

# Fayette County Republican Party Platform

## PREAMBLE

The United States of America is still the strongest, wealthiest and most free nation in the world; our demise seems to be upon us because we, as a nation, are abandoning the principles on which our nation was founded. Our Constitution, the greatest governing document ever written by man, is being misinterpreted and in many cases ignored. Many of our own citizens cry for its re-writing or replacement.

Our wildly rising crime rate, extreme diversity of values, falling educational levels and rapidly declining production of real and tangible products are causing our position of respect in the world to be diminished.

The Fayette County Republican Party (FCRP) intends to work for a return to the strict interpretation of our Constitution and the return to the principles of the other founding documents and the God given ideas and concepts of the founders who wrote them. The concepts and values are still valid. Only our allegiance to them has changed.

Specific areas of concern follow.

## 1 - The Documents of the Nation's Founders

The Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and other early founding documents provided the basis for this nation to become the greatest in the world. Our citizens were, and still are, the most economically blessed, safe and FREE people on earth. We have strayed from the principles written into these documents and only by returning to them can we prevent the continued downward fall of our nation.

Early in the Declaration of Independence, it was made very clear that certain rights of the people, such as life, liberty and the *pursuit* of happiness, are "endowed by their Creator" and not *granted* by governments. Governments are only instituted to secure those rights. The founders were intensely driven to separate from a government they had known which was distantly removed from the people. Their debates on the nature of the new government confirmed that it would be one with citizen representation and based on consistent law established by a Constitution. Therefore, a **Constitutional Republic** was established ... NOT a Democracy. Even though that Constitution was established by representatives of the people, it would restrain even those elected representatives from their own abuse of power.

Gouverneur Morris-who actually wrote the first draft of the Constitution and was instrumental in its acceptance-said: "*The Constitution is not an instrument for government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government -lest it come to dominate our lives and interests.*"

In a draft of the Kentucky Resolutions in 1798, Thomas Jefferson said "Our *Constitution has accordingly fixed the limits to which, and no further, our confidence [in elected officials] may go... In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.*"

Then how should our Constitution be interpreted?

In a letter to William Johnson, June 12, 1823, Thomas Jefferson wrote: "*On every question of construction [of the Constitution], let us carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed.*"

**The Fayette County Republican Party supports strict interpretation of the Constitution by the Judicial, Executive, & Legislative branches and vigorously opposes any attempts to make it subordinate to any foreign nation, group of nations or organization such as the United Nations or any world court. We also do not consider valid any treaty that contradicts our Constitution.**

## 2 - USA Sovereignty

We are a unique nation in a world of diverse governments. We acknowledge our need to cooperate with the other nations of the world on many levels .... But never should we allow the sovereignty of the USA to be subjected to the rule of any other nation, group of nations or world body. We believe that the sovereignty of the United States of America should be protected from all challenges by Globalists who would promote world governance.

### A. Constitution vs Treaties (Constitutional bypasses)

Even though our Constitution gives authority to treaties made under the authority of the United States, we believe that any treaty should be subordinate to our Constitution. In the following quotation from the Constitution, the Constitution and other laws pursuant to it, made by the United States, are stated first and we believe take precedent over any treaty.

*"This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding*

### Example: The Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST)

Critics of this treaty have a number of things to say about it. Things which threaten our U S sovereignty.

The 202-page Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST) entered into force in 1994 and has been ratified by 153 countries (not yet by the U.S.). It created the International Seabed Authority (ISA), giving it total jurisdiction over all the oceans and everything in them, including the ocean floor with "all its resources" along with the power to regulate seven-tenths of the world's surface.

Headquartered in Jamaica, the ISA has an Assembly, a Council, a bureaucracy and commissions, all drawing tax-free salaries. If the United States ratifies the treaty, we would have the same vote in the ISA as Cuba, an unprecedented surrender of American sovereignty, independence of action, and wealth.

Even worse, the LOST gives the ISA the power to levy international taxes. The LOST attempts to conceal this by labeling the taxes as assessments, fees, permits, payments, or contributions.

The LOST gives the ISA the power to regulate "all" ocean research and exploration and to deny access to strategic ocean minerals, many of which we need for our national defense or industries. The LOST gives the ISA the power to impose production quotas for deep-sea mining and oil production.

The LOST also created the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, with the power of a super supreme court to decide all disputes and enforce its judgments. Of course, there is no guarantee that the United States would have even one judge on this 21-member international court, and it's reasonable to assume inherent bias against the United States by the anti-American countries whose representatives will make the decisions.

There can be no appeal from this Tribunal's decisions, even though they would affect our sovereignty, national security and economic interests. There is no restriction on the Tribunal's jurisdiction.

