



SOCIALIST
PARTY OF UKRAINE

GENERAL FORMAT

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Social security, order, security and the state in the service of a person.

This is the basis of the Socialist Party of Ukraine, which nominated me as a candidate for the post of President of Ukraine, and these are the postulates that I intend to implement as head of state.

What does it mean? First of all, this is social equality and protection of all segments of the population. The state should take care of its citizens and provide financial assistance to those who need it. We will revive the social care system and provide pensioners with a decent old age. In addition, we are facing a number of tasks. It is the creation of independent judicial and law enforcement systems, which observe the law and the principles of justice. The provision of public funds for the development of science and education will be the main investment of the state in its own future and the development of the economy. It is the nationalization of all enterprises that are operating for the benefit of oligarchs and not the entire country. We will create a system of control over the observation of the privatization conditions, and in case of their violation, repeated privatization or nationalization will be conducted. The result of comprehensive work on the development of the economy will be the creation of new jobs with comfortable conditions and decent wages, which in turn, will allow everyone to exercise the right to work.

We guarantee exercising all the rights and freedoms of citizens, in particular the right to freedom of choice, freedom of speech and personal integrity. And no one can take this away from our people.

Someone accuses the socialists of excessive conservatism, but this is so? We intend to move into a future – to build a European society, based on the best practices of developed countries. Being a member of the European community does not mean being a member of the EU, NATO or other organizations. Just like joining the EU does not mean that we will become a part of "Europe." Everyone wants to go to Europe, waiting for the "new life," but we ourselves must create our own "new life." I do not want to go to Europe – I want to build Europe here in our country!

The world has recognized that the Finnish education system is the best; Switzerland has an excellent defense system. So let us follow their example! In Sweden, if the amount of pension payments is too small, the government assigns housing benefits, and for those who do not have work experience or those who have low incomes, the state has set a guaranteed pension of EUR 800. In Germany, parents who are on parental leave receive additional assistance in the amount of up to EUR 1,800 per month. And in Ireland, education is absolutely free at all levels, including higher education, so about 89% of the population has a compulsory level of education. Here are the examples of socialism that we want to build!

Where can we get the money? We will change the principles of taxation. In particular, the rich will pay more, the poor less. We will break the vicious circle of external lending and end relations with the IMF, which only worsen the difficult situation of the state. We will stop the outflow of human resources and return the prestige of manual labor occupations. We will nationalize strategic facilities. Let us provide communities with a more flexible approach to attracting investments and creating conditions for the development of regions. The strong regions mean a strong state.

We have been paving the way for "successful Europe" for years, and could have built a successful Ukraine. I see Ukraine as different one: a strong parliamentary republic, in which there is no place for the dictatorship of power and where the ultimate value is the human. Having come to power, I will initiate amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine: we will abolish the presidency and make Ukraine a parliamentary republic! We will annul immunity of deputies and judges.

We will not allow speculations in religion and language, distracting attention from really serious problems. Faith, religion is a delicate issue and a personal matter of every citizen. And only Ukrainian can be the only official language in our country, but this does not cancel the right of every person to speak the language that is convenient for him or her.








I see the future of the country in this way. But above all, we must return our Ukraine to us! We are implementing a strategy of the Socialist Party for achieving peace! A strong army, the return of nuclear status to the state is a guarantee of territorial integrity, which we will restore without loss.

I AM READY TO BECOME A DEFENDER OF THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF ALL CITIZENS AND DEVELOP THE STATE. WE WILL HAVE A DEMOCRACY, BUT STRICT, IN WHICH ALL RIGHTS WILL BE UNCONDITIONALLY OBSERVED.

1. PEACE STRATEGY

UKRAINE IS INDIVISIBLE!




We are implementing a plan for de-occupation of Donbas, the return of Crimea and the restoration of the region. And any concessions regarding the territory and sovereignty are out of the question. We will return Crimea and Donbas. They are an integral part of our history. We do not consider separate solutions for the issue of returning the sovereign Ukrainian territories. This is a crime; it is unacceptable to divide the people and the territory.

