



# Official Platform of the Butler County Republican Party

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## PRINCIPLES

We, the members of the Butler County Nebraska Republican Party, put forth this platform and expect our elected public servants to uphold these truths through acknowledgment and action. We hold to the following principles:

- “The laws of nature and nature’s God,” and we support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of Nebraska.
- Limited government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Nebraska Constitutions.
- The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be equally protected from fertilization to natural death.
- Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a natural man and a natural woman.
- The preservation of individual, Nebraskan, and American sovereignty and freedom.
- The unalienable right of all people to defend themselves and their property.
- An educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children.
- Personal accountability and responsibility.
- A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies.
- Honoring all of those that serve and protect our freedom.

## PLANKS

**Life:** We believe that life begins at conception, at which point a person is guaranteed the God given rights afforded to them in the United States Constitution. The fifth and fourteenth amendments state that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of the law. This applies to the elderly down to the pre-born. To terminate an innocent life at any point after conception is tantamount to murder. Since the act of abortion is murder, we call on government to abolish all laws allowing for and regulating the crime of abortion. We believe there is no legitimate reason for an abortion, and are opposed to all exceptions including those for rape, incest, life and health of the mother. Since all life is sacred and physicians have taken an oath to do no harm, there is no reason to have any exceptions. Physicians ought to treat difficult pregnancies as a

triage situation and attempt to save both the life of the mother and the pre-born child. We believe in the dignity of life at all ages and also stand firmly against the practice of euthanasia.

**Marriage/Sex:** We believe God created man and woman, that sex is fixed at conception, and people cannot choose their gender. Only a union between a biological male and a biological female can constitute a legitimate marriage to be recognized by society and governments. We call for the repeal of so-called same-sex marriage laws.

**Parental Rights:** We recognize that God has created the institution of the family, that the rights of parents are foundational to Western society, and shall be respected, affirmed, and protected by the governments. We call upon the Legislature to properly recognize and affirm the fundamental right of parents to make all decisions regarding the upbringing and control of their children in all aspects. These parental rights include the right to be informed of a minor's perception that his or her gender or sex is inconsistent with his or her biological sex. No parent exercising any of these fundamental rights shall be prosecuted as domestic terrorists.

**Education:** We believe the education system exists for academic excellence, Godly moral training, and to produce a virtuous citizenry. As John Adams observed “our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other”. In order to maintain our constitutional republic, we believe along with James Madison that “sufficient virtue among men for self-government” is required. Consequently, we believe that Civics and Americanism should be an essential part of education beginning at the earliest level and not ending until graduation.

The U.S. Constitution grants limited and enumerated powers to the federal government, and control of education is not one of said powers; because of this, we are in favor of the complete abolition of the U.S. Department of Education. We believe parents and guardians hold the primary responsibility for the education and instruction of their children. Should they choose to delegate said responsibility to a public education system, we believe they retain control over such institutions along with the associated local school boards. Both state and federal agencies should refrain from influence on these local communities.

We are concerned about the rapid decline of moral and educational standards. We acknowledge that it's impossible for the education system to be neutral on God; schools will either promote the principles and morals of the one living God or false gods, such as government. We encourage our local school boards to bring God, prayer, the Bible, and the Ten Commandments back into public schools. We urge our local school boards to consider more traditional means of education, such as using less technology and using more of a classical educational structure. Students should be taught how to think and not what to think. We are opposed to comprehensive sexuality education, Critical Race Theory, the 1619 Project, and other Marxist ideologies being taught to students. We also oppose students choosing their own pronouns and are firmly against any encouragement of students to explore immoral concepts such as gender fluidity.

**Gender Identity:** We oppose all efforts to promote and validate transgender identity. We urge governments to ban any attempt to affirm persons under the age of 21 in ways that are inconsistent with their biological sex. This includes the practice of intervening in any way to prevent natural progression of puberty, administering or providing opposite sex hormones, and performing any surgery on healthy body parts of the underage person.

**Homosexuality:** Homosexuality is an abnormal lifestyle choice. We believe there should be no granting of special legal entitlements or creation of special status for homosexual behavior, regardless of state of origin,

and we oppose any criminal or civil penalties against those who oppose homosexuality out of faith, conviction, or belief in traditional values. No one should be granted special legal status based on their sexual identification.

**Healthcare/Medical Freedom:** We believe that personal healthcare decisions are a private matter between an individual and their doctor. We also affirm that informed consent when making medical decisions is a basic human right as recognized in the Nuremburg code. We oppose any unconstitutional government intrusion and the manipulation of the healthcare system including policies of subsidization and indemnification. We call for the recognition of medical freedom by an addition to the Nebraska Bill of Rights that explicitly states that citizens have the natural, unalienable right to refuse any unwanted medical treatment. We oppose any attempt or mandate by public or private entities, to force or coerce any medical test, treatment, procedure, product including vaccines and masks or the withholding of proper and proven treatments. We are opposed to the involuntary isolation or quarantine of anyone not experiencing an active contagious infection and any holding of an individual against their will (or that of their parent or guardian) in a hospital or residential care facility, or being prevented from changing their healthcare provider. We oppose any attempt to use a citizen's perceived health, infection, recovery, or vaccination status as a condition to maintain or obtain housing, employment, employee benefits, attend school, childcare, or access state services.