The notion that our U.S. Navy would need approval from foreign bureaucrats in Jamaica in order to enjoy passage through international straits, or for permission to do what our Navy is already doing (such as moving our ships to the waters near Iran), is offensive and insulting to U.S. sovereignty.

**We believe that the agenda of the globalists is determined to erase our sovereign borders and integrate us into various multinational structures and tribunals.**

**We oppose entering into any treaties which threaten the sovereignty of the U.S. and its Constitution.**

### **B. Foreign Interest in U.S. Properties**

Data from 2002 IRS records show that 27% of US mining industries, 24% of Information services, 20% of Manufacturing, 20% of Professional, scientific and technical services show foreign ownership.

2006 Treasury Department records show that the Federal Public Debt was almost 5 trillion dollars. 45% of that indebtedness is owned by foreign countries.

**We believe that foreign ownership of U.S. lands, businesses and natural resources should be limited to assure U.S. control and security**

### **C. North American Union**

Under the guise of "economic development", we are being drawn closer to a "North American Union" which is aimed at economic control of North America by a Canada-US-Mexico coalition. Economic themes were also the backbone of the European Union. Now, European nations are being sublimated to the European Union in many areas. We fear that the target for North America is the same.

Examples of this surrender of national sovereignty in Europe to the EU:

- The European Court of Justice in Luxembourg has ruled that Germany must admit women to its army, even though the German constitution forbids it

- The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg ruled in favor of British servicemen and women who complained they were dismissed for open homosexuality. Britain did not permit homosexuality in its army, and 90% of the population believes that allowing it adversely affects morale.

As National Review (2-7-2000) puts it, "European courts now freely overrule national law"

In regard to NAU, students from 10 universities in the U.S., Mexico and Canada are participating annually in a simulated "model Parliament." Under the sponsorship of the Canadian based North American Forum on Integration, students met in the Mexican Senate for five days in May in an event dubbed "Triumvirate," with organizers declaring "A North American Parliament is born." A common currency name has been suggested: the AMERO. A similar event took place in the Canadian Senate in 2005.

Grassroots Americans of all parties and economic classes rose up out of their political apathy a few months ago and forced a reversal of the administration's decision to allow a Middle East government to own/operate America's major ports. But the push for foreign ownership continues. One port scheduled to be taken over is Kansas City, Missouri. The plan has been in the works for at least three years. One advocate in this plan admitted that "The space [in Kansas City] would need to be designated as Mexican sovereign territory."

Although many aspects, and sometimes the reality, of it are denied, the development of the NAFTA Superhighway is proceeding. Elements of this plan include ports just over the border in Mexico where international sealed cargo containers would be received from international ports. These sealed containers would then be transported directly over the border by way of the NAFTA Superhighway to Kansas City with minimal or no inspection.

For much more detail, search the Internet for SMARTPORT, SPP, NASCO, NAIPN, TTC. |

**We believe that "economic" cooperatives without proper U.S. controls are endangering our national security, our economic prosperity and the sovereignty of our nation.**

**We oppose any form of North American Union that, in any way, threatens our sovereignty.**  
**We strongly oppose the Security and Prosperity Partnership.**

#### **D. Position on UN**

The U.S. makes up approximately 6% of the world's total population. We pay about 25% of the United Nation's costs. The UN consists of 186 countries of which 57 are Islamic countries that generally vote as one block ... against the U.S. approximately 75% of the time. These nations still collectively receive billions of \$ in U.S. Foreign Aid.

The UN was created to provide a forum for sovereign nations to meet and discuss differences in hopes of finding peaceful solutions to those differences. At least on the surface, it was never intended to possess governmental authority. We now realize that the true purpose of the UN is Global Governance including the enforcement of international law through the World Trade Organization, the International Criminal Court (originally only to prosecute war criminals), The World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. UN control of the world economy with the US surrendering more and more control of its own resources to the UN is an unquestionable reality. Even in early conferences, the UN plan calls for "Our Global Neighborhood" to establish a new "global civic ethic" certainly not based on the same Judeo/Christian foundation on which our country was founded.

World financial control is no longer the only goal of the UN. Attempts to introduce global curriculums into educational systems of member nations are repeated until successful. World Health Organization now regulates policies on abortion and other matters which have moral implications.

Also, US citizens have no direct control over corruption which has been exposed in UN affairs.