-  We will withdraw the Russian occupying forces, introduce UN peacekeepers, establish control over the border, carry out demilitarization, and restore peaceful life. We will ensure the creation of a transitional administration and local law enforcement agencies. We will hold elections.
-  We will restore order and law, find all war criminals and bring them to justice, and also provide protection to residents of the occupied territories. For those who did not kill and did not steal, an amnesty law will be passed.
-  Next, we will create a special economic zone in Donbas and Crimea, it will be tax free to attract investors and develop the region.
-  We will restore the destroyed infrastructure – schools, hospitals, and houses. We will provide water, electricity and heat to homes.
-  We will increase the interest of residents of the occupied territories in returning to the control of Ukraine.
-  People must believe in Ukraine and want to return. In particular, the introduction of lower tariffs in the territory under control than the tariffs that were in the period of occupation will help.
-  The return of the occupied territories depends on the economic success of Ukraine, tolerance to different languages and cultures.

2. DOMESTIC POLICY



2.1. DEFENSE




STRONG EFFICIENT ARMY

-  We will reform the Armed Forces and will build a defense system according to the Swiss model, which has a police structure. We should use the experience of this peaceful power, capable of deploying an army consisting of 650,000 soldiers from an army of 22,000 men in two or four hours – well-trained, organized and well-armed.
-  We will increase the military budget from 5% to 10% of GDP. In particular, the funds will go to the development of the domestic defense industrial complex, the construction of an ammunition plant, the production of anti-tank defense systems and other similar steps. Everything you need for the army can be produced in Ukraine.
-  It is necessary to adopt laws that will regulate military service according to the Swiss model. The structure of the Ukrainian Armed Forces will be exclusively professionally trained fighters.

2.2. SOCIAL WELFARE



UKRAINE IS A COUNTRY OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES





-  We will introduce compulsory public childbirth assistance in the amount of 12 minimum wages as lump sum and monthly social payments at a level of no lower than the minimum wage established by the law on the national budget (for 2019, it is UAH 4,173).
-  We will revive the social care system and provide retirees with a decent old age. Many elderly people are forced to die in cold and hunger due to meager pensions, which are not capable of covering even the minimum needs of people.

-  We will set the minimum pension at the level of the real subsistence minimum. To achieve this growth in payments will be possible thanks to changes in the tax system. In particular, by limiting the salaries of top managers of state-owned enterprises, an additional tax on the use of mineral resources and the extraction of natural resources that are not sold to citizens of Ukraine (in particular, gas and oil) will be introduced, with contributions to the Pension Fund that are obligatory for companies, as well as thanks to the reduction in the number of public agencies by 50%. Billions of public funds are provided for the maintenance of the Presidential Administration, ministries and departments, the staff of the Verkhovna Rada, the State Department for Management of Affairs, and regional administrations, which we will redirect to the Pension Fund. We will impose restrictions on the use of funds from the national budget on private flights, officials' cars, their holidays in sanatoriums and other "needs."
-  We will take care of people with disabilities. Today, 2.8 million people with disabilities live in Ukraine. These people need special conditions, good infrastructure and constant support. We will do everything to make this part of the population feel comfortable in our country too.
-  In 2019, the minimum amount of unemployment benefit is UAH 610. There are no such amounts in any European country. We will increase unemployment benefits to the level of the minimum wage. We will create a unified register of citizens in order to be able to provide financial assistance to people whose income is below the subsistence minimum.

2.3. HEALTH OF NATION




QUALITY, AFFORDABLE, FREE MEDICINE!








-  Medicine in Ukraine will be of high quality and free thanks to the public insurance system. Insurance will be free for children, pensioners, people with disabilities and other socially vulnerable groups of the population.
-  We will open multidirectional obstetric and midwifery centers in rural areas. We will ensure the availability of functional medical specialists in each regional center, as well as we will reinforce healthcare institutions of all regional centers with new medical equipment.



-  Health care associated with childbirth will be highly qualified and free. Special attention will be paid to pediatrics. Patronage of newborns for a period of one year will be introduced. Each child will have a district pediatrician and a nurse.
-  We will stop the outflow of medical personnel thanks to higher wages and the creation of comfortable working conditions. In recent years, about 70,000 medics have left Ukraine, in the coming years about 50,000 more may leave, as the salary offered to Ukrainian doctors abroad is 10-20 times higher than in Ukraine.
-  We will expand the package of services of the public program to support the treatment of patients abroad and introduce new technologies for the development of domestic medicine.
-  At the national level, we will develop and maintain the idea of a healthy lifestyle for all groups of the population.

