



Kossuth County Republican Platform

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Life

We affirm that human beings have a God-given and constitutionally-protected right to life, from conception to natural death, which cannot be infringed, diminished, or arbitrarily taken.

1. Abortion

- a. We move the Iowa Republican party strongly support a “life begins at conception” bill without exceptions.
- b. We assert state authority and deny federal authority regarding abortion and other such issues, as directed by the US Constitution.
- c. We oppose the use of public revenues to fund abortion or organizations which advocate it.
- d. We support bringing pre-born children to full term and support adoption as an alternative to abortion.
- e. We support legislation criminalizing the selling, brokering, or marketing of aborted fetal tissue.
- f. We support non-embryonic stem cell research, such as the use of adult stem cells, and oppose human cloning and research using fetal tissue from abortions.

2. Policy

- a. We affirm that traditional marriage between two parents, one male human being and one female human being, is the foundation of a stable, enduring, and healthy civilization.
 - i. We assert public policy must always be pro-family in nature, encourage marital and family commitment, and support parental rights and responsibilities.
 - ii. We encourage the repeal of any law allowing marriage that is not between one natural man and one natural woman, as designated at birth.
 - iii. We support initiatives highlighting mental health or therapy care (versus body-altering surgery or drugs) for individuals purporting to experience confusion regarding their sexual orientation, gender, or identity apart from the traditional understanding dating back to the beginning of civilization.
 - iv. We refute the premise of transgenderism and oppose the ability of minors to receive body-altering surgery or drugs without parental consent.
- b. We reaffirm our support for appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of life.

3. End of Life

- a. We oppose active and passive euthanasia.
- b. We oppose non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from people with disabilities, the elderly, and the infirm.
- c. We oppose assisted suicide.

Liberty

We uphold that the right to liberty, along with the rights to life and the pursuit of happiness, is granted by God, is enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, is protected by the Constitution of the United States (US), and is based on our nation’s Judeo-Christian heritage and tradition.

1. We strongly stand for medical freedom.
 - a. We absolutely oppose any discrimination based on masking or vaccination status.
 - b. We vehemently affirm the right for an individual or parent to decline a vaccination or any other medical treatment for themselves or their minor children as an unalienable right.
 - c. We oppose medical treatment requirements and mandates.
 - d. We affirm that medical decisions should remain private between an individual and the doctor.
2. Education
 - a. We assert that parents hold primary responsibility for their children.
 - i. We support the rights of parents as the primary and ultimate authorities for the discipline, protection, well-being, rights, and education of their children.
 - ii. We affirm parents' rights to choose the options best suited to educate their children and support the equipping thereof.
 1. We believe money should follow the child in education--whether that child attends public, private, parochial, or home school.
 2. We call on the General Assembly to provide for tuition vouchers, tax deductions, or tax credits to permit parents' choice in educating their children, including home school, without government intervention in the school curriculum.
 - b. We affirm state and local governance and financial support for education over that of federal agencies.
 - i. We oppose any forced national education standard.
 - ii. We call for the abolishment of the US Department of Education (DOE) as an unconstitutional federal agency and for it to be examined and limited to activities of demonstrable value until such time.
 - iii. We support school board control of curricula, untethered from funding.
 - iv. We support in-depth teaching of the Iowa and US constitutions in K-12 schools.
 - v. We affirm the importance of gun safety and hunter education and support their inclusion in schools' curricula.
 - c. We support parents as the primary responsibility-holders on the topic of sexual education for their children and oppose sexual education being taught in or by public schools.
 - d. We support legislation prohibiting any organization, (i.e., Planned Parenthood), from entering public school properties for the purposes of teaching sexual education, sexual orientation, sexual reproduction, birth control, encouraging promiscuous behavior, or promoting abortion products, videos, or printed materials.
3. First Amendment
 - a. We affirm the right to prayer in public schools and public places.
 - b. We affirm the right to religious freedom. Accordingly, we support "Conscience Clause" legislation so that no person, business, or organization can be penalized for its exercise of religious freedom by not providing services that violate their religious beliefs.
 - c. We strongly object to non- or anti-religious entities being permitted to set up displays on public property which mock those of sincere faiths and religions (i.e., the satanic display

erected in the Iowa capitol building in late 2023), and particularly concerning the faith-based traditions and heritage upon which our nation was founded (i.e., Judeo-Christianity). Likewise, we applaud Mr. Michael Cassiday's prompt removal of said display and encourage state officials to absolve him of his alleged crime.