**We believe that the UN and those who support it are working for the destruction of the United States of America as a sovereign nation and we advocate the withdrawal of the US from the UN for any other purpose beyond that of negotiating peace in the world**

#### **E. National Security & Illegal immigration**

The lack of security measures to eliminate the massive illegal immigration into this country poses a threat which cannot be underestimated. Virtual free passage of terrorists into our country will bring the violence of suicidal bombings into our cities as it exists in middle eastern nations. Our power systems, transportation systems, economic centers, etc. are just as exposed as they were prior to 9/11. Our people could become victims of violent attacks causing massive death and injury because of our freedom to assemble at meetings such as sports stadiums, religious gatherings, etc.

Physical attacks on our economic centers by immigrant terrorists could be devastating, but equally, or more so, our blind awarding of benefits and social services to millions of non-citizens will very well bankrupt our social systems. The lack of concern for a true solution to this problem indicates that there is really no goal of stopping massive illegal immigration but instead to establish the "borderless" state of a North American Union.

The biggest threat to the security of our nation, however, is our allowing the very underpinnings of our form of government to be eroded by the very people we elect to guard and protect it. Constantly growing larger government, gradual elimination of freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution, and allowing less and less citizen participation in government. Less and less constitutional republic and more and more socialism.

**We believe that all law enforcement officers should be allowed to enforce all immigration laws.**  
**We insist on the closing of our borders to illegal immigration by any means necessary as a first step to establishing national security.**

**We further oppose awarding any benefits whatsoever to those who are in this country illegally.**

**We oppose amnesty for illegal immigrants.**

**We believe that "jobs that US workers will not do" is a myth.**

**We believe that children born to illegal immigrants should not be granted automatic citizenship.**

### **3 - The Cultural War**

Without doubt, there are those among us, our own citizens, who are actively attempting to complete the abandonment of the principles and structures which made this a moral nation. This is no minor skirmish to cause only a few changes to our national values but a complete war on the basics of the Judeo/Christian ethics on which our nation was founded. Consider these words by John Adams, our second president. In an address to military leaders he said, "*We have no government armed with the power capable of contending with human passions, unbridled by morality and true religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*"

We believe this war to be the most critical of all current conflicts in which our nation is involved.

It is a great misunderstanding to think that conservatives want to establish a "Theocracy" as is often accused. In fact, the founders and their documents expressed great fear of a church controlled government or a government controlled church. However, they made it quite clear that Judeo-Christian values in governing were a necessity for the nation to survive.

Once a Senator said "While the people are virtuous, they cannot be subdued; but when they lose their virtue they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader." That Senator was also the "Father of the Revolution," .....Samuel Adams.

## This Culture War has many battle fields:

1. Education - It hardly needs explanation that our schools are no longer allowed to teach morality based on anything supported by Judeo-Christian values. Certainly no doctrinal teachings can be offered and this justifiably so. However, in many public schools, instruction that is in direct conflict with long established values of our nation is included with no "opt-out" provision for students or their parents.

2. Judiciary – Our courts have ruled that brains of living babies brought 80% out of the mother's body can be vacuumed out of their skulls by abortionists in facilities financially supported by government tax dollars. Yes, some apparently do not find this procedure objectionable but DO object to this plain language description of what is called "Partial Birth Abortion" ... but it is most accurate. Those same objectors are extremely opposed to the execution by humane methods of proven killers who raped, tortured, killed and dismembered innocent victims.

Some of these courts have ruled to allow legal sanction of same sex marriages in total opposition of the will of the people in their jurisdictions.

Courts have refused to oppose publication of all types of pornography in print and on the internet even though those publications are available to children. Strangely, the courts still do support conviction of pedophiles.

3. Church & State - By total misinterpretation of comments in a letter from Thomas Jefferson to a Baptist group, the people of our nation have been misled regarding the relationship between religion and government. Many would have us believe that NOTHING should pass through this "wall of separation" between the government and religious institutions, religious people or religious celebrations, etc.. Our nations founders, by their writings and actions, wanted to protect the people from an official STATE mandated Christian denomination. However, the very group to which Jefferson wrote was in opposition to any such state dictated denomination. However, the founders without doubt knew that religious teaching and moral values were indispensable for the survival of our government.

From George Washington's farewell address, Sept 17, 1796:

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens... And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion.

Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both *forbid* us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Daniel Webster, 1852, addressing the New York Historical Society:

"If we and our posterity...live in the fear of God and shall respect His commandments...we may have the highest hopes of the future fortunes of our country... But if we...neglect religious instruction and authority'; violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality and recklessly destroy the constitution which holds us together, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

4. Media & Entertainment - The liberality and looseness of the courts as well as the people's surrender to their base nature with nothing to restrain them has led to an entertainment industry which promotes and "sells" the most perverse qualities of human nature. "Sex and violence" are linked and every aspect used to profit from the base nature of the public. People with "family values" are not pruders but they do realize that understanding of sex and sexual relationships are being severely distorted by today's media and entertainment industry.

