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# Conservative Principles

The Republican philosophy is a true reflection of traditional Texas values. It is these values core Republican principles that will sustain Texas into the future and continue to make our State strong, prosperous and proud.

*We support:*

## **Strong Families**

Families intent on giving their children the hope of a better tomorrow, the promise of a safe and secure today, and an appreciation and respect of yesterday.

## **Principled, Innovative Leadership**

Principled leaders with an understanding of Texas' heritage and a clear vision for Texas' future. Leadership that is unwavering in the face of criticism, steadfast when confronted with adversity, and committed to building a better State.

## **Limited Government**

A government that promotes policies to unlock individual potential and unleash economic growth. Government that does not try to be all things to all people.

## **Honest Compassion**

A society assisting those in need rather than a government trying to solve every problem by just throwing more money at it.

## **Opportunity For All**

The opportunity to chart one's own course, start a business, chase a dream, or build a life regardless of gender, race, or religion.

## **Quality Education**

An educational system that prepares children for tomorrow's workplace regardless of race, wealth or geographical location. Education is the bedrock of freedom and the gateway to opportunity.

## **Personal Responsibility**

Individuals taking personal responsibility for their own actions and a criminal justice system based on this idea. With freedom comes responsibility.

## **Freedom**

Freedom that is God given, affirmed by our Founding Fathers, articulated in the Declaration of Independence, and protected by the Constitution.

## **Rugged Individualism**

The entrepreneurial spirit of the individual that continues to solidify Texas as a world economic power.

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# WHY ARE YOU A REPUBLICAN?

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Tell Us Which Principles Are Most Important To You

- I believe that our:
  - Country is exceptional
  - Constitution should be honored, valued, and upheld
  - Leaders should serve people, not special interests
  - Families and communities should be strong and free from government intrusion
  - Institution of traditional marriage is the foundation of society
  - Government should be smaller, smarter and more efficient
  - Health care decisions should be made by us and our doctors
  - Paychecks should not be wasted on poorly run government programs
  - Military must be strong and prepared to defend our shores
  - Culture should respect and protect life
  - Children should never be left in failing schools
  - Veterans should have the best care and opportunities in the world
  - Social programs should help lift people out of poverty
  - America should be energy independent

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## Core Beliefs

The core beliefs of the Republican Party are centered on the idea that each person is responsible for their own place within society. The party believes that the government's role is to enable the people to secure the benefits of society for themselves, their families, and for those who are unable to do so for themselves. Republicans believe in limiting the Government's intervention in the work of the individual towards prosperity. The government should only intervene when society cannot function at the level of the individual. This also means that the party believes in keeping the government as close to the individual as possible, and should be focused mainly on the state and community level, not centered at a federal level.

**The Republican Party's most important core beliefs, as outlined on their national committee website, are as follows:**

- The best government for the people is one that is closest to the people, and therefore the government should not interfere unless they are needed.
- The strength of the nation lies within the individuals who live in the country, and therefore feel that the individual's freedom, dignity, and responsibility must come first and foremost in our government.
- Free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative are what has brought the country economic prosperity in the past, and what will continue to bring it prosperity today.
- The government must practice fiscal responsibility, and allow its people to keep the money that they work for.
- America should work to protect national freedom first, while working to spread peace, freedom, and human rights in the world.