

# **MANIFESTO**

## **OF “NOWOCZESNA YOUTH” ASSOCIATION**

We, Nowoczesna Youth (Modern Youth) are a community with a liberal perspective of the World and the future. We care about economic freedom, freedom in social spheres and a state that respects the democratic rule of law. We want to live in a country that values development and progress, to which every citizen can contribute.

We see the implementation of this goal in three pillars:

- **STRONG ECONOMY,**
- **SECULAR AND PROGRESSIVE STATE,**
- **STRONG AND UNITED EUROPE.**

# **STRONG ECONOMY**

A strong and efficient economy must be based on respect for private property, promotion of entrepreneurship and constant technical development. The tax system should be as simple and effective as possible.

The state should conduct a responsible monetary policy to stabilize economic growth and secure the economy.

We are opposed to a populist redistribution policy which merely imitates an effective social policy and in fact demobilizes citizens and discourages them from taking up jobs.

Government-owned companies should be reorganized and then, if possible, privatized to enable the development of the industries they occupy through competition of enterprises.

State spending must be balanced and the budget deficit must be leveled.

Demographic challenges, i.e. the aging of the society and an inefficient pension system require a rational and systemic response from the state. The same is true of healthcare, which is unable to fully perform the tasks entrusted to it.

# SECULAR AND PROGRESSIVE STATE

We stand firm for equality before the law for all citizens. We do not agree to discrimination against any social group - we want everyone who contributes to the development of Poland to feel safe and accepted in our homeland. We demand the separation of the state from the church, equality of all religious associations and the end of financing the activities of these institutions.

The education of future generations is one of the most important tasks of the state - it must be based on science and serve to build a civil society that values the importance of freedom and progress.

We are aware of the threat posed by climate change. We are aware that in order to protect our environment, we must give up fossil fuels and focus on nuclear energy along with renewable energy. With the help of climate education, we should reduce waste generation and greenhouse gas emissions. In the fight against climate change, it is necessary to be guided by science and the opinions of specialists.

Everyone should be able to decide about themselves and their body - we do not accept that the state imposes a worldview upon citizens. We believe that human freedom ends where the freedom of another person begins.

Respect for the law is the foundation of the healthy functioning of the state. The rules must be clear and transparent. It is unacceptable for the rulers to break the applicable national and EU law. The tripartite division of powers as a pillar of the democratic system must be permanently protected. Independent judges, courts and tribunals are fundamental to the freedom of citizens and the observance of the law by the authorities. It is the duty of the head of state to be an independent body that cares for the good of all Polish people whom they are to represent. Parliament should legislate responsibly and prudently, based on research and public consultation.

We do not agree to avoid responsibility, nepotism and corruption. We believe that populism is a dangerous and unethical way of conducting politics - it has negative consequences for society and leads to the taking of power by politicians who do not care about taking the best but the most popular actions.

The decentralization of public authority is essential for increasing the influence of citizens on their surroundings. It is important to increase the financing of local governments and to entrust the central government only with tasks that cannot be effectively performed by lower levels.

# **STRONG AND UNITED EUROPE**

Poland's place is in a united Europe and it is precisely on cooperation with the EU countries that we should base our foreign policy. We should actively participate in the creation of its policy and care for the sustainable development of the entire community. We must respect European values such as freedom, equality before the law and tolerance. Our membership in the Union is a guarantee of economic development within the European free market, national security and the foundation for maintaining a democratic system.

We appreciate our membership in the North Atlantic Alliance as a way to ensure peace in Europe and beyond. We recognize the important role of the United Nations and the Council of Europe in the protection of human rights and the peaceful resolution of conflicts, and in building an international community.

As young people, today we do not have a direct influence on the directions in which the world is heading. With our activity, however, we can influence the current rulers, patiently preparing ourselves for the moment when our generation will decide about the changing reality. We invite everyone to cooperate.