**We believe that moral and religious teaching is a responsibility primarily of the home and that the educational system should support the moral values of the community and its families.**

**We believe that Partial Birth Abortion is a barbaric practice and ANY abortion is criminal (except in cases to save the life of the mother) and should be prosecuted as such.**

**We respect marriage to be that of one man married to one woman. That family so created is the foundation of a healthy and moral society.**

**We believe each community should be free to limit pornographic exposure to its citizens as that community sees fit. In the case of internet porn, we favor strict laws restricting its presence with severe penalties for non adherence.**

**We believe that the pendulum of "separation of church and state" has swung much too far in the direction of secular favor and that a more fair treatment of religious values be allowed in public institutions and public places. We favor a RETURN to the respect in government for Judeo-Christian values.**

**We do not believe in total religious and value based restrictions on entertainment but we DO believe that the industry needs to be regulated to stay within the bounds of the values of the general public and not allowed to play to the perverse appetites of a small part of our population.**

## 4 - War on Terror

Only a fool would not admit that the entire world is under attack by fanatics who murder even the most innocent children and non-combatants as they martyr themselves for an erroneous cause to which they have been indoctrinated. Those who do not face this reality think that someone else is the enemy of these fanatics, not realizing that they, too, are targets.

The "War on Terror" is real. Whether we like it or not, we must be participants and we believe that we must do whatever it takes to win. The enemies are terrorists who will martyr themselves in order to kill anyone ... men, women, children ... anyone whom they consider to be infidels who do not convert to their radical form of Islam.

We are rapidly coming to realize the clarity of what Winston Churchill once said, "If you will not fight for right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may be even a worse fate, you may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves."

Our situation today is best described by what Samuel Adams said over 200 years ago:

"Our contest is not only whether we ourselves shall be free, but whether there shall be left to mankind an asylum on earth for civil and religious liberty."

**We believe that the war on terror is real.**

**We believe that the objective of the enemy in this war is total world domination.**

**We believe that our nation must do whatever is required to defeat this global threat but within the bounds of our constitution to defeat the global threat.**

## **5 - War on Drugs**

One of the by-products of the Culture War is the dreadful dependence of many of our people on drugs. The intense, habitual craving leads many to a life of crime in support their addiction. No longer the problem of just a few individuals, but now a tremendous drain on the whole of our society economically as well as causing the destruction of individuals, marriages and families.

Local law enforcement officials tell us that at least 75% of the individuals in our jails and prisons are there due in one way or another to their involvement with drugs.

We must not fool ourselves. This is a war that, if not won, will destroy our nation as quickly as a military invasion. We insist on measures to effectively win this War on Drugs.

**We insist on severe penalties for drug dealers. The higher up on the distribution chain, the more severe the penalty.**

**We also believe that penalties should be very severe for those in law enforcement or other agencies assigned to fight the war on drugs who violate that trust.**

**We believe that governmental programs aimed at prevention of drug addiction should take priority over rehabilitation programs.**

## **6 - Judiciary System**

### **A. Courts**

Our founding fathers realized the corrupt nature of man and provided for the three branches of government as a constraint to prevent the abuse of power by any branch.

Many of the problems within our nation can be laid at the feet of the federal judicial system. Courts have overstepped their authority and are involved in matters outside the constitutional boundaries of the federal government. Our legal system is out of control with some court opinions even suggesting that our Constitution is subject to being overridden by foreign/world courts. The future of our nation, to a great degree, depends on the courts adherence to our Constitution and the values inherent in it. We strongly support measures effecting a return to those principles.

The founders of our nation were aware of what could happen if we allowed ourselves to be controlled by the courts which have no direct accountability to the people.

**Thomas Jefferson** worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law...an oligarchy...the rule of few over many. In 1820 he said "*You seem...to consider the judges as the ultimate arbiters of all constitutional questions; a very dangerous doctrine indeed, and one which would place us under the despotism of an oligarchy....The Constitution has erected no such single tribunal!*"

**Abraham Lincoln** said "*[I]f the policy of the Government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made...the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their Government into the hands of the eminent tribunal.*"

**President James Madison** realized that the people would likely lose their power gradually when he said: "*I believe there are more instances of abridgment of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpation.*"

The idea of "Separation of Church and State" is one of those ideas accepted by the court and gradually sold to the people to be an established Constitutional reality. It seems to be generally accepted by people now even though most, or at least many, realize that it is nowhere found in the Constitution. "Separation of church & state" is one phrase out of a letter written by Thomas Jefferson regarding a dispute between two Christian denominations. - The last half of that letter made clear that that "wall" was to keep government out of the church ... that no one Christian denomination was to take precedence over another as dictated by government. Two days after Jefferson signed that letter to the Danbury Baptists, he attended church services in the House of Representatives. He also allowed religious services to be held in many government buildings. That does not indicate a total aversion to religion in government.