2.4. EDUCATION

QUALITY AND PRESTIGIOUS PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE






-  We will popularize the profession of a teacher and increase recognition of a teacher in society.
-  We will monitor educational institutions, find all the flaws and eliminate the corruption component during the enrolment and the educational process.
-  We will integrate the best principles of the Finnish and Soviet education systems into the modern system, since this form of education creates a comfortable environment for students, the basis of which is equality and respect for all participants in the educational process. And in the conditions of psychological security, more opportunities for development and an individual approach, children manage to reach their full potential. We will create conditions for a joyful and relaxed educational process thanks to holding more cultural and sports events, as well as protecting children from negative information.

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-  We will revive the culture of rearing children in the family and society. It is necessary to raise the younger generation through joint efforts, and not only through the efforts of the family or educational institutions.
 -  We will introduce administrative responsibility of mayors, heads of local self-government authorities for violations in the field of education. We will prohibit the transfer of kindergartens and schools to private ownership. We will restrict the access of commercial structures to the educational process. Education will be free.
 -  Secondary education will also be free. All schools should be equal: the same equipment, the same opportunities and proportional funding - there will no longer be "weak" or "elite" schools. Teachers and school principals will enter into contracts for one academic year with a possible extension of their tenures. In this case, we will raise the salaries of teachers and achieve the abolition of exaction in schools. We will ensure control over the process of education and upbringing of children in schools by parents and local communities through the introduction of a school performance assessment system. National minorities will have an opportunity of studying in their native languages.
 -  We will present a mandatory contracts for manual labor occupations, revive vocational education and return prestige to manual labor jobs. This will help training the required specialists and prevent the destruction of important industries such as engineering, defense and industrial complex, utilities, transport and communications. We will also eliminate the imbalance in the training of specialists, due to which many economists, lawyers and various managers remained unemployed in the country due to the excessive number of these specialists, while thousands of manual labor and other vacancies remain open, including in modern high-tech industries.
 -  We will introduce mandatory contracts for the engineering and technical occupations of great demand for higher educational institutions. Higher education will be free for all citizens, but the main criterion for enrolling at universities will be knowledge.
 -  We will reduce the number of private universities and increase the training of specialists in public institutions of higher education.
 -  All young specialists, graduates of higher educational institutions and vocational schools will be provided with the first workplace in public institutions. Commercial organizations are required to accept graduates for vacancies suiting their education.

-  Diplomas of Ukrainian public universities will be recognized worldwide, which will ensure the prestige of Ukrainian education.
-  All government institutions will be equipped with the required modern equipment and connected to the Internet. In the modern world it is the basis of a full-featured educational process.


2.5. SCIENCE

INVESTING IN SCIENCE MEANS INVESTING IN THE FUTURE!

-  Centers will be created on the basis of leading universities, which will significantly increase our competitiveness and enable our young scientists to develop and conduct research in the field of engineering, shipbuilding, aviation and energy. Special attention will be paid to developments in the field of nuclear technology.
-  We will raise the social status of scientists, researchers and engineers – everyone who moves domestic science forward and achieves success.
-  The remuneration system of junior research assistants includes not only a salary, but also various bonuses and benefits.
-  A special fund will be created that will select the best startup projects and help with their financing.
-  We will implement a grant system for financing research and development, which will significantly accelerate the development of the country's industry and defense complex.




2.6. SECURITY

THERE WILL BE ORDER IN OUR STREETS!

-  A new video surveillance system will significantly reduce crime and ensure order in the streets. Tens of millions of cameras in the country, as well as a single database of criminals and violators of public order will allow them to be recognized in the streets in a matter of minutes.




2.7. JUDICIAL SYSTEM

THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL

-  We will ensure unhindered access to justice, equal opportunities for defending rights and freedoms for all citizens.
-  We will abolish the practice of lifetime appointment of judges, and also ensure the control of territorial communities over the activities of local courts by establishing the tenure for judges. A judge must be appointed by entering into a contract with the relevant community for a period of five years. After the judge's tenure expires, the contract with him can be extended for another five years if the community approves the results of its work.
-  A judge will be immediately dismissed for committing a crime and for corruption in the process, and a penalty of up to the death penalty can be imposed.

