

2024 Park County Platforms

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We believe there are Timeless Truths that will always inform and direct our party and our country regardless of current events and circumstances, changing strategies, goals, and leadership. These Truths, put into action, maintain, protect, and defend our unalienable rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Life

1. We recognize that our Creator, Almighty God, not government, has endowed all mankind "with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness," as stated in the Declaration of Independence and secured by the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The primary purpose of government is to secure these rights for all, from conception to natural death.

Equality

2. Every citizen is equal before, equally protected by, and equally subject to, the Law.

Second Amendment

3. Individuals must always be allowed to defend the lives and liberty of themselves and their family and their property if threatened unlawfully. We support the Second Amendment as written.

Private Property Rights

4. The right of an individual to keep and enjoy his own property is foundational. Every individual has the right to develop his own potential, to use and enjoy his own property, tangible or intellectual, and to pursue his own interests, free from the restrictions of arbitrary force. Individuals are always presumed to be the best stewards of their property. Therefore, we oppose the abuse of eminent domain and hold that it should only be used as a last resort to protect the public good.

Religious Freedom

5. The freedom to practice one's faith is a fundamental right secured by our Constitution. We support the First Amendment as written.

Family Values

- 6. The family is the best institution to provide children with the training to develop their potential and prepare them to participate in our government which is of, by, and for the People. We believe that parents should be allowed to educate their children the way that best meets their needs, including home schools, private schools, publicly funded charter schools, public schools, and a voucher system.
- 7. Marriage is defined as the union of one man and one woman.

Life

8. We affirm the inalienable right and the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

Gender

9. Gender is an immutable characteristic established by God and manifested by DNA.

Capitalism

10. We support capitalism. We support free and fair trade and markets by standing for the elimination of government regulations that impede, restrict, or interfere with the growth of business and jobs.

Citizen Government by the Constitution

- 11. The legal citizens of the United States are the ultimate authority.
- 12. The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land. We support the separation of powers stated therein, namely that Congress shall legislate, the Supreme Court shall judge, and the President shall enforce. No branch of government shall usurp another branch's power. The judiciary may not effectively change laws or the Constitution via its decisions. They may only be altered by the processes of correction provided within them. Our constitutional representative republic remains the best political system, derived from history and knowledge of human nature, to prohibit tyranny, assure equality, and protect our individual rights. The keystone of this is stated in the U.S. Constitution 10 Amendment which retains our sovereignty as a state and as individuals.

American Exceptionalism

13. The United States has a responsibility to treat our allies with respect and justice. Above all, the United States must maintain its national sovereignty free from foreign influence that would infringe on the rights of the American People guaranteed by the Constitution. Relationships with international entities, and our general foreign policy, must serve the just interests of the United States.

Elections

14. Elections must be secure and trustworthy to protect the rights of citizens.

Taxes

15. All taxes collected must only be used for the constitutional purposes of government; it is a dereliction of duty for governments to run up debts that are passed on to our prosperity. Governments should never be more than necessary

Education

16. We support the teaching of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wyoming, the Declaration of Independence, and other United States founding documents, as well as the factual history and heritage of the United States in Wyoming schools and the historical evidence of the role of faith and biblical principles in the founding of our nation. We believe that parents should be allowed to educate their children in the way that best meets their needs, including home schools, private schools, publicly funded charter schools, public schools, and a voucher system. Parents have a right to personally monitor and observe the education of their children.

Water and Land Rights

17. We believe in the State's primacy over water, wildlife, minerals, and natural resources, and the lands within Wyoming that were unappropriated to the state on July 10, 1890, and support any actions that assures Wyoming's primacy over its water; i.e. the doctrine of prior appropriations, and the land within its borders.

Right to Work

18. We oppose mandatory participation in the unionization of public employees and support the Right to Work Law.

Civic Duty

19. Our liberty and the continued success of our republican form of federal government demands continuous vigilance by "We the People."

Sanctuary

20. The Park County Republican Party opposes the concept of "sanctuary" status for the purpose of exempting any group from existing laws.

Finally, having thus set forth our distinctive principles and views, we invite the cooperation of all citizens, however differing on other questions, who substantially agree with us, to offer their affirmation and support.