In 1853 a group petitioned Congress for “separation”: but Congress said NO. Christianity is the basis for this nation. In 1878 there was another NO by the courts. In 1947 the emphasis became more on “Wall of Separation”. Dr William James, a psychologist, said “nothing is so absurd that, if repeated often enough, people will believe it! ”. In 1958, one Supreme Court Justice warned that to much emphasis was being placed on the phrase. In 1962, the court ruled to remove Christian prayer from schools and government. No precedents were given for this ruling. As we have come to see, in later rulings, the Ten Commandments themselves have been ruled unconstitutional on government property even though they appear on the properties of the Supreme Court itself.

James Madison, called the “Father of the US Constitution”, said: *"We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."*

**We advocate the appointment of judges who are strict constructionists in their interpretation of the Constitution and who do not attempt to legislate law from the judicial bench.**

**We believe that federal courts should leave to the states matters concerning the involvement of religious affairs in community life.**

The numerous examples of frivolous lawsuits that clog our courts an often result in ridiculously large awards to questionably deserving plaintiffs and cause businesses to go to extreme steps to protect themselves....are causing great economic strain on all but trial lawyers and the few plaintiffs who are successful in their lawsuit. There must be ways to bring the run-away litigation system under control.

**We advocate serious steps to bring about tort reform.**

#### **B. 1st Amendment.**

Sufficient law now exists, if properly enforced, to deal with criminal actions. To judge a perceived viewpoint in a person’s mind as a crime because of their speech when no physical criminal act has been committed is totally unacceptable. To judge a criminal act MORE severely because of a judge or jurist’s opinion of the perceived thoughts in the mind of an accused is equally unacceptable.

**We oppose so-called “hate Crimes” legislation which threatens free speech of citizens who express opposition to life styles promoted by social values revisionists.**

#### **C. 2nd Amendment**

Another area where the courts have been involved in misinterpreting the Constitution is in issues concerning the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. Nowhere in the Constitution is anything made more clear.

*A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.*

**Thomas Jefferson** made the purpose of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment very clear. *"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government. When the government fears the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny."*

**Noah Webster** said: *"Before an army can rule, the people must be disarmed. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed."*

**George Mason**, often called the “Father of the Bill of Rights”, said: *"To disarm the people [is] the best and most effectual way to enslave them."*

Perhaps the most impressive quote to convince all of us to “Leave the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Alone” is this one:  
**“This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future. -Adolf Hitler, 1935**

**We believe that the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the Constitution allows just what it says and that there should be no infringement on the individual citizens right to own and bear arms.**

## **7 - Education System**

The passing of knowledge as well as values to the next generation is primarily a responsibility of parents ... NOT of government. In a Socialist government, the state is the authority. In a Republic, citizens are the authority and must accept the responsibilities that accompany that authority. We support local control of education

and parental involvement with their children's education Our public school systems are failing. The statement is often made that many of our H.S. graduates can't read the diplomas they are given. Certainly, all of the statistical measurements show that our school systems rank lower each year in mathematics and science while the NEA and many state and local systems concentrate on diversity training and indoctrination of students with social values that are opposed to those of their parents and their communities.

We are in a very dangerous time when we are allowing values that have sustained our nation for over 200 years to be driven from the minds of our children and replaced with those of the most degenerate elements of our society.

**Abraham Lincoln** observed that "*The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.*"

Much of the failure and foreign philosophy in our school systems is coming from the education departments of the states and the federal government. Parents MUST regain control of their children's education.

"We developed at the local school district level probably the best public school system in the world. Or it was until the Federal government added Federal interference to Federal financial aid and eroded educational quality in the process." **Ronald Reagan**

**We see no Constitutional authority for the federal government to be involved with education.**

**We believe that school systems should be under the control first of parents and then the local community.**

**We would favor the elimination of the US Department of Education.**

**State departments should exist more in a service and assistance role to local communities.**

**We object to our schools being used as laboratories for social engineering to bring about social change.**

## **8 - Governing and Political System**

### **GENERAL**

In our governmental systems, many things need to be protected from those who would re-write our basic governing procedures to the detriment of our Republican form of government. At the same time, there are things which have slowly infiltrated our governing laws and policies which should be eliminated. We believe that debate on these issues, and the resulting laws which are enacted should be based on the values and principles in our founding documents and not as an expedient cure for some presently perceived problem.

