

# Conservative Party<sup>SM</sup>

*The Conservative Party's mission is to promote and protect individual rights and individual freedom, to limit the scope of government, to maintain the division of power amongst the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, and to re-establish the limits and boundaries of the Government as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America.*

## WE BELIEVE

The Conservative Party was created to right the course of a politic that has been drifting for 80 years. The liberal and progressive culture that we encounter today began during the turn of the last century when radical political thinking in Europe spilled over to this country. The Progressive Movement began the slide, but it was the Great Depression that caused the political vacuum into which the liberals and progressive/socialists entered and nudged the drift to the political developments of today.

The Conservative Party has no desire to rehabilitate the Republican Party, or any other existing political party for that matter. Our mission is to “right the course,” to re-establish the limits and boundaries of Government as framed by the Founding Fathers of the United States of America.

Consequently, all planks and positions set forth by the Conservative Party are tested against those enumerated powers given up by the states to federate the United States of America.

The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution directs that “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” That is the federalist approach to government that we favor.

Therefore, only those enumerated powers delegated to the United States can be appropriate planks for the national platform of the Conservative Party. All other planks are reserved to the respective State Conservative Party platforms..

The Conservative Party will only advance national planks to its national platform that are germane to those 10th Amendment enumerated powers, and have been initiated by a State and forwarded to the national Conservative Party for consideration by the Conservative Party in national convention.

The Conservative Party is a new political party and, pursuant to its bylaws, will hold a national convention to resolve major organizational issues, one of which is the passage by the affiliated States of the national Conservative Party platform. This document is a first step in delineating the principles and platform upon which this Party stands.

A political platform is the structure designed to set out the fundamental principles upon which a political party or its endorsed candidate stands. The metaphor of a platform, such as a stage, continues with the inclusion of “planks” that have been “nailed” together to form the platform surface.

A political Plank thus seeks to represent the unified voice about a public issue that exists among people who have differences of opinion about it. As long as these differences, when reduced to written form, are decided by popular vote, it can be reasonably assumed that the plank will favorably prevail in the voting booth.

The current reality of platform writing for the major existing political parties has been a top-down process, something not decided by popular vote. The public is told that the party platform planks presented by its national platform committee are the result of exhaustive surveys and reflect the mood of the general public. However, there has been great discontent by the public lately because these platform planks have produced little other than increased, massive government and a social order that is contrary to that which created this country and sustained it for over 200 years. That disconnect between the major party's platforms platform and the desires of individual Americans is amply demonstrated by

their protest which has grown into formal protest groups some of which have been coined the name; Tea Party.

The Conservative Party calls the platform tradition of those political parties that use the top-down approach, a "captive" platform. The top-down platform is held captive by a candidate to serve his/her purposes to get elected, or to stay in office. The top-down platform is held captive by one, or many, special interest groups, from whose financial support candidates thirst. This may be common, but it is not the right approach for America.

### **Conservative Party – What we believe**

1. Principal of Subsidiarity – Government works best at the local level. The closer the control of government is to the people, the more interest and control citizens hold in political proceedings and operations.
2. America is a country of a distinguished founding, of distinctive historical experiences, and of a unique path to the future. We do not take lightly these characteristics. Thus, we do not believe that American institutions should be imposed upon nations of dissimilar origins and experiences.
3. Government cannot legislate a perfect life for its citizens. Government's role is to make life tolerable and to allow citizens to achieve their best. Legislation has limited ability to change our true social condition. Politicians have unethically preached to the public they have a right to steady economic betterment.
4. American citizens have a contract with the past, the present, and the future to:
  - a. Preserve the best of our ancestors and change only that which leads to a better civil and social existence.
  - b. Voluntarily assist those less prosperous.
  - c. Conserve natural resources for our posterity
5. Government should not "do" anything that is not spelled out in the Constitution.
6. Conservatism opposes the socialistic style of government that promises an abundance of materialism for all. Conservatism promises Freedom and Liberty so that society can be successful and ordinary citizens can share in the wealth. Historically, Conservatives warned of a "creeping socialism" and in 2009 this is sadly coming to fruition as government continues to expand into all aspects of society.
7. Taxation, a free grant from the citizen to the government, has become extortion and the two national parties have used taxation as a means to create division among the citizens of the United States. Government re-distribution of wealth creates a covetous nature in the recipients. Spending of citizens' ethically and legally earned money, and consuming our posterity's resources are not signs of a virtuous political organization.
8. Conservatism is not a philosophy of avarice and consumerism. Conservatives believe that success is

to be shared in a voluntary manner with poor and less fortunate. The primary benefits of charity is ascribed to the voluntary donor and the recipients of material goods from a central authority show no gratitude.

9. Those who believe that redistribution of wealth is an entitlement will cause great harm to future generations by incurring on them massive debt from current borrowing and spending.

10. Conservatives must rebuild their strength and never accept a diminished status on the national stage. For several years conservatives have not had true representation in the political process. The message of conservatism has been denigrated by Republicans claiming the title Conservative to capture votes. It is time to clarify Conservatism.

11. The local community is better designed to handle the problems of the citizen than the federal government. Conservatives stand firmly against the centralization of government, extension of economic functions by the government, a state education that enforces uniformity of character and opinion, and the decay of family life and local associations.

12. Conservatives have become mis-identified by associated with what John Adams warned as “A doctrinaire attachment to the accumulation of wealth.” Conservatives stand for private property, but despise the avarice that leads to the detriment of society.

13. Foreign policy should not be the imposition of American institutions around the world. American institutions are the product of a common history and people and should not be thrust frivolously upon other nations. To do so, trivializes the importance of the events surrounding the founding and historical experiences of our country.

14. Conservatives believe that life is a contract with our history, our present condition, and our posterity. Attachment to this belief system prescribes that we not consume to the detriment of our posterity, that we shun over-consumption and stand against the reckless use of natural resources through a desire to achieve gratification.