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The United Nations' Global Tyranny

May 01, 2024 / By Joshua Jongema

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Introduction

While global war is the greatest threat to human liberty, central world government comes in a close second. Like all forms of government, the United Nations (UN) world government has for decades been used as a tool by the powerful to sustain that power through social, economic, and military control or coercion. Through the adoption and implementation of regulations, which guide the advancement of national laws and other policies, the UN's noose of globalist control has become progressively tighter around the necks of nations, states, counties, companies, and individuals who would otherwise choose to opt out.

Later this month, the UN World Health Organization (WHO) decision-making body, the World Health Assembly (WHA), is set to vote on a Pandemic Treaty as well as amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR). The wording of the treaty's [draft text](#) has many fearing that it will undermine national sovereignty, while the legality of IHR compliance and networks of non-state and intergovernmental partnerships are so complex and confusing they are hardly commented on in the media. As the world awaits the late-May votes, it would be prudent for anyone interested to read the latest draft text of the treaty and become familiar with the facts involved.

"Vaccines for everyone, everywhere." –[WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus](#) (has a PhD in Philosophy; is not a medical doctor)

The White House has indicated that Biden Administration delegates will approve of the Pandemic Treaty. Going further, last month the administration enacted the 2024 [Global Health Security Strategy](#), with the purpose of achieving the goals of the 2022 National Biodefense Strategy & Implementation Plan as well as the Global Health Security & International Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness & Response Act of 2022- neither of which were passed by Congress but rather sneakily inserted into the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act. The new strategy claims that human health globally is a matter of national security, and commits resources to "strengthen global health security," implement the IHR, and work towards G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness Global Health Security Agenda targets.

The UN has for decades been used by eastern nations and the global south to facilitate soft power competition, and also by western nations as a tool to facilitate hard power



competition. Within each nation there has existed a power struggle between nationalists and globalists, for control over their nations' citizens. Through partnerships between governments, intergovernmental agencies, and corporations with a profit motive, national political and legal processes have been almost entirely circumvented. With nations competing to dominate each other's respective populations, and representatives beholden to foreign and special interest groups competing to control their own constituents, liberty for individuals seems farther away today than it has ever been. To regain human liberty, individuals should remain steadfast in their resistance to tyranny, work together to separate from those seeking to control or coerce them, and achieve decentralization and independence through the re-establishment of self-determination and personal power.

"Emergencies' have always been the pretext on which the safeguards of individual liberty have been eroded – and once they are suspended it is not difficult for anyone who has assumed emergency powers to see to it that the emergency will persist." -Friedrich Hayek

Social Control & Coercion

The UN has been used by eastern nations and the global south to gain an advantage in soft power competition, in the form of social control or coercion. In 1945, the same year the UN was founded, representatives from Brazil and China pushed for the establishment of an international health organization. Within 3 years an interim organization rolled into the [establishment](#) of the WHO, for the alleged purpose of maximizing the health of every person on earth and coordinating member-states' health policies. The [WHO Constitution](#) Articles 21 and 22 say that it may create regulations, including those regarding "sanitary and quarantine requirements" which "shall come into force for all Members after due notice." As per Article 20, members that reject WHO guidance must "furnish a statement of the reasons for non-acceptance."

In 2005 the [IHR](#) was established, which is a legal instrument requiring WHO-member nations to detect, assess and report, and respond to pandemics and other declared health emergencies. One regulation from page 54 of the document's most current (3rd) edition specifies that a person "may be required" to show proof of vaccination for various diseases as a condition for entry into a nation's borders. Implementation of the IHR is "guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of the [WHO]." This appears to mean that nations can refuse to implement IHR regulations, but many nations such as the US have chosen to implement them.



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"The US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has assumed the lead role in carrying out the reporting requirements for IHR (2005). The Health and Human Services' Secretary's Operations Center (SOC) is the National Focal Point responsible for reporting events to WHO. CDC works with other federal agencies to support IHR (2005) implementation." [US CDC](#)

In December of 2021 the WHA [established](#) an Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)- a collection of "WHO Member States, Associate Members, Observers and regional economic integration organizations, as well all relevant stakeholders" who have met and rapidly negotiated in secret- for the purpose of drafting a contract establishing global "consensus, solidarity, and equity" regarding future pandemic response ([SOURCE](#)). In 2022 the WHO executive board and the WHA [created](#) the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (WGIHR) for the purpose of recommending amendments to the IHR. Both the INB and the WGIHR intend to have their recommendations ready for the 77th World Health Assembly late this month, where unelected technocrats pretend to have the authority to decide for every person on earth what actions are healthy and permissible.

The Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), a regional office for the WHO, has since 2021 [called for](#) the adoption of a global "One Health" policy. The WHO has [set up a team](#) to advocate for the same, and both organizations have tied in control over the environment with the concept of human health. Their websites offer littler more than vague language, calling for a "comprehensive" and "close collaboration across sectors, stakeholders, and countries." Their and the WHA's use of the word "stakeholders" indicates an alignment with the World Economic Forum (WEF) [fascistic goals](#) of eradicating shareholder capitalism and replacing it with a global, scientific management of all human populations.

Another advocate for global tyranny, the Director of the AHF Global Public Health Institute at the University of Miami, [recently said](#) he thinks pharmaceutical companies who would refuse to voluntarily withdraw their patent protections are "greedy," that all emergencies should be met with a "whole of society approach," and people "cannot be allowed" to use personal property so long as others are in "need" of it. These arguments ring hollow considering the existence of scarcity means it is not possible for everyone's needs to be met, and they sound similar to those made by past communist dictators responsible for mass famines and other failed policies and atrocities.

Interestingly, IHR Article 3.1 says, "implementation of these Regulations shall be with full respect for the dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons." Many



things the US and other nations did during the last four years clearly violated this fundamental principle, but unfortunately no consequences have arisen for those acts. The US [pushed laws](#) which took a person's job if they refused an experimental new drug and has used its [Justice Department](#) and [private companies](#) to censor dissenting free speech. China implemented travel restrictions by [putting](#) green, yellow, and red lights in public places, restricting the travel of persons with symptoms monitored by a [smartphone app](#). Australia implemented [hard lockdown](#) rules and used its [war criminal special forces](#) to forcibly round up people who didn't answer their phones when called or tried to leave a 3km geofence around their properties. India's police resorted to [physically beating](#) "curfew violators" with batons. These and other actions were horrifying human rights abuses, and yet there is astoundingly no accountability for nations which implement WHO and IHR policies with extreme prejudice.

Some politicians and people across social media are rightly terrified by this attempt by the UN to push policies which, if implemented, could amount to an attack on free speech and human rights, such as that of informed consent and personal choice regarding one's own health, wealth, and property. While many advocates for such policies claim people's fears are unfounded since their implementation is not mandatory, the fact remains that nations have implemented them, and it has resulted in economic instability and the loss of fundamental human and constitutional rights.

"We shall have World Government, whether or not we like it. The only question is whether World Government will be achieved by conquest or consent." Statement by James Warburg at the US Senate, 1950

Economic Control or Coercion

Where military intervention is infeasible, hard power is applied economically. The practice of sanctions has become increasingly common. Sanctioned individuals could be banned from travel, restricted from trading, or have their assets frozen, for things such as sharing information the government calls [disinformation](#). The UN Security Council calls on member nations to apply sanctions on nations, organizations, and individuals considered "threats," and since 1992 has held committees and kept its own [sanctions list](#). The UN list currently holds 682 individuals and 193 entities.

World Trade Organization (WTO) members, in June of 2022, [agreed](#) that they would collaborate on pandemic measures including information sharing and restraint on export controls. As the last linked explains, "ministers agreed on a waiver of certain procedural obligations under the TRIPS Agreement which allow for the swift manufacture and export of COVID-19 vaccines without the consent of the patent owner."



It is unclear how legally enforceable the WTO agreement is, but this act is one of many ways global intergovernmental organizations have sought to undermine independent economic decision-making.

In February of this year the UN launched yet another way to circumvent national law called the [Transformational Governance Corporate Toolkit](#), which aims to push stakeholder capitalism and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) policies directly to companies which would in turn enforce those on their employees. ESG policies have become popularized in recent years, and articles such as these from the [Frasier Institute](#) and the [Foundation for Economic Education](#) point out that ESG “creates an executive aristocracy” or “economic fascism.”