**We support the accurate titling of bills in regard to their content.**

**We support legislation to eliminate amendments not pertinent to the title of the bill under consideration.**

**We believe that every bill proposed in Congress should be accompanied by a Constitutional citation that authorizes its consideration.**

### **TAXES**

One fundamental difference in governing philosophies concerns taxation. The differing views have existed in both major parties at one time or another. In Democratic president John F Kennedy's 1963 economic message to the congress, he said:

*"It is no contradiction - the most important single thing we can do to stimulate investment in today's economy is to raise consumption by major reduction of individual income tax rates."*

Republicans, in general, have always supported lower taxes and lower spending. However, the last few years have shown that even our own party has abandoned the idea of lower spending.

Both parties have drifted to higher taxes to support federal spending on programs not authorized by the Constitution. The bureaucratic structures that go with federal taxation were foreseen by Virginian House Speaker Richard E Byrd, who, in 1910 predicted the consequences of an income tax as:

*"A hand from Washington will be stretched out and placed upon every man's business; the eye of the federal inspector will be in every man's counting house....The law will of necessity have inquisitorial features, it will provide penalties, it will create complicated machinery. Under it men will be hauled into courts distant from their homes. Heavy fines imposed by distant and unfamiliar tribunals will constantly menace the tax payer. An army of federal inspectors, spies, and detectives will descend upon the state."*

Much of the irresponsible spending is brought about by hidden amendments attached to legitimate bills which have a respectable sounding name. Not only do they hide "pork barrel" spending from citizens, but sometimes they cause respectable legislators to appear to vote as opposing a decent bill when their opposition is really against an undesirable amendment.

**We support candidates at all levels of government who will truly support lower taxes and lower government spending.**

**We support realistic efforts to bring about smaller, more efficient government.**

## **We support a mandatory balanced budget.**

### **Campaign Finance**

Present law and legislation aims at limiting contributions from various sources but always seems to have loopholes for influential special interest groups and does not prevent a candidate's private investment in his/her election. The more wealthy candidates can hire the professional image builders.

Financial position (either personal or by campaign contributions) should be eliminated as a factor in election campaigns. Present day technology should allow candidates to present their ideas and philosophies to their constituents through public television and radio (already financed by government) without need of glossy Hollywood productions. In short, campaign SPENDING should be controlled with fairness in a way that eliminates money as a factor in "electability".

## **We oppose governmental matching funds for political candidates.**

**We support regulation of campaign spending to equalize exposure of candidates to the public.**

### **Electoral College**

The electoral college system as established by the founders in the Constitution, allows the House of Representatives to be established by popular vote (areas of each state sending its representatives, elected by popular vote of the area) to represent them. Two Senators from each state represent each state regardless of state size or population. Traditionally, each state has cast its electoral votes--equal to its total representation in Congress--for the candidate who receives the most votes statewide.

A movement exists to remove that Electoral College system and make the election of the President to be by popular vote of the nation as a whole. That system would radically change America's election system. In short, America would be holding urban elections for President. Strange effects would be felt. For example: If it were in effect in 2004, George W. Bush would have taken California's 55 electoral votes, even though John Kerry carried the state by a margin of nearly 10%.

In 2000 Al Gore won 677 counties and George Bush 2,434, but Mr. Gore received more total votes. Circumvent the Electoral College and move to a direct national vote, and those 677 largely urban counties would become the focus of presidential campaigns.

## **We oppose any efforts to eliminate or change the Electoral College system.**

### **Presidential Executive Orders**

## **We believe that the Constitution does not provide for presidential executive orders.**

**We recommend the elimination of presidential authority to issue executive orders, presidential decision directives, and other administrative mandates that do not have congressional approval. Further, we recommend a repeal of all previous executive orders and administrative mandates.**

## **9 - Energy Policies & Goals**

One of the areas where our nation is most vulnerable is our dependence on foreign oil suppliers. It is a major factor in our economy and has a direct effect on our relationships with other nations of the world. Our consumption is too high. Our production is lower than it could be. Our search for alternative energy sources is not as intense and urgent as it should be. We believe that this problem should be attacked from all three directions and solutions should come from citizens at state and local levels and not from major corporations which have become international in scope and in interest.

