

# OREGON PROGRESSIVE PARTY

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<b>Jeff Merkley</b>	U.S. Senate
<b>Steven Reynolds</b>	U.S. House of Representatives, 1st District
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**We fight for economic justice, human rights, environmental protection, and grassroots democracy.**

WE OPPOSE: the corruption of elections by big money, Wall Street bailouts, the war in Afghanistan and any more war in Iraq, "corporate personhood," and the NAFTA, WTO, and TPP "free trade" agreements.

WE SUPPORT: real campaign finance reform, Medicare for All, equal rights (including same-sex marriage), and much higher minimum wages.

**We are very different from the Establishment parties.**

	Democratic	Republican	Progressive
Real campaign finance reform, particularly in Oregon	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
"Medicare for All" comprehensive health care	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Oppose cuts in Social Security & Medicare benefits	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Increase minimum wages to living wage (\$15 or more)	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Employment for All (public works projects, WPA style)	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Increase income taxes on big corporations and the wealthy	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Oppose Wall Street bailouts	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Repair, improve infrastructure (transportation, water systems, etc.)	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Oppose NAFTA, WTO, Trans-Pacific Partnership "free trade" deals; support local products & services	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Oppose war in Iraq, Afghanistan; bring troops home now and stop sending in more	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Slash military spending and foreign bases	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
End occupation of Palestine	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Oppose spying on Americans, including drones	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Equal rights for all; same-sex marriage	???	NO	<b>YES</b>
Clean energy; no nuclear subsidies	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Oppose shipping coal or oil for export from Pacific Northwest ports	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Oppose offshore oil & gas drilling	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Legalize marijuana possession and use	???	NO	<b>YES</b>
End "corporate personhood" and constitutional rights for corporations	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
Require labeling of genetically engineered food	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>
End the U.S. Senate filibuster; restore majority rule	NO	NO	<b>YES</b>

## OREGON ISSUES

1. We have worked for real campaign finance reform. Oregon Democrats and Republicans have never enacted limits on political campaign contributions but have repealed voter-enacted limits 3 times. Democrats in state office are refusing to enforce the campaign finance reform Measure 47 enacted by Oregon voters in 2006. Campaign spending for Oregon state offices has skyrocketed from \$4 million in 1996 to \$57 million in 2010. Spending by candidates for Oregon Legislature increased another 13% in 2012. Winning a contested race for the Legislature now typically costs over \$600,000, sometimes over \$1 million.
2. The initiative and referendum should be available to grass-roots efforts. The Democrat Secretary of State is now discarding over 30% of all voter signatures on initiative petitions due to arbitrary, hyper-technical, and unnecessary rules, raising the cost of petition drives so high that only corporations, unions and the very wealthy can afford to use it.
3. The State Treasurer should direct part of Oregon's \$87 billion of investment funds to invest in local public works and jobs for Oregonians instead of vulture capitalists, corporate raiders, leveraged buyout artists, and fossil fuel corporations and vendors.
4. We want fair taxation. Oregon has the 4th highest income taxes of any state on lower-income working families and is still at the bottom in taxes on corporations.
5. We want to stop government promotion of gambling, including video poker, video slots, and approval of private casinos.
6. We oppose installation of police "spy cameras" and use of drones to spy on Oregon citizens.
7. We oppose using public money to subsidize rail transport of oil or coal through Oregon communities.

**OREGON BALLOT MEASURE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Vote **NO** on Measure 90: The Minor Party Destruction Law ("Top Two Primary"): [saveoregonsdemocracy.org](http://saveoregonsdemocracy.org)

Vote **YES** on:

- Measure 88 -- allows "driver cards" for Oregon residents without proof of US citizenship
- Measure 89 -- amends Oregon constitution to forbid government discrimination "on account of sex"
- Measure 91 -- legalizes growing and possessing of small amounts of marijuana by adults
- Measure 92 -- requires labeling of genetically engineered food sold in Oregon

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