



FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

GENERATION LIBRE
THINK TANK

FREEDOM

An essential battle.

Imagining revolutionary change in our century, and fostering individual autonomy.



Let's enable everyone to define their own values in an open society.

Universal Basic Income

The most effective, most respectful, and least paternalistic system to fight against poverty.

Self-ownership

Owning your body and controlling your own future must be recognized as a basic right.

Freedom of speech

This core value must be protected from any imperative of 'truth' or 'morality'. The best way to counter foolish opinions is to let them be expressed.

**Live
and let
live.**

An End to Privilege.

Because the “marketplace of ideas” is the best way to challenge the established order.



Bank oligopoly

The consolidation of the French banking system prevents new stakeholders from emerging. We want to instill more competition at the very core of our capitalism.

Serving the people

The French general statute on civil servants hinders careers, discourages initiative, and promotes useless red tape. It is time for the civil service to regain its effectiveness.

Driving-school monopoly

The corporatism of driving schools runs against the demand of many citizens : a faster and easier access to a driver’s licence.

Seize progress.

Data ownership

In a digital century, control of your own personal data is a major issue. After GDPR, data ownership must be implemented in European law.

Work in the digital age

French employment contracts are no longer suited to the rapidly changing work environment. Employees and employers need more flexibility : more co-operation, less subordination.

Technological changes and employment

Amid all the noise about robots, AI, and the alleged “end of work”, we believe humans still have a place in Schumpeter’s creative destruction process.

Ensuring that technological innovations remain at the service of individuals.



**We tirelessly discuss,
argue, criticise, and
refute. We fight in the
written press, on the radio,
TV and social media.
Liberalism must reconnect
with its insurgent tradition !**



The opinion battle, at the core of all political victories.

Flaubert described himself as an “enraged liberal”. This is what liberals should be : outraged by corporations that stifle entrepreneurs, angered by close-mindedness, against a state that spies on its own citizens, and rejecting the undermining of democratic debate by an almighty executive power.





For a long time, France has been at the cutting edge of individual freedom. It has produced economists like Pierre de Boisguilbert (the father of anti-Colbertists), revolutionaries like Abbé Sieyès (a pioneer of equality under law, and supporter of free trade), philosophers like Alexis de Tocqueville (the first to condemn “democratic despotism”), and sociologists such as Raymond Boudon (fierce opponent of unequal opportunities). Liberalism emerged as a movement before the political opposition between left and right appeared.

However, for half a century, liberalism has gradually faded from the French public arena. The trauma of war, the construction of the welfare state and the Gaullist doctrine of executive power have pushed back our liberties. The term “neo-

liberalism” made popular in France by Foucault, is now used by some intellectuals as an easy scapegoat for all evils and vices. This has been the driving force behind an unprecedented surge of centralized power, that has become the regulator of our behavior, a source of morality and the guardian of public good.

There is an urgent need to rehabilitate genuine liberalism, capable of promoting progress in society, demanding institutional reforms and defending entrepreneurs against privilege. Jacobinism, designed for an old-fashioned industrial economy, can no longer meet the many aspirations of an open society.

There is also an urgent need to reinvent liberalism, at a time when libertarian ideas are finding a new echo throughout the world. Freedom can no longer be seen as an eternal gift from the Enlightenment

