

# SpokaneGOP

## Our Guiding Principles:

### Family

By Juli Skinner

You've heard it said many times, "It starts at home". But what does it really mean? It means that parents have an important job to guide their children into becoming productive members of society. Without digging too deeply into the science, simply put; mothers inherently cater emotionally and fathers authoritatively to achieve this goal. Ideally, they are near perfect complements to each other. Yes, some women are stricter and some men are more affectionate but that's personal disposition at play, not natural science. The remarkable balance between love and consequence that man and woman supply is what shapes our children. It's not up for interpretation; the traditional American family is one father, one mother and kids. That is not to say that nontraditional families cannot succeed, they just come with their own set of challenges.

For instance, step parents come into an already established family; adoptive parents miss the initial bonding time and single parents lack that inherent gender balance. Regardless of any exceptions, overall empirical and anecdotal evidence supports the strengths of the traditional family. But this unit is under attack because it is a stronghold to free-think and influence over our youth that groups like Marxists covet most. Those who work to push our social norms to the brink of depravity and desolation, work against its preservation. It does not start at school, at daycare or in the government. Indeed, it starts at home.

**Equal Justice** - All people have a right to equal treatment under the law. We support the enforcement of the original Bill of Rights as written and intended by the Founders.

**Jobs, Economy and Currency** - We support balanced budgets, reduced regulations, limited taxation and Free Market, allowing growth to the individual and to the economy as a whole.

**Education** - We are dedicated to reaffirming the importance of safety for students and staff. We support a rigorous "back to basics" curriculum as determined by parents and local school districts.

**Keep and Bear Arms** - You have the right to protect yourself against enemies both foreign and domestic.

**National Sovereignty, Immigration and Defense** - We believe America must have the strongest national defense necessary to defend our borders, homes and national interests.

**Individual Rights** - We believe individual human rights come from our Creator, not the government. We recognize the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness from conception to natural death. We believe in free speech, thought, worship and dissent without fear of government interference or penalty.

## THE ATTACK ON THE INSTITUTION OF FAMILY

With marriage and children, sometimes comes divorce. In situations where mom and dad cannot work in concert, family courts are utilized. We cannot be naïve; if Marxists, Socialists and Radical Leftists have already infiltrated our schools with Critical Race Theory and Social Emotional Learning, they certainly can infiltrate our court system. We've read and heard those on the radical Left say that the government has a right to parent our kids and make decisions on their behalf. Don't think it's crazy; remember Alfie Evans the British boy taken off life support...by government order? In America right now, parental rights are under attack on a micro and macro level. Furthermore, families are being destroyed by inflation, illegal immigration, drugs and product shortages. Especially in this climate, families need a pathway to reconciliation because a strong family meets their challenges better and with confidence. In Family Court, it seems hopeless sometimes. A split between mother and father can have devastating implications on children but particularly heartbreaking is the absentee parent which seems at times, to be promoted not deterred.

A 2016 Department of Justice report shows that inmates, as youths, spent most of their time in primarily single-mom homes. It is not a reflection on mom, it is a reflection on the lack of paternal involvement. <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/ppi16.pdf> (pg. 20). In fatherless homes girls tend to have low self-esteem and are at higher risk of suicide. Boys tend to commit more unlawful acts and exhibit behavioral disorders. Yet antiquated Family Courts consistently award moms with primary custody on Parenting Plans almost exclusively. As the kids grow out of the tender years, "visitation" (a degrading term);



**Limited Government** - Government is best when it governs the least. Big government infringes upon the rights of the citizens, is prohibitive, inefficient and extremely expensive.

**Healthcare** - We believe that the best healthcare model is one with very limited government intervention, based around the principle of individual responsibility.

**Property Rights** - It is the right of all citizens to legally acquire, own, use and dispose of private property. It is your right to protect your property with reasonable force against another person who is threatening to infringe upon your property.

**Infrastructure (Energy/Utilities, Transportation and Technology)** - We understand that government must continue to invest wisely in infrastructure and transportation projects, especially those critical to growth and safety and strive to be a leader in energy and information technologies through our free market system rather than with government intervention.