**We support any necessary efforts to protect America's interest in oil supplies of the world to the extent that their control cannot be used as a weapon against our industry or economy.**

**We support utilization of our own resources to supply our own needs with consideration for reasonable environmental protection.**

**We believe in American ingenuity and encourage investment in research for alternative energy sources.**

**We encourage national interest policies rather than international operation profits on the part of America's energy industry.**

**We believe that the American people have the character to discipline themselves regarding conservation of energy if they are encouraged to do so by respected leaders.**

## 10 - The Economy

Our nation has always taken pride in its free market economy. We believe that our prosperity comes from competition among our industrious population with creative ingenuity and effective productivity. Much of that creativity has been stifled by governmental control and regulation. We support an environment that is less intrusive and less regulatory on both large and especially on small businesses. Another visionary who foresaw federal government involvement in local and individual business efforts was Thomas Jefferson who said: "*Were we directed from Washington when to sow and when to reap, we should soon want bread.*"

Participation in the global economy is a necessity. However, unbridled control of our participation leads to loss of U.S. sovereignty. We must not allow international groups and organizations to cause us to surrender national sovereignty through treaties or arrangements that allow no U.S. control of its own borders, resources or agencies.

It is necessary to face facts in matters of our own national economy in relation to government subsidies and social programs.

**We oppose federal subsidies of agriculture that profit large agri-businesses but do little for the smaller farmers.**

**We encourage reduction of governmental control of small business so that free market environments may exist.**

**We believe that illegal immigrants are a significant drain on the U.S. economy through social services costs, costs of criminal incarceration , special provisions (such as dual language signage, etc.).**

**We believe that penalties on employers of illegals and those who provide housing to them are one of the only ways to effectively decrease illegal immigration.**

## 11 - Environment and Global Warming

Every thinking human being realizes that care should be taken to protect the environment of this planet on which we live and to protect the creatures with which we live. However, we believe that the environment is here for humanity ... humanity is not subservient to the environment.

A warming trend in world climate seems to be quite obvious. But there is great room for argument regarding the degree which humanity is causing, or can prevent, this world climate change.

We believe that debate on this issue should center around honest scientific investigation and should NOT be used as a political weapon.

**We believe legislation regarding environmental protection should be based on unquestionable scientific evidence and not be used as a political campaign tool.**

**We believe that the economics as well as any potential returns of any environmental action should be strongly considered before the action is taken.**

## 12 - Civil Rights & Social Programs

We recognize that great injustices have existed in the past in our nation. Many things have been done to correct those injustices and we believe that, today, sufficient opportunities are available to each and every citizen to freely pursue economic and social success. Again, Thomas Jefferson is quoted on the subject: "I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

**We believe that ample opportunities exist for all citizens and we oppose Affirmative Action We oppose any type of reparation.**

**We oppose any individuals or legislation which would continue to suppress the freedom and self respect of individuals or groups by supposing to give them "free" or special privileges for which they have not competed.**

## 13 - Health Care

So many of our concerns today are interconnected. Problem causes and possible cures are complex because there is no single lone cause of each problem and there are no simple "one fix" cures. Health care is certainly one of those complex problems. Included in the mix of legal, technical and priority problems are the elements of human greed and properly or improperly placed compassion.

Responsibility for citizen health care rests, in the mind of the Socialists, with the federal government. To them, proper health care is a "right" to which citizens are entitled and the federal government is obligated to satisfy that "right". Federal government should be not only financially responsible but also the deliverer of health care services. All medical workers, including physicians should be educated and trained in government schools and they should be employees of the federal health care system. To Socialists, this would include mental as well as physical health systems.

We believe that each citizen is responsible for his own health care and that of his family. The health care “system” should be a free market system competing in the area of quality and of cost. To the conservative, each citizen makes his own decision considering those two factors and the government should be involved only to prevent providers from colluding to prevent competition and inflate costs.

Complexity in the current system is caused by a number of factors:

1. Government’s attempts (becoming far too successful) to “Socialize” health care.
2. Citizen’s abdication of personal responsibility for their own health care by requiring services which may be of questionable need but to the citizen “someone else is paying for it”.
3. Insurance companies motivation for maximizing profits with attempts to limit claim payments and conditions under which payments are made.
4. Physicians motivation to maintain high personal income while protecting themselves from litigation through high cost insurance and high cost technologies with which to run their practices. Very often, physicians prescribe treatments, medicines, test, etc. which they may not truly feel necessary, but which protect them from malpractice suits.
5. The courts and juries often allow exorbitant rewards in what are sometimes frivolous lawsuits. This drives insurance rates up for physicians and health services.
6. Hospitals charge excessive rates for emergency rooms and other services and items in order to recover for services provided to “non-paying” (not necessarily indigent) patients.
7. With all of the faults that lie within our health care system, it is still one of, if not **the** best quality care system in the world. This high quality itself must come at a higher price.

It should be obvious that no single piece of legislation is going to solve the problem of “out of control” health care costs. It does, though, seem obvious that proposed solutions originate from the point of view regarding where responsibility for health care lies.

