



BELIEFS

REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY OF LAKE COUNTY

That all political power and influence should flow from the grassroots upward.

That all human rights are granted by God, not government. Government exists primarily to protect the God-given rights of its citizens.

That the Constitution was written by wise men under the inspiration of God and that the original intent of the Founders is as valid and binding today as it was in their day.

That the Constitution was written to govern a moral and religious people and it is being destroyed by those who are neither.

That the traditional family is the foundation and cornerstone of our society and we will oppose any attempt to undermine or redefine the family unit.

The sanctity of human life is paramount in any

free society. The unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.

This sacred right extends to all persons regardless of age or infirmity and also would not allow for euthanasia, assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning or public funding for any of these practices.

That the founders never intended to separate God from government but did intend to prevent government from establishing a single state religion or inhibiting the citizen's right to the free exercise of religion in any setting, public or private.

That free market capitalism is the only economic system that creates the opportunities and incentives that will allow maximum productivity and prosperity for its citizens. It is the necessary partner of political freedom.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY OF LAKE COUNTY

We have joined ourselves together within the Republican Party to achieve our common goals - To give definition and strength to the Conservative movement within these United States. In these, we proudly affirm our belief in the following principles:

This nation was established by men humbly seeking the guidance of Almighty God. Our hope for God to bless our country exists only if we again seek his Divine guidance.

We support the United States Constitution in the tradition of the Founding Fathers as the Supreme law of the land.

The power of the Federal Government and State must be strongly bound by the chains of the Constitution to allow maximum individual achievement through freedom.

Our country is a sovereign nation. We must never compromise our national sovereignty to other nations, the United Nations, or any other world organization. Our Foreign Policy must always reflect our national self-interest and founding principles.

Our Founding Fathers firmly held to the conviction that religious freedom was fundamental to a

free society. We also express the conviction that we are a God-fearing people, according one another the equal right of religious freedom and acknowledging with reverence the duty of obedience to the will of God.

Our State has sovereign authority to govern the land and people within our border. We will not abide usurpation of state sovereignty by Federal mandate or economic extortion.

We believe that each of us should be free to achieve or fail according to our individual abilities, without the need for governmental assistance or quotas.

Taxes should serve only to pay for the enumerated Constitutional duties of government. It is not the role of our government to penalize financial success, nor protect its citizens from financial failure. Each citizen should share equitably in financing the freedoms we enjoy.

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Families have been the foundation of our national strength. If we are to endure as a free nation, the traditional family unit must be preserved and encouraged to thrive.

Parents bear the final responsibility before God in the rearing of their children. Parents have been commanded by God to love their children and lead them in the path of truth. Parents must be free to discipline their children in love and direct their education without government intrusion.

When truth was taught in schools, our nation prospered. As we abandon the teaching of absolutes to relativism, our children may lose the potential to achieve greatness. Our system of education must demand excellence rather than accommodate mediocrity.

Private property rights are fundamental to our liberty. The right to keep and bear arms is fundamental to deterring government tyranny and must be preserved without governmental interference.

Free enterprise competition has been the engine of our national success. Free market capitalism has its only limitation in the human imagination. Governmental regulation of the economy must conform to Constitutional limits.

The first obligation of the federal government is to defend its people against enemies. To protect our citizenry in an unstable world, the United States must retain the strongest defense system in the world with their singular objective of victory in every conflict and a complete authentic accounting or return of every person in our armed forces captured or missing in action.

We affirm the Constitutional prerogative of Congress alone to declare war. The United States military should only be used to protect the national security of the United States; executive orders or other international bodies not excepted.

Only men, not women, will serve in combat.

OBJECTIVES

REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY OF LAKE COUNTY

To recruit, educate, train and motivate individuals to run for public office who are irrevocably committed to uphold and fight for constitutional principles and the preservation of the republic, state and county.

To increase Republican voter registration.

To promote conservatism in the tradition of the Founding Fathers.

To bring back to the Republican Party those who have been disaffected by the perception that the party has moved away from its core principles.

To watchdog elected officials and insure their adherence to Republican principles as outlined within the National Republican Party Platform.

To identify and oppose those individuals, groups and agendas that would, knowingly or other-

wise, bring about the loss of our freedoms and the destruction of our nation through the violation of the constitution and the erosion of the traditional family or public morals.

To inform the public regarding Republican principles relative to issues and the qualifications of candidates for public office.

RONALD REAGAN'S WAY

"A political party cannot be all things to all people. It must represent certain fundamental beliefs, which must not be compromised to political expediency, or simply to swell numbers... and if there are those that cannot subscribe to these principles, then let them go their way."

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