4. Second Amendment
 - a. We uphold the natural and constitutionally-protected right of individuals to keep and bear arms, as recognized by the Second Amendment. We affirm this right is maintained primarily to guard against both domestic governmental tyranny and foreign invasion.
 - b. We support the repeal of existing laws that infringe upon this right.
 - c. We support the addition of "castle doctrine" provisions to Iowa law.
 - d. We support the allowance of authorized personnel with proper training to carry firearms in our schools.
 - e. We support the elimination of gun-free zones.
 - f. We oppose "red flag" laws as violations of the US Constitution.
 - g. We advocate for policies supporting individual mental health as part of responsible firearm ownership.
 - h. We oppose legislation restricting or inhibiting firearm ownership, particularly based on the false premise that this legislation will reduce "gun violence."
5. We assert the Fourth Amendment right of people to be secure against unreasonable government searches and seizures.
 - a. We demand that all Iowa DNR game wardens respect the rights of landowners and hunters, to include possessing legal probable cause and/or a search warrant before entering private property.
 - b. We oppose the infringement of American citizens' rights by national intelligence agencies, to include the National Security Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
6. We oppose mandatory union membership; unions should provide sufficient value to members to earn their voluntary membership.
7. We believe voting rights should be restored statutorily rather than by executive determination.
8. We call for the repeal of sexual orientation as a protected class in the Iowa Civil Rights Code and reject any additional similar legislation to local, state, or national code.
9. We believe that athletes should compete in their sport according to their birth gender (i.e., we support the prohibition of individuals claiming transgenderism or other sexual orientation confusion to participate in sports against competitors of the opposite birth when the sports are not co-ed).

Property

We affirm private property rights as a fundamental liberty, as spelled out and protected by the founding documents of our nation.

1. We support the right of property owners to vote on bond issues in any district where they pay property tax, regardless of residence.
2. Governmental Regulation

- a. We decry the overreach of authority by governmental agencies (e.g., the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], Corps of Engineers, US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and other state and federal agencies) regarding land, water, and air resources.
 - b. We support legislation requiring any regulation by any government agency relating to private property and the public good receive congressional authorization prior to its implementation.
3. Taxes and Fees
 - a. We support elimination of all state and federal “estate” taxes, but support retention of the stepped-up basis for estates to ensure heirs inherit assets with no additional tax burden.
 - b. All government fees that are assessed must be passed by the duly-elected government body.
4. We support laws that prohibit ownership of US farmland, property, and other assets by foreign governments or entities controlled by such governments.
5. We believe anyone moving into or already living in areas previously zoned for a particular use be prohibited from filing “nuisance lawsuits” which are antagonistic to such zoning if defendants are compliant with all governing laws.
6. Policy and Legislation
 - a. We support individual responsibility of property ownership, recognizing that air, water, and land pollution are detrimental to property rights through the reduction of property values. Lawful standards must promote the wise development and use resources and not serve the agenda of environmental extremists.
 - b. We call for legislation requiring the public notification of and allowing the right of initiative to legal residents of townships in matters of non-agricultural development of industrial wind, solar, and bio-fuel energy systems.
7. Eminent Domain
 - a. We assert eminent domain must be abolished and be strictly limited to suitable public use projects until such a time.
 - b. We oppose its use for projects such as shopping centers, for profit of private investors, or for increased tax revenue, which represent the worst abuses.
 - c. We oppose federal or state government taking private property away from the owner for the use of another private party.
8. We oppose the construction or implementation of projects based on a “climate change” or similarly-themed premise, such as a carbon capture pipeline (e.g., Summit Carbon Solutions), and solar and wind projects that destroy the living quality, property value, citizen health, economic prosperity, and aesthetic beauty of Kossuth County.

