



Selected Text from 2014 Iowa GOP (Republican Party) Platform

As Republicans we uphold the principles of individual responsibility and liberty, adherence to traditional values, a strong national defense, a free enterprise system, respect for the sanctity of human life, and freedom of religion and the free exercise thereof. We believe in retaining the original intent of the U.S. Constitution. We believe high moral character is a necessity for public servants. The highest standard of character should be embodied in both private and public life. We encourage the proliferation of these principles and their passage to future generations.

1. **Constitutional principles:** We acknowledge our rights derive from God and are therefore unalienable and include life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness (i.e. private property). Further, the right to life shall be understood to include all people from conception to natural death. We are a nation governed by people elected to public office that are sent to represent us, the citizens. Our Constitution provides limits to government power, explicitly details our fundamental rights and insures that only the enumerated powers contained within the Constitution are executed by the federal government. All other functions of government are left to the state and local governments.
2. **National sovereignty:** The United States of America is a sovereign nation with defined borders, governed by a set of laws determined by our representatives, guided by our Constitution and protected by a military strong enough to defend our nation and its interests.
3. **Oath of office:** As citizens, we demand that our elected officials take their duties to our citizens, our country and our Constitution seriously and act in accordance with their oaths of office.
4. **Fiscal responsibility:** Fiscal responsibility is a fundamental function of any local, state or federal government. It is a fundamental expectation that government agencies act in a financially responsible manner. Limiting the size and scope of government is a necessary component of achieving this end.
5. **Personal responsibility:** America is a nation of individuals held together by a common vision and values. We are not servants of the government; we are not dependent on the benevolence of society for our survival. Our possibilities are limitless when a free market is allowed to operate without government distortion. Businesses, families and individuals should not be over-regulated by our local, state and federal governments. As individuals, we are largely responsible for our successes and failures.

Republican Party of Iowa platform

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