2.8. FIGHTING CORRUPTION



OFFICIALS WILL WORK FOR THE COUNTRY, NOT FOR THEIR OWN POCKETS!

-  There will be an automated verification of the declarations of all officials, and citizens will be allowed to act as agents of fiscal authorities. Provision of information on the discrepancy between the income and expenses of officials will be encouraged, and the courts will be obliged to decide in these cases without delay within 30-60 days.
-  Illegal enrichment, corruption and tax evasion will be the most terrible crimes after treason. Capital punishment for embezzlement of the national budget will be up to the death penalty.
-  Refusing to administer 37 unnecessary fees, which are as much as 0.48% of GDP, will also significantly improve the situation with the reduction of officials.

3. ECONOMY




3.1. DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY COMPLEX

NATURAL RESOURCES BELONG TO THE PEOPLE, NOT TO THE OLIGARCHS!

-  We will return strategic facilities to public ownership. This will make it possible to attract additional funds to the budget, put an end to the monopoly of oligarchs in the provision of utility services, and will reduce the level of corruption, in particular, when pricing coal, gas, electricity and other resources. As a result, it will be possible to half tariffs.
-  We will develop energy independence, the production and use of alternative energy, biofuels. In the future, this will increase the pace of development of the domestic economy, it will contribute to the development of the market and the attraction of funds, lower utilities tariffs and transport prices.

3.2. REPEATED PRIVATIZATION

WE WILL RETURN THE REAL VALUE OF ENTERPRISES TO THE PEOPLE!

-  We will review the conditions of previously privatized facilities, in particular, compliance with the nominal and real value of the facilities. The managers, who deliberately brought state-owned enterprises to bankruptcy, will be arrested and tried in court.
-  We will start the modernization of the technical base, as well as optimize the system of management of state-owned enterprises and public procurement.
-  We will force unscrupulous owners to pay dividends to minority shareholders.

3.3. RELATIONSHIP WITH EXTERNAL LENDERS

PUT AN END TO DEBT SLAVERY!



We will stop cooperating with external lenders, in particular with the IMF. The external debt of Ukraine is 52% of GDP. Over the next five years, Ukraine will have to send \$33 billion to service foreign debt, which will significantly reduce the pace of economic development. Loans from the IMF go to repay loans received previously. They are not used for the development of the country's economy.

3.4. DOMESTIC MARKET AND EXPORT

STOP COMMODITY EXPORTS AND THUS, WE STOP THE POLICY OF ECONOMIC DEGRADATION!



We will step up the production of goods with the highest added value by investing in the development of innovative technologies and fast-moving consumer goods.



The idea, protected by intellectual property rights, will allow easily obtaining affordable lending to start production and bring goods to the market.



We will stimulate the development of our own nuclear, aerospace and IT sectors, including artificial intelligence and missile defense systems. The defense industry will become an innovative platform for the development of modern technologies, technical solutions and software. Production of weapons and military equipment has great potential for export, development of the domestic economy and meeting the needs of the state. In addition, the development of the defense industry is directly related to the strengthening of defense capability. We will be able to become leading developers in the field of artificial intelligence, psycho-emotional technologies and other innovations, securing a new niche in the global economy.










We will deliver goods to the markets of rapidly developing countries: Central and South America (including Mexico, Brazil, Argentina), the Middle East, Central Asia, Africa and China. The orientation of exports to the "European markets" means predominantly exports of commodities, as for now we cannot compete in quality and price with European goods.

-  We will develop the agricultural processing industry and set limits on the import of goods. Thus, we will support the production of similar goods and services in the country in order to increase gross national income, increase employment and improve social indicators.
-  We will introduce subsidies to reimburse part of the investment costs for the entities operating in agriculture in order to revive this sector.

4. TAXES AND BUDGET




FAIR TAX POLICY!