**Family Values** - We support the right of families to be free to raise their children according to their personal morals, values and spiritual beliefs.

**Find more on our principals**

<https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/scrcc/pages/30/attachments/original/1544655338/Spokane-GOP-2014-Platform-FINAL.pdf?1544655338>

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Wednesdays, every other weekend and one week in the summer becomes inadequate. Sorry, it's almost impossible to modify the Plan but keep making those support payments. Since men are typically higher earners, they usually pay 60%. The state takes their fee before sending the balance to mom. No worries. Social workers further the narrative by using the "single-mom" term meant to garner public sympathy. In reality it is debasing as if to say, a mother isn't capable of motherhood without help. The true single parents doing the job without support; you are commended.

The entire system is enough to make any good parent run from the pain. It is heartbreaking to see a wonderful (non-custodial) parent treated as if they have no value and to see their kids ache with pain when they cannot possibly understand any of it. That is the crack for government to step in. They already have. The status quo is a common theme and in Family Court it can be exasperating. For anyone who has experienced this frustration, you may not help but think it is by design. Whether our courts have been infiltrated or not, we must remain vigilant and continue to uplift our families so we never find ourselves inside a Family Court in the first place.

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## CONSTITUTIONAL CORNER

By Lori Burns

The Founding Fathers were well aware that our Republic could only survive built upon the supporting structure of a moral people. As John Adams famously said: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." What did he mean? In order for any people to be self-governed, they must be personally accountable and choose to be moral. Morality is an internal process, not an external imposition. Law and order can only truly be maintained in civil society by choice--there simply aren't enough police or jails to force people to be "good", nor would we want that. We must then ask where are people taught morality? In the home.

GET INVOLVED

Spokane County Republican Party  
<https://www.spokanegop.com/>

Ponderosa Republican Women, PRW  
<http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com>

House Republicans  
<https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/2021/02/01/how-you-can-be-involved-in-the-legislative-process/>

### SAVE THE DATES:

[www.northwestwinterfest.com](http://www.northwestwinterfest.com) | [www.spokaneunitedwestand.org](http://www.spokaneunitedwestand.org) | [www.thefamilyguide.org](http://www.thefamilyguide.org)

**14 May 2022**

ANHPI – Asian Native Hawaiian  
 Pacific Islander Heritage Month



The controversy

surrounding

Roe vs. Wade



Our tenet is:

*Life begins at conception and  
 ends at natural death.*

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The family is and always has been the most basic building block of society. Not any government and not even the church. The presupposition by the Founders was that children would be taught morality in the home. Children would then grow and bring those standards to every aspect of public life and force the government to be righteous and moral--not the other way around. Tragically, we have arrived at a place in our history where moral ambiguity, exploitative politicians and the shifting sands of pop culture reign supreme. Parents are told they have no say in the education of their children. Supreme court justices are unwilling to define the word "woman". Men are dressing up as women and destroying women's athletics. State governments and educators are sponsoring and promoting minor children in transitioning sexually without informing or receiving consent from parents.

To put it simply, we are being subjugated by those who fear and loathe truth. Here is truth: 1) Parents have the first and most important duty and responsibility for the teaching, care and growth of their children. 2) Being a woman is more than putting on a costume and claiming to be a girl. As nearly all feminists cower in silence from the cancel culture, womanhood is being erased. If this trend stands, a genetic woman will never win a championship again in nearly any sport. Motherhood will be reduced to "birthing-person". 3) Children have the right to be properly cared for, guided, taught and to be told "no", as needed, by their parents. 4) Teachers, school boards and teachers' unions who believe they have the right and authority to brainwash and control our children are destroying our schools and our country. 5) One of the purposes of families is to have children and replace and replenish our society. Cultures that fail to do that will in the end fail. Ask Western Europe about their aging population. Ask China why they have changed their one child policy on a dime. 6) Children come to us as clean slates. If we do not teach them, the world will.

As the Spokane County GOP, "We support the right of families to be free to raise their children according to their personal morals, values and spiritual beliefs." We are out of time. We can no longer allow truth to be trampled by the obnoxiously loud minority driving this angry and irrational cancel culture. If we do not stand for truth today, our children will never know what it is. There are more of us than there are of them and we must push back, fearlessly and unapologetically in the defense of truth.