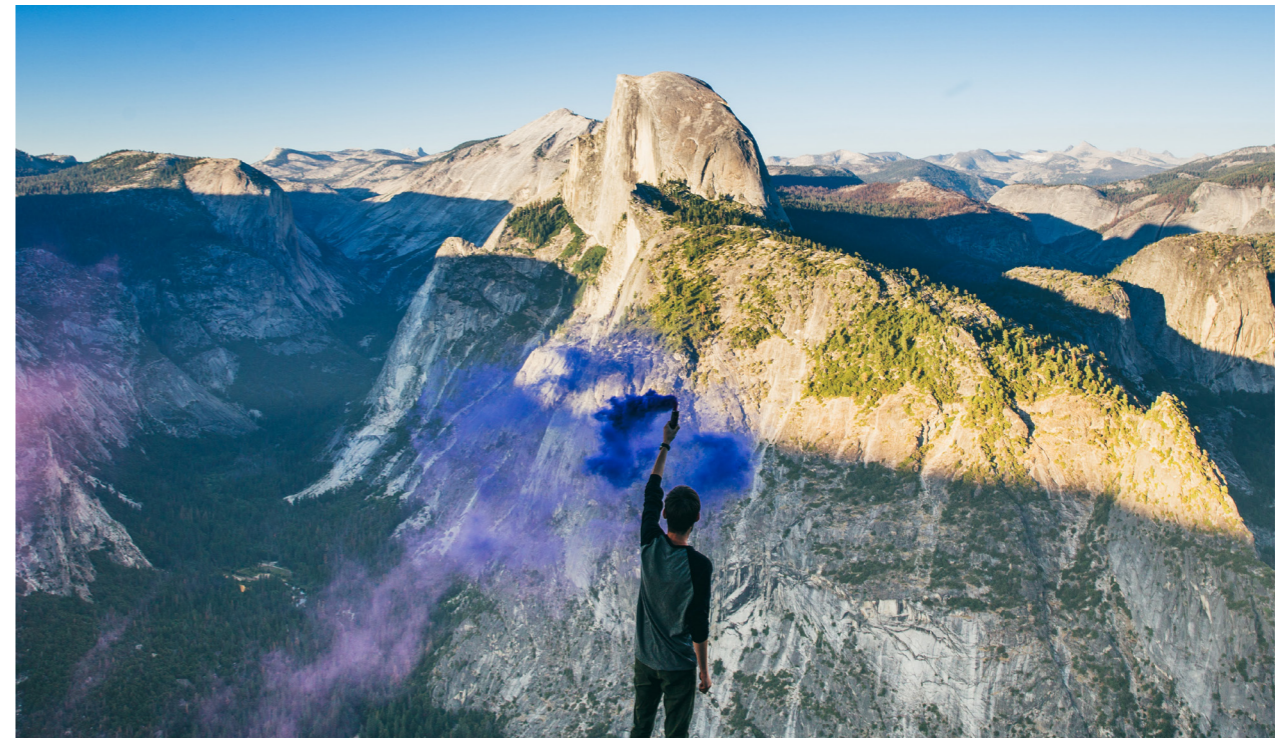
philosophers. It is a social construct that depends on a subtle system of incentives. This means rethinking the role of the state in all fields of activity, focusing on a single issue :


**How to foster individual autonomy ?
How to give a tangible basis to formal freedoms inherited from natural rights ?**

From criminal policy to solidarity, through competition, school or bioethics laws ; these questions lead us to radically reconsider public policies.

Faced with the political victories of collectivism, Friedrich Hayek bemoaned the absence of a “liberal utopia”. It is this utopia that we seek to conceive and popularize. It is this utopia that we present in specific propositions. Day after day, we publish, plead, criticize, refute. The opinion battle is the mother of all battles, even if its rewards are reaped much later. We must debate today to convince tomorrow, and to win the day after tomorrow.

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Rather than founding a startup, we decided to start from scratch by creating a think tank which delivers its products free of charge. The fight for liberalism is our business model.

Ranked among the "Top think tanks in western Europe"

2017 Global Go To Think Tank Index - from University of Pennsylvania report.

40 Experts

161 Press releases

14 Countries visited

108 Scientific publications

16 Talks at international symposiums

1000+ Media interventions and interviews

22 Overseas GL correspondents

BOARD

2013 Year of creation

320K average annual budget in euros

COMMUNITY

350 Sponsors

35 Debates and conferences

36 YEARS
Average age of GL members

17 YEARS
Age of the youngest member

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