



Ideals of the Democrats

1. The greater commitment of the Party is to freedom, in all its forms.
2. As a result, we are opposed to any process of centralization of power, both in terms of federative point of view and the point of view of functional division of powers between executive, legislative and judicial branches.
3. The concentration of power seriously affects the Federation, the independence of powers and the economic and social dynamism. The ideals of the Democrats impose us the duty to ensure the heritage of freedom and decentralization that Brazil, with much effort has succeeded in keeping in the writing of its legal and political institutions.
4. We must, above all, release the creative energies of the Brazilians repeatedly suffocated by centralization and state control. The great revolution to take place in this country is the freedom of initiative at all levels - political, social and economic. We need to encourage, by all means, community participation, opening the opportunity for the plentiful expression of our diversity.
5. We are concerned about the uncontrolled growth of business activity of the state, which in many areas, overflows the limits accepted in the economic, social and political system of free competition. And we believe that state enterprises should always be under effective control of the society.
6. The process of liberation from the shackles of concentration includes the protection of citizens against the bureaucratic asphyxia, the control of the fiscal voracity and the containment of the intense interference of the State in the economic activity. We believe, however, that there are problems and inequalities that can not be satisfactorily resolved by the free play of market forces. There is a legitimate space, especially in the social area for state action, which does not affect the purest sense of freedom.
7. We firmly believe in the idea that human beings should be free to express their ideas, access information, to profess any religion, choose their representatives, and all the ways that the rule of law ensures. And it must also be free from hunger, ignorance and insecurity.
8. We affirm the prevalence of social interest over the individual. But in the humanistic vision that our ideas enlightens, the final recipient of all social activity is the human being, protected in their freedom, dignity and integrity. The development that we preach is therefore to the service of the men.



9. The DEM is committed to change. A nation whose people, for the most part, suffers from critical shortages in the field of nutrition, health, education, housing and security, is certainly a nation where there are many things to be changed, without damaging what is necessary to preserve. The Brazilian people claims for some major reforms and on their side we will fight to achieve them by peaceful means, but without concessions that will delay or prevent us from making them reality.

10. We reaffirm our full allegiance to the national interest. It is extremely important to preserve our identity and our culture, to keep under control the national development process and seek a progressive reduction of our dependence on foreign, especially in technological fields. We will maintain, however, our windows open to the world in search of a fair and constructive interdependence.

11. The national development is imperative and is, among us, widespread aspiration, and powerful source of motivation. The Brazilian people reject any kind of stagnation or recession. As a sovereign and mindful country, Brazil can not tolerate any kind of pressure or imposition that could jeopardize its future, its development, its social harmony and the assurance of job opportunities for their children. We will fight to ensure to the workers freedom of association, fair pay, food, social security, health care, leisure, housing, protection against unemployment, and other conditions necessary for the humanization of work life. We will fight also for the mitigation of imbalances in regional development.

12. Governing is essentially ethical activity. Trust, credibility and participation are essential preliminaries to the success of government action. The party takes a clear commitment to compliance with the rules of austerity and honesty in dealing with political affairs.