

# Why I'm a Republican

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Since the beginning of human history, people have organized themselves into large groups based on common beliefs because joining a group leverages an individual's effectiveness. In any nation, there are usually two large groups that take opposite sides on the most important questions. At this time in America's history, we have Republicans and Democrats. The Republican Party is mainly conservative, and the Democratic Party is mainly liberal. Conservatives believe in limited, constitutional government, and in the rights of individuals and the states they live in. Liberals believe in an all-powerful, central government that can pass any law it desires to control every aspect of our lives. Conservatives believe that rights are universal and intrinsic, and exist apart from government. Liberals believe there are no rights except those granted by government. Liberals like to call themselves progressives, but they are actually regressives because they want to take us back to the way things were before the American Revolution, when we were under the thumb of a foreign king and had virtually no rights. Regardless of what these two major political parties may have stood for in the past, it's clear what they stand for today and they couldn't be more different. Those who say that politicians are all the same regardless of their party are uninformed.

Because Republicans are against the government taking money away from people who earn it and giving it to those who don't, Democrats say that Republicans are only for the rich. The truth is that Republicans are for everyone becoming rich by being free to pursue their dreams. If you attack the rich and take away their money, then you are actually preventing everyone from becoming rich. Sadly, Democrats know that there are millions of people who want the government to take money away from anyone who has it and give it to them without them having to work for it. Democrats depend on the votes of those people to stay in power. Republicans believe that people who work hard and take risks should be able to enjoy the rewards. Such people not only help themselves, but everyone else. They build enterprises that employ the rest of us, and they create the wealth that the government depends on for its very existence. They also give away enormous sums of money to help those who can't help themselves. Republicans are for paychecks being given to hard working people by thriving businesses, not for food stamps being given by the government to people who don't work. Democrats want as many people as possible to get unemployment benefits and food stamps because it buys them votes and keeps them in power.

Republicans know that family, friends, churches and charities always take better care of those in need than the government does. Where there are real needs because of circumstances beyond the control of those in need, Republicans are generous and desire strongly that those needs be met, but to give to those who think they deserve something for nothing is wrong. They also know that it's much better to actually be able to help others because of having an abundance than it is to merely wish you could help. Who has ever been financially helped by a poor person who depends on the government to give him someone else's money? Who has

ever been given a job by someone who is receiving unemployment checks and living on food stamps? Republicans believe that it's better to teach a man to fish than to give him a fish, but they would always give him a fish if he was going to starve before he could take lessons. They would also give him a fish if he was unable to fish. Republicans understand that we are most happy and fulfilled when we achieve our goals by our own efforts.

Republicans believe that America has been a beacon of hope for hundreds of years to oppressed people all over the world. They believe that anyone from anywhere should be able to apply for citizenship and legally become a loyal American citizen. Democrats falsely accuse Republicans of being against immigration when they are only against illegal immigration. Contrary to what Democrats want everyone to believe, millions of immigrants of all races have legally become American citizens and are also against illegal immigration. Republicans believe in America's sovereignty, which is its right to govern itself by its own laws. Democrats believe that the corrupt and impotent United Nations should be able to impose its will on us and nullify our constitutional rights. They want anyone to be able to cross our borders and get government benefits and vote without proof of citizenship because they want the votes of those people to help them realize their socialist and globalist agendas. Republicans believe that America is for Americans, and that it can remain the hope of the world only as long as it retains its sovereignty. Democrats want America's wealth to be redistributed to the rest of the world, which will destroy it, and the hopes of people everywhere who desire to be free.

I'm a Republican because the Republican Party stands for what I believe, which is what will restore America. I know what it stands for because I go to meetings and events and hear Republican officials and candidates speak, and I ask them questions face to face. I know what legislation they support and what they oppose. I joined the Republican Party because I want to join with those who share my beliefs and make a difference by helping the right people run for office and win. It's vitally important to help elect conservative Republicans at all levels of government. We can't have a free and prosperous country if we don't elect mayors, city council members, school board members, clerks, district attorneys, county commissioners, sheriffs, judges, state commissioners, state legislature members and governors who believe like we do. Electing congressman and senators and presidents may seem more important and exciting, but our freedoms can be taken away by petty tyrants at any level of government. Just look at San Francisco, Chicago, and New York. If Republicans are in control of state and local governments, then election fraud can be prevented. This alone is reason enough to join and support your local Republican party.

It's time for conservatives to unite and turn this country around. Regardless of what other organization you may belong to, join the Republican Party and give some time and money to it. It's the biggest and most effective political organization in the country to belong to for a conservative. It has deep roots, and it's the best vehicle to carry conservatives to victory at all levels of government. If you don't think it's conservative enough, then join it and help change it. Liberals seem to instinctively know that their goals are best achieved by joining the Democratic Party. Conservatives are more individualistic and slower to catch on, but we must join forces to

save our country from ruin. Join your county, state, or national Republican Party, or all three, today.