

2018 Platform of the Fremont County Republican Party

WE believe there are Timeless Truths that will always inform and direct our party and our country regardless of current events and circumstances, changing strategies, goals, and leadership. These Truths, put into action, maintain, protect, and defend our unalienable rights to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

1. All individuals are endowed by their Creator with rights including Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness; this includes all human life from conception until death. The primary purpose of government is to secure these rights for all.
2. Every citizen, public and private, is equal before, equally protected by, and equally subject to, the law.
3. Individuals must always be allowed to lawfully defend the lives and liberty of themselves and their family.
4. The right of an individual to acquire, keep and enjoy his own property is foundational. Every individual has the right to develop his own potential, to use and enjoy his own property, tangible or intellectual, and pursue his own interests, free from the restrictions of arbitrary force. Individuals are always presumed to be the best stewards of their property.
5. The freedom to practice one's faith is a fundamental right under our Constitution. The separation of church and state describes the prohibition of an official, state sanctioned church, not the expulsion of religion from public life. We must keep in mind the Judeo-Christian principles of the Founding Fathers when they wrote it; the practice of faith under this tradition encourages good moral behavior and the development of character that helps secure the other fundamental bases of our national citizenship.
6. The Family is the best institution to provide children with the training to develop their potential and prepare them to participate in our government which is of, by, and for the People.
7. Liberty is indivisible from economic freedom. The market economy, allocating resources by the free play of supply and demand, is the economic system best compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government. Government's undue interference in the market, or the fiscal irresponsibility of government, or the favoring of one economic actor over another, always results in economic inequity. There exists no fundamental right to the fruits of another person's labor.
8. Our constitutional representative republic remains the best political system, derived from history and knowledge of human nature, to prohibit tyranny, assure equality, and protect our individual rights.
9. The Constitution of the United States enables us to form a more perfect union of sovereign states, not by rejection of the Constitution as outdated or irrelevant. Neither the judiciary, nor the executive may effectively change the document via its decisions or executive actions. It may only be altered by the processes of amendment provided within it.
10. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Powers not enumerated in it are reserved to the States and the People. The most effective, responsible, and responsive government is government that is closest to the People. Government that governs least, governs best.
11. The United States has a responsibility to set an example by treating other countries with respect and justice. Above all, the United States must maintain its national sovereignty free from foreign influence that would infringe on the rights of the American People guaranteed by the Constitution. Relationships with international entities, and our general foreign policy, must serve the just interests of the United States. Our military might must be employed only for protection of our people and our way of life. Those who serve our country deserve our gratitude, respect, and support.
12. All taxes collected must be used only for the constitutional purposes of government. It is irresponsible to run up debts that are passed on to our children and grandchildren. Taxes should never be more than necessary.

Finally, having thus set forth our distinctive principles and views, we invite the co-operation of all citizens, however differing on other questions, who substantially agree with us, to offer their affirmation and support.