**Right to bear arms:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution and the statement of rights in the Nebraska Constitution, both affirm the God-given, unalienable right of citizens to bear arms. The text of the second amendment states that the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, 'shall not be infringed'. We stand firmly against all attempts by government officials to infringe on the citizens' second amendment rights, including 'red-flag' laws which violate citizens' gun rights without due process. We are opposed to all gun-free zones in Nebraska.

**Property Rights:** The United States and Nebraska Constitutions both affirm the right to possess property. We recognize that private property rights are essential to freedom and because of this, encourage governments to protect the rights of private property owners. We encourage our county supervisors to consider limited zoning to protect private property rights.

**Law enforcement:** We support and promote respect for constitutional laws and the officers who enforce them. The primary role of these officers is to protect the rights of individual citizens and not hinder these rights. We oppose the enforcement of unconstitutional, unjust laws and call upon those who seek to enforce them to remember their sworn oaths. We hold to the Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrate and call upon our law enforcement officers to interpose on behalf of the citizens, protecting them from tyrannical laws and dictates of higher government officials and bureaucrats. We believe that any federal law enforcement activities that do occur in Nebraska should be coordinated through and conducted under the authority of the county sheriff.

**Capital punishment:** We support the use of capital punishment for the most serious crimes. This includes the crimes of murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a young child upon conviction by a jury of one's peers. God the author of life, prescribed capital punishment, and governments are to implement it. We call upon the legislature to adopt and maintain methods for its enforcement, the executive branch to faithfully execute such methods, and the judiciary to limit the endless appeal process in a manner that does not violate the due process rights of defendants. It is imperative that the punishment of the death penalty is the result of a decision of a jury of one's peers and not by government officials.

**Justice:** God's law and the U.S. Constitution call forth the principle of equal protection under the law for individual and corporate entities. We oppose concepts such as 'racial or social justice' and believe that true justice is 'blind' to identity.

**Elections:** We affirm that the existence of legitimate, lawful governments depends on the consent of those whom they govern. Consequently, we support free and fair elections with maximum control at the local level. We oppose the use of voting machines as the primary/preferred method of counting votes and instead support paper ballots, hand counted, and open to public observation. We support the electoral college system for the presidential election and a winner take all system for every state including Nebraska.

**Federal Government:** We believe that the federal government is limited to the enumerated powers stated in the U.S. Constitution. We support an Article V Convention of States to propose amendments to limit the power and scope of the federal government, term limits for Congress and other federal officials, and fiscal restraints on the federal government. We believe federally mandated legislation that infringes upon any constitutional rights of Nebraskans, including the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment, should be ignored, opposed, refused, and nullified.

**Judicial Overreach:** All attempts by the judiciary to rule in areas not constitutionally granted to the judiciary, including abuses of the "commerce clause," the "general welfare clause," and the "supremacy clause," should be nullified.

**Foreign Law:** We affirm the United States Constitution as the Supreme law of the land. No foreign law, contract, or judgment arising from any foreign power whose laws violate fundamental constitutional rights shall be honored or enforced by any federal, state, or local court.

**Immigration:** We support a closed border and limited legal immigration into the United States. We support deportation as a legal consequence to breaking immigration laws and to encourage prospective immigrants to do so legally. We oppose amnesty for illegal entrants to the United States.

**Taxation:** We believe that property taxation is punitive and the equivalent of theft, and that efforts such as a flat tax or consumption tax should be implemented to eliminate these taxes. We call on local government entities to reduce taxation and spending. Money currently being taken in the form of taxes is better spent by individuals rather than by government officials.

**Energy:** We recognize that affordable and reliable energy is an essential component to our prosperity and freedom. We believe the free market should be the primary force in determining energy sources and production. We oppose the unconstitutional regulation and manipulation of the energy industry, an example being the subsidization of wind and solar energy.

**Environment:** We encourage all citizens to be responsible stewards of the environment. We oppose unconstitutional intrusion and regulation of the environment by federal and state agencies such as the EPA, whose dissolution we support. We encourage the State Legislature to ban Marxist policies restricting business, and individual freedoms such as Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) scores.

**Federal Reserve:** We support abolishing the Federal Reserve. Until that is accomplished, we support additional accountability and transparency for the Federal Reserve System, including regular performance audits. We also support the return of the United States to a bimetallic economic system, based on silver and gold, to stop the

unchecked printing of dollars by the Fed and to avoid any party from manipulating the market on single commodity, such as gold. We recognize that recessions and depressions are part of the natural order of a capitalist system that allows for elimination of bad businesses during the down times and allows for new companies with new ideas to flourish in the growth times. This natural healthy purging of weak companies is part of a non-centrally controlled economic system.