Commerce

1. We oppose government distortion of the free market.

- a. We call for the abolishment of the Federal Reserve as an unconstitutional agency of the federal government. Until such a time, we call for a full and exhaustive annual audit of the Federal Reserve.
 - b. We oppose subsidies and bailouts.
 - c. We oppose artificial manipulation of and government interference in the economy and markets, to include policies, orders, and actions that cause undue inflation or deflation.
 - d. We oppose the federal government's subsidization of energy sources while recognizing it has an appropriate, limited role of research on energy sources, including renewables.
 - e. We oppose government-mandated or -coerced adoption of "sustainable energy" solutions, such as electric vehicles.
 - f. We oppose spending and other activities that abuse "earmarks" or promote crony capitalism.
 - g. We call for a return to money based on a gold standard (i.e., a return to sound money) to eliminate inflation through fiat currency and other such illegal and harmful practices.
2. We support a balanced budget amendment and believe that local, state, and federal governments should maintain a balanced budget.
 3. We support continued legislative action to reduce regulations causing undue economic damage.
 4. We believe energy independence must be a primary goal of our public policy.
 5. We call for legislation that would eliminate all public sector unions.
 6. We oppose all mandates associated with alleged global warming, climate control, public health emergencies, or other such terms related to "woke-ism."
 7. We support free-market development and adoption of self-regenerating electric vehicles.
 8. We support the ban of traffic control cameras.
 9. We support legislation providing for tax deductibility of child support paid by the non-custodial parent.
 10. We support an amendment of current law to exempt vehicles hauling agricultural commodities from excessive electronic logbook regulations.
 11. Healthcare
 - a. We support transparency in the cost of medical services.
 - b. We oppose funding of Americares.
 - c. We support increased funding for Medicaid and waivers for the elderly.
 12. We support strident country-of-origin labeling on all products offered for sale in the United States.
 13. We reject any movement toward a cashless society or a central bank digital currency, particularly one tied to a social credit score.

Government

1. We oppose the federal government's growth, exercise, and distortion of power far beyond the original intent of federalism.
 - a. We oppose the resulting loss of influence for local and state governments.
 - b. We support adherence to the Tenth Amendment to reverse this trend.

- c. We uphold the original intent of the US constitution.
 - d. We call for local governments in the state to take on more responsibility wherever feasible.
 - e. We call for congressional term limits, namely six years for house members and four years for senate members.
 - f. We support voluntary cognitive testing for the US President and Congress.
 - g. We call for appropriate use (i.e., reduction) of presidential powers to match the original intent of our founding documents and the authors thereof related to the balance of the three branches of government.
 - h. We oppose any attempt to “stack” the Supreme Court.
 - i. We call for the repeal of the 17th Amendment of the US Constitution.
 - j. We call for “America first” to be the primary driver of all government policies and decisions related to foreign relations.
 - k. We oppose unconstitutional and opaque government collusion with foreign governments and entities, especially that which is detrimental to the interests of US citizens.
2. We support fiscal responsibility, lowering taxes, and reducing the size, scope, and scale of government.
- a. We advocate a balanced budget amendment to the US Constitution.
 - b. We support a systematic reduction of the national debt and an immediate end to deficit spending.
 - c. We call for funding of any legislation or regulation by the same level of government through which said policy is passed.
 - d. We support a consumption-based or a flat tax to replace the current complex, progressive income tax system.
 - e. We support a responsible audit of Social Security to evaluate all options that promote the future viability of benefits for potential recipients.
 - f. We support drug testing for welfare, food stamps, and Medicaid recipients.
 - g. We oppose individuals being forced to pay taxes to fund efforts violating their religious beliefs (e.g., abortion and “transgender surgery”).
 - h. We call for the recognition of gold as legal tender and a return to currency backed by a gold standard to eliminate inflation through illegitimate printing of fiat currency.
3. We affirm the God-given and unalienable human rights and people’s equality of opportunity conveyed in our founding documents, and particularly regarding “civil rights” issues.
- a. We uphold the importance of a merit-based society, government, military, and economy.
 - b. We reject all unconstitutional and destructive policies and initiatives that stand in contradiction. This includes, but is not limited to: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, social engineering, social credit scores, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG), social justice, and “woke-ism.”
 - c. We oppose the “woke” leaders and policies that are actively destroying our US military.
4. We reject policies and initiatives that are destructive to human life and contradict common-sense stewardship of land, air, and water resources. This includes, but is not limited to: Alleged global warming and climate change mandates and regulations as well as ESG, and sustainability policies.

