

# Republicans believe:

- “These truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.”
- That to secure these God-given rights, governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.
- That the Constitution of the United States of America is a unique and binding compact, which defines a republican form of government designed to protect the rights of citizens by limiting the power of their government.
- That the Constitution is as relevant today as it was on the day it was ratified. It is not an evolving, ever-changing document.
- That centralization of political power invites the replacement of the rule of law by the rule of men and thus enables the rise of totalitarianism.
- That each level of government should continuously strive to limit the scope of its own activity and to avoid infringing upon the lawful activities of free citizens.
- In the dignity of each individual person and in promoting opportunities for all.
- That a robust civil society – traditional families, churches, and various voluntary associations of free citizens – is essential for sustaining self-government.
- That, in the absence of free markets and secure property rights, personal and political freedom cannot long flourish.
- In the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, and that only parents have the right to direct all reproductive decisions for their minor children.
- That the family is central to God’s plan for mankind. We believe the ideal traditional family structure is a father and a mother as it is unified in love and purpose, raising children based on their inalienable rights.