

Do the Right Thing
Inside the Movement That's Bringing Common Sense Back to America

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(Page 8) We got in trouble in the 2006 midterm elections not because the voters rejected that platform, but because our own Republican officeholders did.

(Page 9) Electing a president is essentially like what you do when you choose a guardian for your kids: you focus on finding someone who'll raise them the right way---your way.

(Page 11) The key to success in globalization is education---training our young people not just to survive but to thrive in this new world economy.

(Page 13) If the occupant of the West Wing simply sticks to dogma instead of being creative in coming up with solutions, we're all in trouble.

(Page 15) &. the Second Amendment isn't about hunting; it's about tyranny. The Founding Fathers weren't worried about our being able to bag a duck or a deer; they were worried about us being able to keep our fundamental freedoms.

(Page 20) As Americans our true strength doesn't come from our military or our gross national product; it comes from our families.

(Page 21) The genius of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights is that it limits government---not the citizens.

(Page 22) James Madison, our fourth president and coauthor of the Federalist Papers, said something to the effect that limited government, without self-government, is worse than tyranny &. It is sheer folly to separate personal liberty from personal responsibility.

(Page 23) Those on the Left don't want to accept that morality is the defining issue in our society, and conservatives don't want to accept that lower taxes and less civil government is not a cause but an effect of moral behavior.

(Page 26) The real challenge is not just one of economics or education, but morality. Character does matter. Integrity is less expensive than dishonesty. Personal responsibility in behavior is not just a moral issue, but an economic one.

(Page 28) It's really pretty simple---those who abide by the law are the ones who pay for those who disregard it.

The presence of law is usually the sign of the absence of moral behavior.

(Page 33) Children born out of wedlock are 700 percent more likely to be poor than those born

n stable two-parent homes.

(Page 36) The Founding Fathers also enshrined the radical notion that each human soul has intrinsic worth and value, a value not to be determined by inheritance or obtained after birth, but present from the very beginning.

(Page 37) I believe the most important issue facing America is how we relate to the sanctity of human life.

(Page 41) It is impossible to claim to be pro-life and have one's compassion end at the moment of birth. Truly being pro-life requires that at every stage of a person's life, regardless of the function of that person, there is a respect and protection of that life.

(Page 42) If the sanctity of life is, in fact, a political issue, then it would be logical for the issue to be decided by the individual states---but it is a moral issue. The right to life is a fundamental right that can't be taken from you and that does not---cannot---vary from state to state. The very idea of each and every state having a different standard of morality as it relates to the sanctity of life is ludicrous.

(Page 49) Americans aren't afraid of people who believe something. What they don't care for are people who claim to believe something but whose actions and policies don't match what they say.

(Page 50) Sadly, there are some in our society who think it perfectly acceptable for their views on same-sex marriage or the partial-birth abortion to be forced on others, but vehemently object to another point of view winning out in the process of public debate, deliberation and decision.

(Page 54) That's when I realized that being politically homeless is far better than being politically clueless.

(Page 63) &., a new day is dawning, there is restlessness among the masses for authenticity and direction, and a new generation of leaders is emerging that is driven more by exacting principles than exciting personalities.

(Page 66) It's *easy* to stay within the law---if you yourself write and interpret it!
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(Page 72) As Thomas Jefferson said, we don't need new ideas, we simply must rediscover the American mind.

(Page 79) Just how far has our culture devolved when it's become politically incorrect to say Jesus in public, but profanity is considered completely acceptable?

When the process of politics overshadows the product of politics, something is out of whack.

(Page 98) On campaign finance, I have come to the conclusion that maybe the best way is to prohibit nothing and disclose everything.

(Page 105) The real threat to the Republican Party is something we saw a lot of this past election cycle: libertarianism masked as conservatism. And it threatens to not only split the Republican Party, but render it as irrelevant as the Whig Party.

(Page 112) Any new conservatism that tries to leave religion behind is nothing more than old secular libertarianism.

(Page 115) Government shouldn't tell people what they can or can't do even if it's stupid.

(Page 123) In 2008, our party had people leading us who knew the country club but not Sam's Club.

(Page 136) Most people are less concerned with the ideology of a position as they are about the outcome.

(Page 151) Turns out that in Washington, the goal is not solutions to problems, but using the issues to pontificate party dogma and to denigrate the other side &. Our workers have to work more efficiently just to overcome the built-in disadvantage created by their own government.

(Page 163) Globalization and technology advances have completely changed the way we do business except for the tax system, and we're still operating it as if it's 1913.

(Page 169) On taxes, The real obstacle is getting Congress to actually make a decision that benefits the people of America more than it benefits the members of Congress

(Page 173) Lack of access isn't the major obstacle to real health care reform. The obstacle is the overutilization of most of the resources by the chronically diseased, &

(Page 174) About a third of those (uninsured) don't have insurance because they are wealthy enough to self-insure and simply don't bother.

(Page 177) Those who advocate simply putting more very sick people into the system don't really understand the basic economics at work. Access to health care isn't the end all and be all. Increasing access will increase the costs---not lower them.