

# SpokaneGOP

## Our Guiding Principles:

### Limited Government

By Juli Skinner

*“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; Teach a man to fish and he feeds himself for a lifetime”.*

They depend on our dependency, indefinitely. It is the simplistic difference in philosophy between two main political spectrums in this country; Left and Right. But while the new breed of Socialist-Democrats - as they call themselves - flirt with a congruent identity, it's been difficult to decipher what they actually stand for. Fundamentally, Socialism sponsors the distribution of “wealth” “equally”; Democrats thrive on the separation of peasants from elites. It is a dichotomy of ideologies seemingly aligning. But this newfound American party can regurgitate the tenets of equity through Socialism and big government through policy all they want. What they offer is not security or free[dom]. The objective is control; the one basic principle that has survived as many Democrats leap into a state of Socialism. No part of either ideology puts the average citizen in charge of their own lives. It is the antithesis of the limited government Republicans stand for.

There's a cautious comfort knowing who our political rivals are. But as they become radical, we tend to look to society for a more fervent self-correction point. At Plymouth (Plimoth) Plantation for example, Pilgrims harvested at an unequal pace, irrelevant to equal distribution. The Socialist practice failed. It did not bring personal growth or achievement. In 1933, society rejected Socialism once again in FDR's New Deal. Programs such as Nation Recovery Administration, Triple A and Tennessee Valley Authority did nothing to bring us out of the Great Depression. Instead, those

## 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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Socialist programs handed more power over to the government and made the wealthy, wealthier. 2021 and it is a familiar repeat of the New Deal, only on steroids. The Green New Deal will not make peoples' lives better. It will eliminate our Republic by weakening the safeguards set in place by brilliant men who feared another authoritarian government; one in which they warned could manifest within our own borders.

OUR healthcare, banking, academics, you name it, they are all subject to full control under a radical regime that cannot be touched - if we allow it. But we outnumber them. It's time we act like it. Government was not meant to rule over our personal lives. It was not meant to provide endless unwanted assistance. It's certainly not meant to be used to "mandate" vaccines. The act of abortion can slither and hide under rights to privacy; so too can refusal of vaccinations. Before Planned Parenthood proponents offer their faulty death logic; just about twice as many unborn babies were killed in 2019 as compared to people lost to covid. President Hoover had one thing right; he had confidence in the people to self-govern. In fact, Americans were on the mend when he exited office. In conclusion, government has its role and so do "We the People".

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPOKANE COUNTY

### Current pitches from the Left

Without consulting Spokane Police Chief Craig Meidle, the Spokane City Council has introduced a proposal which would change hiring practices and, in effect, somewhat reorganize the Police Department. The proposal would change three exempt positions to Civil Service. Exempt positions allow the Chief to appoint those he believes are best qualified to implement the initiatives of the Department. Originally the Council was going to vote on the proposal on December 13 but they have delayed the vote to June because of a lot of opposition by the community. The Council promotes a diverse workforce. Two of the positions are currently held by highly qualified women so having exempt positions has helped meet diversity goals.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

**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**

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Moreover, Spokane has a respected, very qualified Police Chief. He was appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council to lead the police department. To make such decisions without considerable discussions with him is not the quality of leadership we should be able to expect from our City Council.

It is worth noting that Council members get to appoint their assistants and their lawyer so it seems somewhat hypocritical to remove exempt positions from other departments and require their candidates to go through the Civil Service process. Keep your eye on these developments and watch for more information.

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## CONSTITUTIONAL CORNER

By Lori Burns

Some believe that the concept of limited government is akin to anarchy. Far from it, limited government is the most revolutionary and foundational principle of our republic. While anarchy serves only the purposes of those sewing chaos and seeking total authoritarianism, the GOP has never sought anarchy. Their goal has always been to fight against the constant creep of ever-growing rules, mandates and bureaucratic overreach.

Self-governance and limited government will ever be critically essential allies established by the Founders to protect our God-given freedom. While on the other hand, every new law, rule, mandate, ordinance of necessity diminishes our ability for self-rule. Finding the right balance between protecting individual freedom while providing a societal structure to allow us to live our lives in safety and peace is the never-ending responsibility of voters and elected representatives.

