

SpokaneGOP

Our Guiding Principles: Equal Justice

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Understanding the history of our Founding Fathers' intentions is to understand the principle of equal justice. Often, we simplify the Revolutionary War and our break from Great Britain as a revolt against taxation without representation. But that was only symptomatic of a greater problem. Under threat of civil war, the British Crown had accepted the Magna Carta in the year 1215, under which British Citizens had been guaranteed certain "inalienable" rights. In particular, the Magna Carta guaranteed that England would be governed by law, not by the whims of The Monarchy. Five hundred some odd years later amidst a complicated history, the abuses of the Crown against the British Citizens in the American Colonies and the loss of their guaranteed freedoms are what led to The Revolution. The Declaration of Independence clearly states:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. - That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, - That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

WHAT WE BELIEVE

***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.*

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Our Founding Fathers established our Constitutional Republic - We are not a Democracy. They understood that a democracy was as wildly unpredictable as a monarchy; the minority would have no protection from the majority. They studied every form of government known to man, at the time, and created the form of government we now enjoy. Paramount in their mind was that our Constitution would provide an iron-clad guarantee that every citizen of the United States would have equal protection under the law; that from President down to lowliest citizen, all would be treated the same according to the law of the land, not the whims of mankind. An important distinction to be made is that equal justice does not imply equal outcome. Nations governed by men are subject to flaws and corruption. Among them is the United States of America with its imperfect past. But just like all nations, the solution to our failings and the success of our future lies in learning our history, applying the lessons and heeding the incredible wisdom given us by those great Founders who sacrificed their lives and treasure to give us an opportunity to be free, to be equally valued and to pursue happiness.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS: ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY



On May 22, 2021, Spokane GOP sponsored the annual Lincoln Day Dinner and Fundraiser. It was a huge success. The amazing guests outlined their speeches to emphasize fundamentals

sacred to Americans, and solidified conservative values that occupy the forefront of our platform. Thank you to our coordinators and to Lincoln Day Chair, Karmy Le Sieur, for finding ways to adjust amid our nation's emergence back into normalcy. Challenges were met, despite the devastating Covid-19 and its restrictions.

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.

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THE HISTORY OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND THE ORIGIN OF LINCOLN DAY

Abraham Lincoln, former Whig [Party], was our 16th president and first seated Republican President of the United States. He was profoundly monumental - most notably during his time in history - for his fervent resistance to slavery. But although he was staunchly opposed to the practice, he also held deep respect for sovereign states' rights. It is this latter ideology that has mischaracterized him as a Federalist. To the contrary, he was a Constitutionalist. He understood the role of government to be a necessary balance, not an intrusive body.

Anti-slavery policies may be central to President Lincoln's legacy but it is his eloquence and inherent intellect that remain as consummate today as they did during his leadership. He was instrumental in transforming his "new" party into a dynamic, multi-platform powerhouse that even today, continues to transcend above hatred. The "Lincoln Project" is an example of the very hatred we have tirelessly tried to extinguish. The organization is the antithesis of who we are and President Lincoln was. We honor President Lincoln by expressing to our country; Keep Fighting. Our Founding Fathers of this great country anticipated turmoil but prayed for unity. Join us in celebrating strong conservative leaders; past, present and future. "Lincoln Day" is just one link of many that can network like-minded citizens, family, friends and associates who may each be in different states of interest. Reach out. Find respectable groups you identify with. Be part of something grand. It is our moment. It is our movement.

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<https://www.freedomfoundation.com>

Family Policy Institute of Washington
<https://www.fpiw.org>

Washington Policy Center, WPC
<https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/>

Republican National Committee, RNC
<https://www.gop.com/>

Washington State Republican Party,
WSRP
<https://www.wsrp.org/>

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

National Federation of Republican
Women, NFRW
<https://www.nfrw.org/>

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RSC
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I would like to begin by first thanking and congratulating everyone that worked so hard to have a highly successful Lincoln Day Dinner and fund raiser. Well Done!! I also want to thank all those who attended and donated so generously.

We outlined at the dinner a marketing strategy to help all our candidates and promote our values. We are certain this will cause more people to listen to our messages and our solutions for better government in our county and state. We must get better at defining ourselves and telling our story. We as a party have a great story. We have been on the right side of issues such as slavery, women's suffrage, equal rights, opportunity, and freedom for all.

We are facing the results of a majority in the state legislature that has pushed through the most oppressive agenda in our state's history. We must work together to bring balance to our government. It will take a lot of discipline to make that happen. We will need to focus our energy on our opposition and not on the minor disagreements between ourselves.

Our community is hungry for leadership that will address their concerns. We just participated in the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Day June 12. Many of our fellow citizens were so appreciative of our being there and expressed their agreement with our guiding principles. With the help of our Community Outreach Committee, we will be participating in many more events. As these events take place, we ask that each of you see how you can help, participate, and attend.

The Election season is upon us. We have a number of important races from municipality, school boards, and many other jurisdictions. We need everyone to help good candidates win so they can implement the policies that reflect our values. We will be asking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways.

We thank everyone for all your support and efforts.

Brian Steele
Chair SCRCC



SAVE THE DATES:

Lincoln Days 2022
Saturday, March 5

Have a safe, beautiful and
celebratory 4th of July!

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