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

There is a great opportunity to take advantage of what is being called a Red Wave this year. As you have seen the election season is already in full swing

## HOW ARE YOUR REPRESENTATIVES VOTING?

<https://www.washingtonvotes.org/>

### 2021 House Bill 1412: Concerning legal financial obligations

*Voted yes:*

#### SENATE REPUBLICANS

[Gilday \(R\)](#)  
[Griffey \(R\)](#)  
[Harris \(R\)](#)  
[MacEwen \(R\)](#)  
[Rude \(R\)](#)  
[Steele \(R\)](#)  
[Stokesbary \(R\)](#)  
[Vick \(R\)](#)  
[Volz \(R\)](#)

### 2021 House Bill 1153: Increasing language access in public schools

*Voted yes:*

#### HOUSE REPUBLICANS

[Abbarno \(R\)](#)  
[Barkis \(R\)](#)  
[Boehnke \(R\)](#)  
[Caldier \(R\)](#)  
[Chambers \(R\)](#)  
[Chandler \(R\)](#)  
[Corry \(R\)](#)  
[Dent \(R\)](#)  
[Eslick \(R\)](#)  
[Gilday \(R\)](#)  
[Goehner \(R\)](#)  
[Graham \(R\)](#)  
[Griffey \(R\)](#)  
[Harris \(R\)](#)  
[Hoff \(R\)](#)  
[Jacobsen \(R\)](#)  
[Klicker \(R\)](#)  
[Kretz \(R\)](#)  
[MacEwen \(R\)](#)  
[Maycumber \(R\)](#)  
[Mosbrucker \(R\)](#)  
[Robertson \(R\)](#)  
[Rude \(R\)](#)  
[Steele \(R\)](#)  
[Stokesbary \(R\)](#)  
[Vick \(R\)](#)  
[Volz \(R\)](#)  
[Wilcox \(R\)](#)  
[Ybarra \(R\)](#)

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and many incumbents and new candidates have declared and are holding kick-off events. We are working hard to get all candidate events on the website calendar. The one thing that we all want to keep in mind is that even if there is a wave and especially a large one, we must do the things necessary to ride it. This means focusing on the basics. We are asking everyone to be involved in campaigns. There are several ways everyone or anyone can help. These include but are not limited to donations, doorbelling, phone calls, placing signs, and writing letters. You can contact campaigns directly or volunteer on our website.

The board has approved several new initiatives in the last several months that PCOs and others may become involved in. The new Judicial Candidate Committee is already receiving a vast amount of attention and is drawing a number of interested people to ask questions and participate. One of the most common questions the party is asked during the voting period concerns our recommendations for judicial candidates. Getting good information on the qualifications and judicial philosophy of judges has always been difficult at best. This committee has been charged with working to communicate to our legal community and gaining good information bringing that information to the Board so we can make informed recommendations in these races. They also are working on finding qualified candidates to run for judicial offices; those that we can fully support because they are in line with the values of Spokane County GOP.

The other committee that I would like to make sure that everyone is aware of is the Community Events Committee. This committee is working hard to make sure that the Republican Party participates, as far as possible, in any community event held in Spokane County. We want to make sure that everyone we can possibly reach knows who we are and what we stand for. To be successful, we will need many volunteers over the rest of this year to help work in booths and do setup and takedown. We are asking for everyone that can help to contact their PCO or District Leader or go to our website and volunteer for events.

We still have a few tickets left for our State of the Free Market event on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be highlighting the problems that have been created with our market system and highlighting many of our candidates who have filed for the primary election. More information is available on the website.

I want to thank all the volunteers that have helped with party events and objectives. We know that many unselfish hours are given every month.

Brian Steele,  
SCRCC Chair

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BEAUTIFUL MOM



*Thank you for choosing life.*

*Thank you for your patience  
and your guidance.*

*Thank you for your  
unconditional love and  
understanding of who I am.*

*Thank you for seeing my  
potential.*

*Thank you for teaching me  
how to be a parent.*

*You are my mother.*



*Juli Skinner*

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### **2022 SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP**

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