One of the greatest battles we face in America today is the gross ignorance that exists in regards to the purposes and functions of our republic and the necessary limits to governmental authority. In talking with my son recently regarding a school assignment, I had an epiphany as to why so many of us are misled by the current political winds of doctrine, especially in regards to how COVID "mandates" have been handled. Very few understand the principle that our rights are given us by God and that our government was established to protect those rights. We in return, yielded back to the government certain responsibilities and ceded those rights. For example, to avoid obvious chaos we have only one Commander in Chief over the military. Furthermore, we have granted the government the right to

[Congratulations Robin Ball!](#)  
[Newly elected State Committee Woman](#)



### PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT IN PART

"I am running to fill the position Donna O'Leary held. I certainly cannot fill those shoes in the same way Donna did, but I have background in the party that will help me find my way easily.

Former county chair, 2004, when the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District had its first open seat in more than 50 years. I also served as Vice Chair, organizing and running Lincoln Day Dinners and fundraising for the Victory Club. I stepped in as County Chair again in 2018 until a new Chair was selected by you.

My husband and I opened Sharp Shooting Indoor Range & Gun Shop in 1995. We sold it to our son last summer. I now find myself interested in being more actively involved in the county party. As the owner/operator of Sharp Shooting for 26 years, I had the opportunity to work with NRA Grassroots as their election coordinator. I continue to hold that position. My alignment with NRA in 2018 made it easy to focus the NRA volunteers in the critical 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

My years of experience in many aspects of the county party make me a good choice for the position of State Committeewoman. I am able to travel to state meetings, attend local Legislative District meetings and county party meetings.

I just recently completed the task of Spokane County Redistricting for our county commissioner districts. The task of redistricting gave me a different view of the county and upcoming elections. I see many untapped opportunities for our party.

I am excited to work with all of you. Any questions, comments or concerns, I can be reached at [robin@sharpshooting.net](mailto:robin@sharpshooting.net).

Merry Christmas, Robin Ball"

### ALSO WORTH A MENTION:

Congratulations to **Ashley Gorman**; newly elected leader of Sub-District 6A. And a big thank you for your contributions to Toys for Tots this Christmas!

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*We Hope You Had a Very  
 Merry Christmas  
 and Warmest Wishes for a Very Happy,  
 Prosperous New Year!*



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negotiate treaties--one can easily imagine the problems that would be created if it were otherwise. **BUT, and this is a huge but, unless we the people have specifically granted power to the government, then it does not have the power.**

We now live under the mindset that our rights are granted us by the government; that is exactly backwards. We must fight to reposition ourselves appropriately in reference to our rights. A mandate is not a law. Whether it is a vaccine mandate or a mask mandate or a mandate to shut down your small business, if those rights are not specifically granted to the government, then we the people retain those rights. The abuses of power in the name of safety and COVID are perfect examples of why we need limited government and why we must push back against this gross overreach. The balance of power shifts ever-closer each day to total government control in every aspect of our lives. That is not even a remote facsimile of freedom. Limited government provides the structure for adults to pursue life, liberty and happiness. Big government destroys it all.

### A special thank you to our readers.

As we finish our seventh Newsletter and round out the end of the year, we wanted to extend a special thanks to you. As our contributors work tirelessly to bring you content, it is your feedback and support that help keep us within the framework of our party's principles. In the current hotly debated times we find ourselves in, it seems as though our enemies will stop at nothing to drive a wedge in between us. Don't fall for it. As a colleague pointed out; the Left (generally) loves to rewrite history to fit their narrative, resulting in misinformation getting passed around. It's sad really. We work hard at making sure content is accurate and will never deliberately mislead you. The truth is on our side and the Left fears it. It is the biggest weapon we have to combat them. We will and are exposing them. We have this opportunity to grow together. Again, thank you for walking with us through this journey.

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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:

February 28 2022

WFRW Day at the Capital

March 5 2022

Lincoln Day

ANNOUNCING:

**Alveda King**

as guest speaker at Lincoln Day  
Celebration.



Interested in sharing your ideas, knowledge or time? Please consider volunteering for a GOP committee position. Contact Terri at [terrizalevits@gmail.com](mailto:terrizalevits@gmail.com).

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2021/22 SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

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