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Main Office Hours:

Saturday to Thursday from 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

and

Telephones open from from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Mission:

We are a group from among the youth of the revolution of the 25th of January, composed of independents and belonging to different intellectual currents of thought. The Current Egyptian party's platform is to strengthen and promote the current theme in Egypt, which includes the vast majority of Egyptians, away from strict ideologies towards pragmatism. The party is interested in the basic needs of citizens and adopts the values of social justice, freedom, and democratic transfer of power. It also champions the political role of civil society and the strengthening of ties with foreign nations with emphasis on Egypt's identity as Islamic, Arab, and African.

Message:

Note: Much of what this paragraph says is a near repeat of what the Mission statement says. I've done my best to make them sound a bit different, but it is what it is.

The Current Egyptian Party is a party whose goal is to strengthen the mainstream in Egypt. The party's platform is based on the needs of all citizens, for the party shares with them the patriotic task of achieving leadership and greatness. The party relies on the values of freedom, social justice, and democratic transfer of authority to accomplish these. We hope to equalize the distribution of national income and to ensure national security and equal opportunities in education, health services, and housing. The party also champions the fight against poverty and unemployment while greatly emphasizing Egypt's need for ties with foreign nations and its identity as Islamic, Arab, and African.

Focuses: (or pillars or founding principles, etc)

* The Current Egyptian party is characterized by democracy. It is a party that is proud of its identity, open-minded, and emphasizes values, ethics, and ----(controlled?) religious principles.

Note: regarding the part above about "religious principles", from what I gather this group isn't religious or truly secular. I think this part of the message has more to do with embracing Islamic values without enforcing Islamic law.

* The citizen is the true head of Egyptian capital, and is the most important investment (in matters of education, health, job opportunities and wages, and infrastructure).

*A party inspired by the spirit of the revolution, and promotes and supports its gains and achievements.

*A party of youth that offers a new pattern and understanding in Egyptian political life dependent on the youth and their creative potential and great ability to deliver.

* A party whose policies center around the integration of the majority of the Egyptian people in politics and promoting their active participation in the development of public policy.

* A party for every free Egyptian, expansive as the horizon, that rejects stereotypes and dismisses ideas and opinions without proof or evidence, and is invested in diversity.

*A party that gives priority to providing practical programs and innovative solutions to solve ideological problems.

*A party that works towards the restoration and strengthening of Egypt's leading role in it's region (of the world).

Methodology of Program Implementation: (I understand this heading is rather obscure, but this is a rather literal translation)

The key features of the party's program must be grassroots in origin, for these grassroots origins are more knowledgeable in the matters of their needs and problems, and the solutions to these problems will come from the masses. To that end, the party's program will be drafted according to segments of a series of public workshops (the masses--- craftsmen - professionals - workers - intellectuals and artists - the meeting of experts - women - university professors - experts - farmers -etc) and these segments will be presented to teams of specialists so that they may develop realistic solutions and plans that can be implemented in a scientific and thoughtful way.

General Party Objectives:

1 -Strengthen the gains and achievements of the revolution, and fulfill the implementation of the people's demands.

2-Participate in the establishment, support, and protection of true democratic life , the heart of which is the Egyptian citizen.

3- The party works towards the involvement of citizens both as individuals and as organizations of modern society in the management of public affairs of the state.

4-The party works towards the empowerment of all marginalized groups including women, youth, the disabled, those under the poverty line, etc.

5-Implementation of full citizenship rights and civil services for all Egyptians without discrimination because of race, religion, geographic location, or social status.

6-Ensuring the participation of Egyptians abroad in the political process and supporting their role in the renaissance of Egypt.

7-Recognizing Egypt's position as active and pivotal in the three spheres of affiliation (Arabic, African, and Islamic)

Another Note: I've translated number 7 perhaps a bit too literally so I'll just clarify by saying that this point in their platform expresses their desire to recognize and own up to the fact that Egypt is represented by and in turn represents Arab, African, and Islamic identities. This means the party is not interested in secular vs. religious conflicts because such a conflict is not as representative of Egyptian society as are its Arab, African, and Islamic roots.

Development: (this isn't me editing for clarity, that's just literally what this heading means. You can interpret it as an addendum to the items above.)

1- Increasing the services available to citizens in terms of quantity, quality, and diversity.

2- Equal opportunities for all citizens to receive education and health services and adequate housing.

3-Eradicate poverty by providing suitable job opportunities and unemployment benefits.

4- Bridging the gap between the genders in the areas of education, employment, and leadership positions.

5- Achieve a fair and equal distribution of national wealth and public services.

6- Investing Egypt's academic and professional resources in planning and managing the country's development projects.

7- Stress the importance of labor-intensive projects and small and medium enterprises.