Libertarianism is the view that each person has the right to live his life in any way he chooses so long as he respects the equal rights of others. Libertarians defend each person's right to life, liberty, and property-rights that people have naturally, before governments are created. The central idea of libertarianism is that people should be permitted to run their own lives as they wish. According to Libertarianism: A Primer by David Boaz, Free Press, 1997 Welcome to /r/Libertarian, a subreddit to discuss libertarianism, politics, related topics, and to share things that would be of interest to libertarians. Please note we are not affiliated in any way shape or form with any political party. You may be looking for r/libertarianpartyUSA. Libertarianism is a family of views in political philosophy. Libertarians strongly value individual freedom and see this as justifying strong protections for individual freedom. Thus, libertarians insist that justice poses stringent limits to coercion. Libertarianism. What it means to be a "libertarian" in a political sense is a contentious issue, especially among libertarians themselves. There is no single theory that can be safely identified as the libertarian theory, and probably no single principle or set of principles on which all libertarians can agree.