Military Control or Coercion

The UN has been used by western nations to gain an advantage in hard power competition, in the form of military control or coercion. After WW2 the USA, for example, has [not formally declared war](#), but has mainly acted upon UN Security Council resolutions, beginning in 1950 with the Korean War. The United States and its allies appear to have used their places on the UN Security Council to facilitate their war machines, supposedly to keep at bay eastern encroachment on their independence. On the other hand, they have also developed international coalitions and warfighting capabilities that would be useful to any centralized world government of the future. So, it remains to be seen whether they will fight for independence or will hand over the keys of power to the UN once the time is right.

In 1961 the US Department of State was given [a thesis](#) called “A World Effectively Controlled by the United Nations,” written by MIT Professor and Council on Foreign Relations member Lincoln P. Bloomfield. In it, Bloomfield envisioned a world where the UN could use an imbalance of military force to control every person on earth. He described how this might come about, including ideas about how to finance a world government and how to enforce its dictates. Enforcement, he showed, could be achieved through disarming many nation-states, replacing militaries with police forces, building “consensus,” and developing the capacity to defeat threats such as guerrilla forces. On global government Bloomfield speculated, “in theory it could come about in the short, medium, or long run by a brink of war – or a war – combined with the development of evolutionary trends that might favor it as the time span stretches out.”

The War on Terrorism could be used to achieve the military scenario Bloomfield envisioned. Since 2001, the USA has passed anti-terrorism legislation for use against its own citizens, in what at times appears to amount to a struggle against dissent. The US



has also made deals with other nations to ensure they create their own laws and use their militaries to kill and control dissident populations within their own borders; Pakistan is [a prime example](#).

A massive international effort now develops the rule of law globally through the enactment of counter-terrorism operations. The World Justice Project [admits](#) that these “may sometimes blur the line between human rights protections and human rights violations,” but seeks to fix those blurred lines rather than eliminate the problem of governments, with [cultural](#), [ethnic](#), or [ideological](#) motives, murdering their citizens. The failure of the International Criminal Court has left many nations to use [lawfare](#) or claim [universal jurisdiction](#) for what may be manufactured crimes. The US is a [prime example](#).

The [history](#) of biological and chemical warfare shows that governments have no problem with unethical human experiments on even their own citizens. One treacherous example is [Japanese Unit 731](#), many of whose researchers were brought into the US and had their crimes against humanity whitewashed in trade for their research, like with [Operation Paperclip](#) and Nazi scientists. [Project Artichoke](#) was just one of [hundreds](#) of US experiments. The US in 1972 signed the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, which outlaws the development of offensive bioweapons, but does nothing to stop the stockpiling and study of biological agents for so-called defensive purposes. The US use of New Investigational Drugs, such as the Anthrax Vaccine, on its own soldiers [without so much as](#) monitoring for or recording of adverse events, demonstrates at the very least that something very suspicious has been going on.

The origin of the covid pandemic possibly indicates intentional biowarfare. While the US government and media falls back on the fact that there is no consensus on what happened, the US, WHO, and Chinese have done almost nothing to seriously investigate and conclude definitively on whether the virus was engineered and released from a lab in Wuhan. Putting aside the relentless gaslighting on the topic, evidence [does appear](#) to indicate that covid has been purposefully engineered and released by one or more nation-state actors. If true it may be that a collaboration of elements within western and eastern militaries and governments have used biowarfare to the end of enacting globalist control.

Conclusion

There are vast problems with the claim the WHO acts in the interest of everyone’s health and security. The WHO was created at the request of China in the first place, at a time when General Mao was in power. The WHO allowed China to lie about the origins of the coronavirus outbreak, and applauded its draconian policies despite them being utter



failures that were unscientific. The American government then adopted dystopian policies for its own citizens, including the overly simplistic red-, yellow-, and green-light [designations](#) put on counties as a way to implement lockdowns and travel restrictions.