5. We support the abolishment of all unconstitutional and abusive federal agencies and institutions (e.g., the Federal Reserve, the Internal Revenue Service, the EPA, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Labor, the Center for Disease Control, the Food and Drug Administration, the USDA, and the DOE).
6. We call for greater governmental transparency and the opportunity for closer inspection of its workings by its citizens.
7. We support making Iowa into a sanctuary state for the Second Amendment.
8. We require that knowledge of the Iowa and US constitutions be taught to all public K-12 students for one day during the week of Constitution Day.
9. We call for the opportunity to recall elected officials.
10. We condemn the undue power and influence of the judicial branches of the state and federal governments wield over the other branches and their citizens.
 - a. We recognize the judiciary is less subject to the direct influence of the will of the people than the other branches.
 - b. The judiciary has often assumed unintended powers and failed to uphold the people's constitutional rights, particularly regarding the First Amendment rights.
 - c. We acknowledge that judges and courts do not have law-making authority or the powers to repeal or strike down existing laws. Only legislatures have this power; judges and courts can only offer opinions.
 - d. We call for the legislative and executive branches of the state and federal government to uphold their rightful powers in relation to the judicial branch.
11. We support the requirement that legislation pertain to one topic only.
 - a. We assert that unrelated amendments to bills should be prohibited.
 - b. We support omnibus bills being broken up topically to increase oversight and accountability in the legislative and accounting processes.
12. We support the principles of free-enterprise, accountability, and competition in healthcare.
 - a. We call for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).
 - b. We support an audit of all federal health-related programs to eliminate waste and seek improved delivery of needed services.
13. We believe legislation should never exempt legislators.
14. We oppose government officials' abuse of power, particularly regarding conflicts of interest and the conduct of insider trading related to their duties and actions in an official capacity.
15. We support legislation designed to enact Tort Reform.
16. Elections and Voting
 - a. We believe that only US citizens bearing proper photo ID should be allowed to vote.
 - b. We support retention of the electoral college. We oppose the National Popular Vote Compact.
 - c. We call for establishment of an official holiday for national elections.
 - d. We call for elections to be conducted using paper ballots, to be counted using transparent, bi-partisan supervision, and for the results of said election to be published the same day.

- e. We call for immediate, common-sense measures designed to protect and enhance election security.
17. Immigration and Citizenship
- a. An Iowa driver's license should only be issued to US citizens and legal residents.
 - b. We support the adoption of English as the official language of the United States of America to strengthen and unite us as a nation.
18. We oppose legalization of the recreational use of marijuana.
19. We oppose the weaponization of the law and the creation of a two-tier justice system for political purposes by all government agencies and offices (e.g., the Department of Justice [DOJ] and the FBI).
- a. We condemn the persecution of participants in the peaceful January 6 (J6) demonstration in Washington D.C. in protest of the 2020 presidential election. We call for the overturn of all J6 convictions, the immediate release of all those wrongfully imprisoned (and restitution for said imprisonment), and an immediate end to government espionage and harassment aimed at those who partook in the demonstration in any capacity.
 - b. We call for a bi-partisan investigation into the involvement of the FBI, the Capitol Police, the Department of Defense, and senior government officials (e.g., Nancy Pelosi and retired Army General Mark Milley) in colluding to incite or enable illegal or riotous behavior of otherwise peaceful demonstrators at the J6 protest. We call for appropriate punitive action for those found guilty of criminal acts.
 - c. We condemn the unprecedented persecution of President Trump and members of his administration and family by the DOJ, Democrat Party-affiliated government officials, and others working on their behalf or in collusion with them.
20. We condemn the conduct of domestic espionage, harassment, or censorship of free speech for political or ideological purposes by government agencies, private companies, technology-based companies, social media companies, and financial institutions, either independently or in collusion.
- a. We call for investigations into the financial institutions (and the government entities in collusion with them) that spy on their clients' financial transactions and "freeze" or cancel accounts and assets (e.g., Freedom Convoy, J6 demonstrations, support of President Trump, or purchase of religious materials).
 - b. We call for investigations into social media companies (and the government agencies in collusion with them) that spy on, censor, shadow ban, cancel, or otherwise harass their users for political or religious purposes.
 - c. We call for an end to Microsoft's updated policy in which the company reserves the right to cancel users' accounts as a form of political or ideological censorship or persecution.
21. We call for the reinstatement of US government employees, US military members, and healthcare workers whose employment was terminated due to religious, ideological, or rights-based objections to the "COVID-19 vaccine" mandate, in all aspects (e.g., position, rank, promotions, and pay), or appropriate compensation in cases where members decline reinstatement.
22. We support policies advocating the responsible, free-market development of Artificial Intelligence (AI), as well as policies safeguarding against the malicious use of AI by foreign or domestic governments or actors against US citizens.

