

Are Progressives REALLY that popular?

In Connecticut...no. Very few families in Connecticut want to pay people **who don't want to work**. Very few families in Connecticut feel that \$100,000+ annual pensions are warranted. Very few families think our property taxes are too low.

Paying people long term who don't want to work, paying state workers lavish pensions when they no longer work, and raising taxes to cover more and more services is the progressive agenda. To their credit, progressives are unabashed about it. It's time their plans are juxtaposed against a "normal" Connecticut: get paid well for good work, let private groups cover services that are nice for some and a drain on others, and keep government interference to a minimum.

It's time we have a plan to "normalize CT". Please assess how sensible this is:

1) Pay good state workers MORE, but let them shop for their health care and invest for their retirements. We can afford to boost pay 40% and thereby save on our future obligations. Every worker under age 50 will take this trade-off.

2) Replace incorrigibly bad state workers.

3) Absent a health emergency, if someone does not want to work, stop paying him after 2 months. Offer anyone who has been on state welfare for over a year the opportunity to move out of state NOW, and take 5 months of your welfare payments. Your moving costs are more than covered. You don't want to work, we'll help you leave.

4) End ECS funding to badly-run school districts. ECS is unworkable in the first place, so it's worth abolishing.

So why do progressives get so many votes? In a two-party duopoly, the choice of a like-able leftist versus a candidate who wraps himself in "Trump" is odious. The 5th District towns of Burlington, Farmington, and West Hartford have had a likable, competent, left-leaning Beth Bye for this decade. But the chance to have a Senator more aligned with improving schools, attracting business, and keeping families HERE comes with a non-progressive, less-government, pro-freedom candidate.

I am such a candidate. I ran for of U.S. Senate back in 2006 (against NY Sen. Hillary Clinton) and I have not changed a single position since. Please see the pro-freedom, limited government plank at www.stewartforliberty.com and www.weresist.us.