WHO policies definitely sound a lot like global socialism. Its private donors such as globalist [Bill Gates](#) stand to profit from the implementation of its policies, creating a cycle of corporate-government collusion that undermines human health for the sake of profit and control. Those perpetuating the cycle now seek to continue it through the adoption of ESG, stakeholder capitalism, the Pandemic Treaty, and amendments to the IHR. The WHO, CDC, intergovernmental agencies, their partners, and many governments globally are becoming enemies of the very people they pretend to represent.

Individuals interested in liberty must resist such tyranny if they plan to continue making their own choices for their health, wealth, and property. Ideally, the CDC and DHHS should be defunded, and the US should withdraw from WHO and WTO membership. Regardless, individuals should take power over their own lives and nullify the power government has over them through peaceful resistance. They should come together and take power over their local governments and states, nullifying the power federal and state governments have over their areas. If state and federal governments refuse to grant basic human and constitutional rights, divorce them through the process of secession. If people in your area will not help achieve this, move to a place where people will. If just one place exists where people resist tyranny it would be a beacon of light for all of humanity. There must be those who carry the torch of liberty and justice for all, in this dark, post-truth era.



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Defend The Guard

May 01, 2024 / By Jesse Stevens

This article expresses the opinion of the author. Other Libertarian Party of Michigan members are welcome to send in opinion articles (In keeping with our [guidelines](#)) for consideration to the editor.

This is a version of a Veteran Service Organization (VSO) Resolution Playbook which was given by an awesome activist in Tennessee named Zeb. The goal is to get a state Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to formally endorse Defend the Guard in our state. This is a unique grassroots opportunity to educate and to have the military veteran community through these organizations give formal support to this effort. Recently, the efforts of myself and the LPMI Legislation Committee were able to successfully copy what Zeb did, here in Michigan. Please read this and, if possible, personally bring this matter up at your local American Legion (AL) American Veterans (AMVETS) or Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

I am a Marine Corps veteran who served between 2006 and 2014 and attained the rank of Sergeant. I am also a lifetime member of my local VFW and have been an AL member for over 15 years. I've held elected positions in an AL post in Virginia and served on the executive board for several years. Like many veterans I have become generally disillusioned with the wars of the last 20 years and understand that the military is in a poor state under current leadership. Many vets today were in the National Guard and were deployed to combat during Iraq and Afghanistan so Defend the Guard has a personal connection to them.

Many in leadership positions of these organizations are Vietnam era veterans who were drafted. They understand that the government lies and does terrible things which it will deny for as long as it can at the expense of soldier's lives. Prime examples are agent orange, gulf war syndrome, the Tuskegee syphilis experiments, and anthrax vaccine. I believe veterans would be generally supportive of this bill if it were explained to them. It would be a huge win for liberty if Michigan's AL and VFW formally endorse Defend the Guard.

Getting a state-level VSO to pass such a resolution has not been done anywhere in the country, although individual posts have passed resolutions. Once a post passes a resolution it goes up to the district level and will be either endorsed or not. If endorsed it moves up to the state level for the same action. Such an endorsement would encourage politicians to support Defend the Guard legislation and is also an opportunity to build coalitions with VSOs on issues that we agree on.

Anyone could do this activism but ideally they would be a military veteran and Guard member who has some connection to the post. A motivated activist could cold-call various posts and ask to speak at their next monthly meeting with no connection to the post. This is what was done in TN and the activists were able to get at least one post to



pass a resolution. Any member in good standing in the post can propose a resolution at a general meeting and it will pass with a 2/3 majority.

An active post will raise a ton of money for local causes, do hundreds if not thousands of hours of community service, and especially amongst the leadership you will find natural elites of that community if not elected government officials themselves. Only active posts, especially ones with clubrooms in a main part of town or on main street, should be targeted.

Meetings are once a month and for dues paying members only unless you are invited to speak. Whether you are a member or not you should speak with the Post Commander and clearly state your intentions. Ask to speak at the next meeting for 5 minutes and inform your Post about Defend the Guard Legislation. There is a lot of business that is done at a meeting, so you are not going to get much more than that. It would be helpful to clarify that it is your intention to get a resolution passed formally supporting the bill in the Michigan legislation. It is also a good idea to send an email with more detailed information on Defend the Guard to all members of Post leadership before the meeting. Some will read it, and some won't, but having a few people in the room with more knowledge on the topic who are in leadership will help get this done.

