

MISSOURI REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM

At a glance

Preamble: Most of what is important in life we do for ourselves, without the government. We form our own families and raise our own children. We choose what we want to do in life. We pray to our God as we choose; we form and join the religious and civic groups that care for our neighbors in need and shape the direction of our state. There are only a few things we need the government to do for us; but it should do those things well and faithfully.

WE BELIEVE all people are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is our fundamental belief that our morals, our values, and our culture are derived from Almighty God.

- that the strength of America is in the hearts and homes of its citizens.
- in the right of Missourians to be secure in their persons, their homes and their communities.
- government governs best when it governs least.
- all political power is vested in, and derived from, the people; all government originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole by protecting the unalienable and God-given (*individual*) rights of the people.
- the role of the federal government should be “to ensure domestic tranquility, to provide for the common defense, and to promote the general welfare,” (*as understood and intended by Our Founders*) and we believe the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution grants all other duties to the states.
- United States law and/or the laws of the individual states shall not be subservient to the laws, religious regulations, and/or cultural mores of the United Nations and/or any other country or countries.
- the Republican Party is the best vehicle to build on the principles of free enterprise, personal responsibility, economic opportunity, strong families, moral values, protection of innocent human lives, and sound government.
- We believe the free market creates jobs and allocates resources much more efficiently than government. Extreme and unnecessary federal regulations have stifled innovation, killed jobs, and restrained the economic recovery. Whenever possible, the government should get out of the way and allow entrepreneurs and businesses, small and large, to do what they do best: put Americans back to work.
- Governments must learn to live within their means—just as Missouri families do every day.
- Every Missouri citizen, regardless of age, should be able to choose and access a health plan that meets their needs at a fair market price, without the interference of the federal or state government (*and without government interference in individual health choices*).

- While it is important to balance economic growth and the environment, we need an all-of-the-above approach to energy that utilizes the United States' vast energy resources—our economic and national security depends on it.
- Control over schools should be returned to the local level, where parents have more say in how their children are educated.
- Landowners have the right to manage their property, as good stewards of the land, without government interference
- The legitimacy of our republic comes from the knowledge that every American has an equal say in the elections that determine the direction of our nation. Those who cheat not only dilute the lawfully cast ballots of their fellow Missourians, but also undermine the foundation of our entire political system.
- Life begins at conception, and therefore we reaffirm our support for a Human Life amendment to the United States Constitution. We endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children and encourage those institutions, including faith-based initiatives, which take a proactive approach in teaching sexual responsibility, including abstinence, to our young people.
- The traditional family is the foundation of our great history and is critical to our future. Building futures through hard work and personal responsibility are American values to be encouraged by government policy.
- The most powerful sources of charity, virtue, and shared prosperity in our society are not found in government, but in families, houses of worship, charities, and free markets. The Missouri Republican Party believes in protecting the religious freedom of citizens.
- America needs to continue making progress to protect and defend our homeland. We must improve the government's ability to protect our infrastructure, guard our borders, and patrol our skies. (*Without involvement in endless foreign wars.*)
- A strong national defense protecting our strategic interests and those of our allies.
- Securing our borders against illegal immigration must be a priority in the ongoing battle against international terrorism and in our efforts to ensure that only law-abiding citizens receive the benefits to which they are entitled.
- Protection of individual liberties guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution and the Missouri Constitution (*by Constitutionally-trained Sheriffs and other Peace Officers*).
- The right to bear arms is as important now as it was centuries ago, and we believe every law-abiding citizen has the right and responsibility to defend themselves, their families, and their property.

(Items in bold italics are my personal additions to clarify or improve the points made in the Republican Party Platform of Missouri document.) kas 10/20/2021

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1

The Missouri Republican Party supports: Repealing Amendment 16 of the US Constitution which will right our Nation's Ship of State and we the people will be masters of our own lives again and government will serve as the servant of the people as our Founding Fathers intended.

Resolution 2

The Missouri Republican Party supports the God-given right for parents to choose how to educate their children, whether home education, private, charter, or public, etc.

Resolution 3

We believe that all political power is vested in, and derived from, the people; that all government originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole by protecting the unalienable and God-given rights of the people.

Resolution 4

The Missouri Republican Party supports: Term limits for Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Auditor that mirror those already in place for Governor and Treasurer.