Benjamin Franklin

## **Open Culture**

***The Pirate Party will set shorter limits on copyright for electronic media and tangible objects, and make sure that all non-commercial copying, sharing and re-mixing are legal and ban DRM software.***

The Founding Fathers created our copyright law to promote knowledge & culture by giving the creator a limited monopoly over their creations. Congress has been influenced by corporations who have sought broader laws to ensure that they control and profit from more of our culture. They have locked down our culture with DRM technologies, hindering sharing and criminalizing their customers. There is no reason for copyright to continue until 70 years after death.

## **Open Innovation**

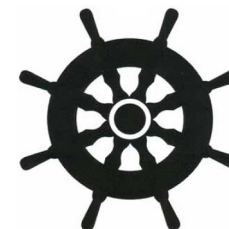
***We will make the Internet the greatest public library ever created, and foster innovation by abolishing patents.***

The patent system stifles innovation by making it difficult to incorporate an existing invention into a new one, and delays new ideas from being shared. This prevents hundreds of thousands of people in poor countries from receiving the drugs they need. Currently pharmaceutical companies spend only 15% of their revenue on new drug research. The rest is spent on marketing and profit seeking. A reformed system would dramatically increase the money available for innovation, while removing the obstacles to innovation posed by the current patent system.

## **People First**

***The Pirate Party Will Make Sure our Laws put People before Corporations***

The Supreme Court and Congress have expanded the power of corporations for over a hundred years and made them more powerful than people. Whether it is the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that allows corporations to buy elections, or Congress' cuts in corporate tax rates while raising payroll taxes, real people end up suffering while corporations benefit. The PATRIOT ACT, illegal NSA wiretapping and local surveillance cameras have allowed the government to increase surveillance and control over regular people, and corporations have been spying on their employees with no repercussions. Terrorists may attack the open society, but only governments can abolish it. The Pirate Party will prevent that from happening, and make our laws work for the people again.



## **How You Can Help**

***The Pirate Party needs people like you to grow the party, be candidates and take our government back. To help, please contact us at:***

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