I made a small packet to pass out at the meeting including the introduction section of the [Defend the Guard pdf](#) from Bring Our Troops Home (3 pages front and back), a copy of the [proposed resolution](#), and a copy of Michigan's Defend the Guard legislation, [HB 4336](#). I made 40 copies of the packet for members at the meeting. This topic is not easy to explain in 5 minutes so I wanted to have something physical they could read, and I wanted everyone to have a copy of the resolution and for it to be clear that we are trying to pass a resolution at the following meeting.

Before the Meeting, make sure you are prepared and well read on this topic. The Defend the Guard packet and several articles on the Bring Our Troops Home website are essential to understanding this topic and what objections will be made. Get there early and try and strike up a conversation with anyone there about your proposal. It is likely that the average members in the room will have no idea about Defend the Guard.

During the meeting if you have never been to a post meeting the general flow goes something like this. They will call the meeting to order, Post the Colors (flags), open in prayer, acknowledge the POW/MIA empty chair, do the Pledge of Allegiance, and say the Preamble of the organization's constitution. Guests are usually invited to speak first before other business. Pass out your packet or flyer prior to you speaking so hopefully people can flip through it. I suggest using the following [presentation talking points](#).

Most meetings are over an hour long so you will need to be quick. This was the hard part for me. How and what do you say about this huge topic in 5 quick minutes? I went for over 5 minutes and was asked to wrap it up. After a few minutes people will stop



listening, so keep it quick and punchy. Allow them to ask questions instead of you trying to preemptively answer them all. Tell them that you will be hanging out after the meeting and will buy a beer for anyone who wants to discuss. Beers are cheap so don't worry.

Recently we have passed the resolution below at the Howell AL post, which is either the first or second largest post in the state depending on who you ask and very active in the state. We are still waiting for a signed copy which should be available this week, but it is a done deal, I have seen the final draft format and have okayed it. I have been informed that I will know when it gets sent up to the district level so we can go to that meeting and try to convince them that they should endorse it and kick it up to the state level. A state AL formally endorsing this resolution would be a first in the country! I am hoping that other posts follow suit. I still have ambitions to try to get a VFW and a AMVETS post to do the same, but I haven't been able to get to their meetings yet.

A Letter from the Political Director

May 01, 2024 / By Trevor Step

This article expresses the opinion of the author. Other Libertarian Party of Michigan members are welcome to send in opinion articles (In keeping with our [guidelines](#)) for consideration to the editor.

As election season heats up, my candidate recruitment and support efforts are a growing focus. So far, the recruiting efforts include contact with past candidates, targeted physical mailing, face to face recruitment at affiliate meetings, and Zoom calls with interested prospects. The Zoom calls are by far the most interesting and rewarding. If you have anyone in your district who is interested in running for office this fall, please have them contact me at vcpoliticaldirector@michiganlp.org.

While local candidates are not required to involve the state party in their campaign, I'd love to either help personally or find volunteers to assist with the campaigns. Our candidate support committee has generated templates for door hangers, trifolds, and quarter pagers, and our communications team is working on a new LPMI Brand Guide. If any candidates would like a template or for the committee to design something, please reach out. Additionally, the newly established Candidate Support Committee is working with candidates to put out press releases. We're still in need of additional members for the Candidate Support Committee, so please reach out if you would like to join.

We have several Libertarian Party candidates who are already running active campaigns, including an excellent candidate for Sherriff, an enthusiastic Yoooper for the Michigan House, and a motivated candidate for Township Trustee. A candidate who has not yet started campaigning, but has expressed an intention to do so, will be running against incumbent Jennifer Conlin in the 48th District of the Michigan State House. I



think that race will be a great opportunity to talk about the Defend the Guard legislation that is sitting in the Military, Veterans and Homeland Security committee, which Conlin chairs.

Some affiliates have started to hold their local candidate nominating caucuses. The deadline for county affiliate caucuses for the November 2024 elections is August 6. Livingston County Affiliate held their convention on April 4th; Straits Area affiliate has scheduled their convention for Sunday, June 2. I'd love to see more caucuses held and candidates listed on the ballot as soon as possible.

