

RPSC Statement of Principles

In recent days the left has expanded its assault on the character of our nation's founders. It now works to undermine the principles for which they stood. Even the idea of a nation state, complete with borders, is under attack. Rather than defending the foundations of our republic, much of our academia, our major media, and our once entrepreneurial tech companies, have joined the barbarians as they undermine the structure that protects our citizens from the winds of violence and chaos that sweeps much of our globe.

For years our Wisconsin Republican parties have generated hundreds of pages of specific recommendations about how to better implement our foundational principles. (See our county's resolutions under HOME on Sheboygan County GOP.com) Now, as the Democrat party in campaign mode joins the assault on these basic principles, we in the Republican Party must refocus on shoring up the foundations of the republic for which we stand. To do so, we need to turn our attention back to the familiar words of *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

This pledge summarizes the heart of our mission and serves as a summary of our platform. Our county, state, and federal Republican Parties are called to keep these ideas alive. It is our privilege to be Republicans at a time such as this. Join us.

The Sheboygan County GOP board

We are One nation—We are one family. We care for one another, are loyal to one another, and defend one another. Those who join our family become a part of our family history, sharing our privileges and shouldering our responsibilities. We are a geographically, ethnically, and culturally diverse family, yet we are unified by a common commitment to the principles for which we stand—liberty under law.

We love free speech and encourage diverse opinions, but we hate identity politics that pits us against each other. We speak many languages, but we advocate for a single, unifying common language. We welcome those who share our unique vision of freedom and respect our laws and our borders which are our first line of defense against lawlessness from within and without. We stand for a strong national defense. We are one nation

Under God—We believe that God endows every person with the right to life, to liberty, and to the pursuit of happiness and that he endows us all with the moral duty to respect the rights of our fellow citizens, from the moment that they are conceived to their deaths, regardless of their age or their ability to benefit us. We are under God who has instituted the family as the basic building block of society and establishes universal laws of justice.

We establish no church or religion but recognize the sanctity of every person's conscience and defend the free exercise of all religions. We are one nation but recognize that we are under God who cares for other people and nations as well as our own. Love for our family does not mean hatred for neighboring families.

Indivisible—Generations of American have sacrificed their lives to defend our nation. Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Midway, Iwo Jima, Normandy, the Chosen Reservoir, Ia Drang, Fallujah . . . , places that are burned into our memories, testify to our endurance as a nation. We hold this nation in trust.

We honor this trust by keeping our freedom alive in the face of those who tempt us to trade our freedom for the worn-out promise of a global, collectivist utopia. We honor the sanctity of the individual, not the state. We promise less central planning and less centralized control, not more.

We remain indivisible, bound, not by narrow promises of free stuff, but by a broad belief in freedom, in principles that bring liberty and stability through law clearly defined by our federal and state constitutions, foundational laws that mediate between the individual and group and small states and large states. We support the working of the Electoral College that balances the rights of densely populated regions with those less populated.

With Liberty—We stand for law in defense of liberty, not the tyranny of the mob or of hastily passed referendums or of rules imposed by the administrative state. We believe that it is not too late to return to a republic where law is written by Congress which itself is limited by Constitutional law, where judges are limited by the written language of the law, where the president is limited to enforcing the law as written, and where the power of our federal government is limited to areas clearly defined by the Constitution.

We dedicate ourselves to the defense of all those rights clearly articulated in the Bill of Rights—to free speech, to a free press, to the free exercise of religion, to bear arms, to private property-- rights that are under constant attack by those from within who neither understand nor share our vision of freedom under the law.

We stand for property rights and economic freedom. We envision an economy vitalized by clear, consistent rules, one where citizens can live and can start businesses free from excessive bureaucracy and can operate them without fear of private or public extortion, without frivolous lawsuits or pay-to-play bribes, fees, fines, and excessive taxes. We stand for a level playing field, free from the cronyism of subsidies, mandates, and monopolies. We stand for decentralization and free market solutions to the serious problems in areas such as health care and education that have become so distorted by political manipulation.

And Justice for All—We seek justice that is found in the intersection between liberty and law. We strongly advocate for limited government, federalism, and the decentralization of authority to the state and local community, but we also strongly support the strict enforcement of law within each jurisdiction. Neither liberty nor justice is possible without consistent enforcement of the rules.

We oppose the injustice of federal borrowing that irresponsibly transfers one generation's debts to generations not yet born. We call for the federal government to balance its budget like those of the states.

We believe that justice must be blind to race, gender, status, and political affiliation, and that law enforcement must be blind as well. We stand for the same due process and the same presumption of innocence for all.

We stand for equal treatment under the law and for the equal opportunity that equal treatment brings. Outcomes will vary, but one law in defense of life, liberty, and property protects us all. Our mission, both simple and profound, really can be summarized by three words, "liberty through law." It is the "patriot's dream that sees beyond the years."