



## Why I am a Republican because...

1. I BELIEVE that God is the only true foundation of our national strength.
2. I BELIEVE that our national stability can stem only from the basic constitutional principles that unite us.
3. I BELIEVE in the original intent of our **Constitution** and **Bill of Rights**, which according to our founding fathers such as **Alexander Hamilton** (1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Secretary of the Treasury from 01/11/1775 to 07/12/1804) should only be interpreted by the specific, self-evident wording—that is, the original intent. As a result, only strict constructionist (synonym for “originalism”) judges should be appointed. Any federal, state or local judges flagrantly disregarding the **Constitution** and **Bill of Rights** in deciding cases should be **impeached**.
4. I BELIEVE in our **Republic** form of government as stated in the Constitution and the **Electoral College (Article II)**, which gives citizens of smaller states a voice in government that would otherwise not exist with a pure Democracy that our founding fathers did not believe in and rejected. A **Republic** is rule by law, not by majority feeling (which the founding fathers call “mobocracy”)—the United States is a **Federal Republic**.
5. I BELIEVE in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment** [the right of gun ownership that includes the right-to-carry, possession of handguns, shotguns, rifles, and so-called assault weapons (semi-automatic rifles)] and that it is an individual right and not a collective right and its main purpose was to protect citizens from **tyranny** in the government as enunciated by our Founding Fathers.
6. I BELIEVE that any federal “hate crimes” plan to criminalize speech or thoughts critical of homosexuality are an assault on freedom of religion and the **1<sup>st</sup> Amendment** and should never be legislated.
7. I BELIEVE that free enterprise and encouragement of individual incentive have given this nation an economic system second to none on earth, which includes the right of private property.
8. I BELIEVE in fair trade and that trade policies should be based on the best interests of the United States and we should never have trade policies that destroy our national sovereignty or our manufacturing base. Conservative presidents of the past (1865 to 1929) such as **President John Calvin Coolidge (R)** [1923-1929], a small-government conservative and big supporter of the middle class who imposed tariffs, were all protectionists. **President Ronald Reagan (R)** [1981 to 1989] also believed in tariffs and import quotas.

- He put tariffs and import quotas on the Japanese motorcycle companies to protect Harley-Davidson and on the foreign steel industry.
9. I BELIEVE, as **President Abraham Lincoln (R)** did, that the proper function of government is to do for the people only those things that have to be done, but cannot be done by individuals for themselves.
  10. I BELIEVE that sound economic growth can be generated only by sound money and avoidance of inflationary deficits.
  11. I BELIEVE that **human-caused global warming** hypothesis (based on pseudo-science) is without scientific validity and that government action on the basis of this hypothesis would unnecessarily and counterproductively damage both human prosperity and the natural environment of the Earth.
  12. I BELIEVE in less government regulation on the energy industry so that our domestic sources of energy, such as offshore oil fields, the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge, nuclear power, and coal can be developed to help meet our nation's energy needs.
  13. I BELIEVE in equal rights and equal justice for all regardless of race, creed or color because man (female and male) is created in God's image ([Genesis 1:26-27](#)).
  14. I BELIEVE that **marriage** is between a man and a woman and is a creation ordinance for all mankind ([Genesis 2:24](#); [Matthew 19:4-6](#)).
  15. I BELIEVE in the sanctity of life and that abortion is morally wrong except in the case when the mother's life is in danger ([Psalm 139:13](#); [Exodus 21:22-25](#)).
  16. I BELIEVE that Americans have an obligation of making hard decisions unflinchingly when the security of the nation and our free world allies are threatened by aggression.
  17. I BELIEVE that Americans should be promoting or demanding basic human rights in all countries around the world, which would include
    - Freedom of religion;
    - Free speech;
    - Lawful assembly;
    - The right of self-defense (gun ownership);
    - Private property, etc.
  18. I BELIEVE the **Republican Party** is a party of vision, retaining those things from the past that are worth retaining and always receptive to new ideas in the task of building a better America.
  19. I BELIEVE our mission is to win on merit and philosophy as we appeal to all segments of the population—not as separate groups but as part of the whole with equal but never superior claims on the progress we can generate.
  20. FINALLY, I BELIEVE that only through the **Republican Party** (if it adheres to its conservative principles) can these ideals become active and successful principles of government.

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