23. We call for a bi-partisan investigation into the seeming irregularities, fraudulence, or other illegal activities committed by government officials, poll workers, and voting technology companies (e.g., Dominion Voting) to swing the results of the 2020 presidential election. We call for the overturn of results in cases where fraud was the deciding factor in the election.
24. We call for the US government to cease funding the war in Ukraine and to divert all related resources to shutting down the US borders and eliminating illegal immigration.

National Sovereignty and Defense

1. We affirm the first duty and top priority of the federal government must be defense of both our territorial integrity and political sovereignty, following the US Constitution and adhering to its principles.
 - a. We assert that good citizenship is an essential foundation for accomplishing these ends.
 - b. We oppose the erosion of this foundation, due in large measure to more than fifty years of neglect by political and business forces, **resulting in an untenable illegal immigration crisis.**
2. Immigration and Citizenship
 - a. **We absolutely demand strict enforcement of our current immigration laws.**
 - b. We support a wall on the southern border.
 - c. **We oppose amnesty or funding for any illegal aliens.**
 - d. **We support deportation of all people who have crossed our border illegally on the premise that they became criminals in so doing.**
 - e. We demand proof of official photo identification and citizenship to vote.
 - f. **We support legal immigration using a merit-based system.**
 - g. **We support common-sense improvements to our immigration process (e.g., ending chain migration and the lottery visa).**
 - h. **We assert that bequeathing citizenship to babies born to non-citizens in the United States is a misinterpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment.**
 - i. **We oppose government benefits for illegal aliens (except for emergency medical care).**
 - j. **It shall be deemed illegal for any individual, person, establishment, entity, and government sub-division to enable or aid and abet illegal immigrants to have sanctuary from immigration officials and laws. We support prosecution of those having sanctuary cities or states and the withholding of federal or state funds from these cities or states.**
 - k. We support English as the official language of the United States while recognizing that awareness of and fluency in other languages is essential in today's world for economic and diplomatic reasons.
3. Sovereignty
 - a. **We affirm the US must never sacrifice its sovereignty or relinquish control of its soil to the United Nations (UN), World Health Organization (WHO), a "one-world government," a "new world order," or any other unelected, foreign, or international body.**
 - b. **Agreements with foreign nations must only be done by official treaty and be subject to the approval of Congress.**

- c. We absolutely oppose any treaty or any agreement by any other name (e.g., a framework) with the WHO or any other institution, whereby US sovereignty would be relinquished based on the premise of a global health crisis.
 - d. We utterly reject the World Economic Forum, the WHO, Bill Gates and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, George and Alexander Soros and the Open Society Foundations, and other organizations pushing destructive elitist, globalist, and anti-human initiatives. These initiatives include, but are not limited to: Forced global famine, anti-agricultural policies, forced reduction or elimination of meat and dairy production and consumption, coerced consumption of insects as a protein alternative, involuntary vaccination and other forced “health” measures, a new world order, obscuring the sun to prevent “global warming,” encouragement of abortion, suicide, and euthanasia, global depopulation, a digital currency tied to social credit score, cashless societies, and development or use of genetically engineered or other bioweapons.
 - e. We oppose any non-US government-based initiatives which restrict or destroy the property rights of Americans.
4. Military
- a. We affirm our servicemen should serve only the United States, our Constitution, and the American Flag.
 - b. We adamantly oppose UN oversight or control of our military units.
 - c. We call for the government to support “veterans’ issues.”
 - i. We believe military veterans should be treated with dignity and respect.
 - ii. We call for “veterans’ services” to be consistent and delivered with equality and expedience.
 - iii. We support a free and open-choice healthcare and medication voucher system for veterans.
5. We reaffirm our commitment to the State of Israel.
6. We support restoration of the previous congressional commission overseeing the threat of electromagnetic pulses (EMP) and appropriation of money to harden the US electrical grid to protect it from being destroyed by naturally-occurring or nuclear-weapon-induced EMPs or cyber attacks.

Resolutions

1. We believe voting members of the Republican Party of Iowa State Central Committee (SCC) should remain publicly neutral and should not endorse or denounce candidates in contested Republican primaries and presidential caucuses; we believe that voting members of the SCC should not support non-Republican candidates in a general election; and we insist that any voting member of the SCC who does otherwise should resign or be removed from the SCC.
2. We support Iowa’s “first in the nation” status for presidential caucuses.