Monthly candidate training sessions will continue to be held on Zoom. Past topics include Canvassing, Campaign Branding, and a collaborative sharing of successes and failures in past campaigns. In May, we'll be covering the paperwork necessary to file for office. If there are any topics that you would like to see covered, please contact me at: vcpoliticaldirector@michiganlp.org. By running for office, you give liberty a voice and voters a choice.

In Liberty,

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Upcoming Events

****Some meetings can get canceled, or locations can change with short notice. Consider checking event pages or contacting hosts for updated information before travelling to events.*

Wednesday, May 1 @ 6-8pm – Southwest Michigan Monthly Meeting

Airway Lanes Taproom: 5626 Portage Rd, Portage

The Southwest Michigan affiliate meets the first Wednesday of every month to discuss local activism and party business. Confirm details by going to <https://www.facebook.com/pg/LPofSWMI/> and clicking the events tab.
www.swmlp.com

Thursday, May 2 @ 7-9pm – Livingston County Monthly Meeting

Cleary Pub: 117 E Grand River, Howell

Join the Libertarian Party of Livingston County for our monthly meeting. We gather at 7,



order drinks and food, and business starts shortly after. If you're new to the party or to Libertarianism in general, you'll find the meetings welcoming and informative! For more information, see: <http://www.LivingstonLP.org>.

Sunday, May 5 @ 7-9pm – LPMI Executive Committee Monthly Meeting (Online)

The Executive Committee will meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 874 3297 2253. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83093546405>

**Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:30-8:30pm – Wayne County Monthly Meeting
Habib's Cuisine: 14316 Michigan Ave, Dearborn**

Second Wednesday of Every Month. Call to order is promptly at 6:30pm.

**Wednesday, May 8 @ 7-10pm – Friends of the LPOC Social Event
Chadd's Bistro: 46858 Dequindre Rd, Shelby Township**

Join the Oakland County Libertarian Party and their local friends for a fun night of socializing and karaoke at a great Libertarian-owned restaurant.

**Thursday, May 9 @ 6:30-8pm – Huron-Raisin Monthly Meeting
The Tap Room: 201 West Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti**

More info at www.HuronRaisinLP.org.

**Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:30-8:30pm – Capital Area Monthly Meeting
Eagle Monk Brewery: 4906 W Mt Hope Hwy, Lansing**

Join the capital area affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Michigan for discussions on politics and libertarian theory. We meet the second Tuesday of each month.

**Wednesday, May 15 @ 6-7pm – Jackson-Hillsdale Monthly Meeting
Steve's Ranch Restaurant: 311 W Louis Glick Hwy, Jackson**

Join the Jackson-Hillsdale affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Michigan for their monthly meetup.

**Wednesday, May 15 @ 6:30-9pm – Oakland County Monthly Meeting
B1 Tavern: 1967 Cass Lake Rd, Keego Harbor**

Join LPOC for their monthly meeting. Casual dinner at 6:30pm. Call to order at 7:30pm. Confirm details by going to <https://www.facebook.com/lpocmi/> and clicking the events tab.



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Sunday, May 19 @ 1-6pm ET– Upper Peninsula LP Annual Convention

Rockland Community Center: 101 National Ave, Rockland

The UPLP will hold its annual convention. Planned activities include officer elections, service of drinks and food, and local Upper Peninsula candidates will be in attendance. UPLP members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert for sharing. All guests and members are welcome at no cost.

Tuesday, May 21 @ 8-9pm – Upper Peninsula LP Monthly Meeting

Online

Every 3rd Tuesday at 8pm EST – the UPLP holds General Meetings open to the public. Meeting ID: 819 9262 3984. Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81992623984>.

Wednesday, May 22 @ 7:00-10:00pm – Monthly New Member Welcome Zoom Meetup + Statewide-Member Discussion & Debate

This month's discussion topic: Is the use of "fighting words" a justification for violence? If you would like to participate in the discussion event, please email membership@michiganlp.org for the Zoom link. All current members will receive an email invitation to the discussion section, which begins at 8pm.

Are you inspired by our ideals? [Join the party today](#), and [consider running for office](#) under our banner to get these ideals enacted in your community.

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