-  We will introduce a progressive taxation system, in which taxes will depend on the level of income - the higher the income, the higher the tax. At the same time, we will reduce the amount of taxes and fees. The country has 24 taxes and 37 types of various fees, and some of them are more a corruption tool than a source of replenishment of the national budget.
-  We will provide the required level of revenue to the budget through the formation of a new tax policy. It will be a deficit-free budget with an economic growth of no less than 6-7%, based not on raising prices and inflation, but on improving the balance of payments, increasing domestic production and exporting Ukrainian goods.
-  We will double the royalties for the use of subsoil and the extraction of natural resources, which in effect will cancel the unreasonable reduction in the royalties in 2019.
-  We will revoke licenses of oil and gas production for all companies, which overstate the production cost by more than 20-25%. This will reduce the price of gas for households and utilities tariffs.
-  We will adopt public private partnership programs, thanks to which investors will be interested in investing in infrastructure development. First of all it concerns roads and communications. At the same time, we will secure investments of investors as much as possible and provide them with guarantees of the effectiveness of their investments. These measures will help relieving the burden on the national budget in the amount of about UAH 56 billion a year.

-  We will introduce the exit capital tax to remove business from the shadows. This will eliminate the possibility of withdrawing money in offshore zones, which is so often used to legally reduce the tax burden, minimize risks, and simplify defending own interests in courts.
-  We will restore justice in the distribution of subsidies to the regions from the national budget. The areas are different. Each must receive funds based on needs. To reduce the burden on the national budget, we will provide communities with a more flexible approach to attracting investors, creating conditions for the development of the regions and will ensure the expansion of powers of local councils in the course of the decentralization reform.




5. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

LAND MUST GO TO FARMERS!

-  We will close the question of the sale of farmland. The land should remain the property of the people, since the opening of the land market will lead to the final destruction of farms and villages. Currently, there is a significant risk of buying up shares for nothing and the concentration of substantial amounts of land in the hands of oligarchs.
-  We will reduce the amount of land that may be leased by one tenant. We will liquidate the monopoly of agricultural holdings in rural areas.
-  We will create conditions for the cultivation of land by farms. Farms will receive preferential loans at 1% per annum for the purchase of domestic machinery. Up to 50% compensation for purchased domestic agricultural equipment and 100% compensation for the cost of seeds will be obtained to ensure replenishment of public grain funds.



6. LABOR MIGRATION






THE OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING IN OWN COUNTRY FOR A DECENT SALARY!

-  We will stop the growth of labor migration by creating new jobs with decent wages and comfortable conditions.
-  We will design a global strategy for the development of the labor market.
-  We will provide an attractive economic and cultural climate for the return of ethnic Ukrainians from the countries of the former USSR, the Central Asian republics and depressed regions of the Russian Federation.
-  We will create conditions for attracting foreign direct investment to Ukraine, which will ensure the inflow of foreign capital into the national economy and, consequently, the creation of a large number of jobs.

7. FOREIGN POLICY

WE SPEAK WITH THE WORLD LIKE EQUALS!

-  We will return the nuclear status to Ukraine and strengthen military might to ensure the security of the state, as well as the possibility of more effective and beneficial interaction with the world community for Ukraine. We will revive the production of long-range and medium-range ballistic missiles.
-  We will introduce a visa regime for citizens of the Russian Federation. This will help to eliminate the possibility of killers, saboteurs and propagandists entering the country under the guise of ordinary people. Anyone who legally wants to come to Ukraine will be able to get a visa without any problems. This is a normal global practice.

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-  We will build relations with our neighbors on the basis of trust, mutually beneficial trade and equal cooperation. Any controversial events of the historical past must be taken off the table for the sake of peace and tranquility on our western borders.
 -  We will require the United States to respect our security guarantees, enshrined in the Budapest Memorandum, and provide military assistance in the range of \$ 2-3 billion per year.
 -  We will participate in NATO defense programs and research.
 -  We will integrate Ukraine into the EU energy system, above all the EU gas market, and we will establish cooperation in the field of justice, freedom and security.
 -  We will step up cooperation with the EU in the field of customs, digital economy and the sphere of technical regulation.

WE WILL RETURN THE COUNTRY TO THE PEOPLE

The Socialist Party has nominated me as a candidate for the post of President of Ukraine, and I am ready to take responsibility for implementing the ideas of socialism and building a European-style state.

We will destroy corruption, revive the industry, and ensure unconditional observance of the rights and freedoms of citizens. Everyone deserves a decent life and secured old age!

We will restore order and build a state capable of defending our people. A state where there is no place for fear of tomorrow. This is my goal.

I defended this country at the frontline and I am ready to defend it as head of state!

**TOGETHER WE WILL BUILD A NEW,
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