Socialists propose solutions that put government more and more, and eventually totally, in control of health care. The courts, more and more, help to drive up insurance costs with frivolous suits and exorbitant rewards. Physicians concerns for higher income and less dedication to the Hippocratic Oath build a wall between citizens and health care. Citizens become too accepting of someone else, government or insurance company, paying the cost of their health care.

It is difficult to propose a platform regarding health care without simply stating principles or philosophies to which any legislation should conform.

**We support tort reform in the courts to limit excessive expense to the medical profession through insurance costs.**

**We strongly oppose any attempts to socialize the health care system. Such systems throughout the world have proven that it simply doesn’t work. Quality goes down, costs go up.**

**We support any efforts to return the medical profession to one with a “humanitarian” philosophy while maintaining reasonably high rewards for those dedicated to that philosophy.**

**We support any efforts that encourage citizens to take responsibility for their own health care costs and to refrain from abuse of the system.**

**We support any legislation that protects citizens as well as medical professionals from unfair practices on the part of insurance companies.**

**Health care is not a constitutional guarantee but a fee market enterprise. Government subsidies for healthcare should be gradually eliminated.**

## 14 - Republic vs Democracy

### Individual vs State

A Communist state insists that individuals subjugate themselves and their properties to a collective state. A Monarchy establishes the rule of a King over the people. A Dictatorship sets the power (usually taken by force) of one person over the people. A Theocracy is a government ruled by a hierarchically structured religious body. In all of these, the individual citizen has no control over his own circumstances. In Democracy, the people are able to express their will directly or through representatives regarding the laws which control them.

Too often today, when we hear people discussing political topics, they refer to America as a democracy. It can be said that we adhere to “democratic principles,” but to say that our founders established a democracy is both unfounded and unhistorical. Our founding fathers would never have agreed with the establishment of a democracy in America.

Although the term is used interchangeably with the word republic, there is a profound difference. Simply put, a democracy is majority rule, and a republic is a representative form of government rooted in absolute moral law.

In a pure democracy, if the majority of the people decide they want to legalize pedophilia or rape, then these things must be legalized; however, this is not so in our republic. In our republic, rape and pedophilia will always be a crime because the foundation of our law is based on the moral teachings of the Bible. As radical as this statement may seem to some today, consider what some of our founders had to say about democracy:

*“A democracy is a volcano which conceals the fiery materials of its own destruction.” - Fisher Ames*

*“A simple democracy is the devil’s own government.” - Benjamin Rush*

*"Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." - John Adams*

Although its accuracy is questioned by many, a quote attributed to Professor Alexander Tytler when the thirteen colonies were still a part of England, says about the fall of Athens over a thousand years ago: "A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasure. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most money from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy followed by a dictatorship."

The accuracy regarding who said it may be in question, but over several decades the observation is proving true in our own nation.

"At no time, at no place, in solemn convention assembled, through no chosen agents, had the American people officially proclaimed the United States to be a democracy. The Constitution did not contain the word or any word lending countenance to it, except possibly the mention of "We, the people," in the preamble... When the Constitution was framed no respectable person called himself or herself a democrat." ----- By Mary Ritter Beard (1876-1958)-writer-Author of books about American History with her husband, Charles Austin Beard. This quote is in "Familiar Quotations" by John Bartlett and from Beard's work, America in Mid passage (1939), Chapt. 17.

Fundamentally, every set of laws, from traffic codes to corporate business practices to human relationships is based on distinguishing what is "right" from what is "wrong".

The laws of any nation must be based on some "fundamental moral code" to which more detailed law must be dedicated. Treatment of that moral code as variable and subject to the changing attitudes of the people transforms that nation into a simple democracy that will destroy itself. In order for citizens of a nation to be free, they must acknowledge that fundamental moral code and insist that their laws maintain relevance to it. They must not surrender themselves to ruling dictators, hierarchical religious organizations, - 11 -or to their own elected representatives who establish law or appoint judges that act contrary to that fundamental code. Insistence on this "fundamental moral code" is NOT, as some would argue, the establishment of a Theocracy but merely acknowledges a consistent foundation for the laws of a nation. The founders of this nation acknowledged that moral code as the Judeo-Christian ethic. Many would call this a religious argument. However, it is really an argument over our freedom and the preservation of our nation.

**We oppose any attempt the change the Constitution into a "living document" which can be easily changed at the whim of any group in power at a particular time.**

**We believe that this nation was founded on Judeo-Christian ethics and we oppose any law or practice by our government that is contrary to that moral base.**

**We strongly believe in the freedom of the individual to adopt any religious beliefs they choose, but their behavior as citizens must remain within the boundaries of the laws of this nation.**