

# Louisiana Republican Party Platform 2008

## Preamble

The Louisiana Republican Party represents the values of the major Louisiana. The Louisiana Republican Party Louisiana.

We believe in the power and freedom of individuals. We oppose We believe in the power and freedom with undue governmental control.

Our nation was founded on faith in God, family, country, and Our nation was founded on faith in God, family, country, and faith. If these core values erode the foundations of our society for future generations.

The United States is a The United States is a democratic republic governed by Representatives. Representatives must honor the original meaning of Representatives must honor the original meaning of the inalienable rights of the American people as stated in the Bill of Rights.

The Republican Party is strong, principled and conservative. The Republican Party is strong, principled and conservative. We want to represent every facet of American society by principle, and not by dividing interests but by serving the good of all.

Membership in the Republican Party of Louisiana is open to Membership in the Republican Party of Louisiana is open to those who share the values and beliefs expressed in this document. We recognize a duty to include all who share these values and beliefs, making a special effort to welcome and involve those not traditionally associated with our Party.

## Article I: Economic Policy

1. We believe the free enterprise system is the most known. We believe the free enterprise system is the most effective known. Economic freedom is essential to human liberty. Denying economic individual human dignity as well as the general welfare.

2. Government ought to provide an unencumbered business-friendly environment for Government initiative and private enterprise that creates jobs and raises initiative and private enterprise that creates jobs and raises standards of living and taxation reduce and redistribute income; they do not create and taxation reduce and redistribute income; they do not benefit all by removing the burden of excessive taxation and benefit all by removing the burden of excessive taxation and do not hamper economic growth.

3. Tax policies that discriminate against marriage Tax policies that discriminate against marriage undermine Tax policies that help families afford children by natural birth or adoption and in addition tax policies that pass onto the next generation the fruits of the family's labor.

4. We pay taxes to local, state and federal We pay taxes to local, state and federal Government Government spending should not increase more than population growth Government spending should not increase more than population growth. Taxpayer Taxpayer Protection Act, incorporating this principle, would result in an overall reduction in tax rates.

5. The best way to promote economic The best way to promote economic growth is to reduce the cost of doing business for businesses and individuals.

6. When economic times are hard, government must When economic times are hard, government must reduce government preferential treatment for some over others is wasteful and unfair.

7. We support full funding We support full funding of deep-water modernization of We support full funding of deep-water modernization of the Gulf of Mexico. This is the single most important economic opportunity in the state.











4. Environmental policy should be based on results rather than intentions.
5. The coastal wetlands, waters and barrier shorelines of Louisiana are vital to the cultures, economies, and natural heritage of this state and this nation. They are disappearing at a rate that recognizes that without prompt and effective action, life that are part of it will cease to exist, as we know them. The federal government and local partners is in the process of developing a plan and program to prevent the collapse of America's wetlands and restore it to a state of sustainable ecological and economic vibrancy. It will take the commitment of officials to shape and implement that plan and program. The Republican Party has leadership in the areas of conservation, environmental stewardship and the protection of community values and economic progress. We propose that the Louisiana Republican Party support the restoration and stewardship of coastal Louisiana, which is culturally and economically vibrant and sustainable, a goal.

#### **Article X: National Policy**

1. We support our President in all phases of the War on Terror, including nations from having or obtaining weapons of mass destruction for our enemies. Americans owe our continued freedom and security to the deeds of our men and women.
2. The most important responsibility of the federal government assigned to it is to provide a common defense for the states and the nation. Our country is secure. The federal government should actively enforce its immigration laws.
3. America's defense must be our top priority. The Republican Party of Louisiana opposes any attempts to weaken our national defense.
4. We oppose any foreign effort to influence our country.
5. American participation in the United Nations, or any other international body, must not sacrifice the constitutional sovereignty of the United States. We oppose relinquishing U.S. freedom and independence to any organization or agency claiming authority to impose and enforce global regulations or standards upon the United States of America. We support withdrawal from any organization or agency, which violates these principles.
6. The Republican Party of Louisiana recognizes the need for legally binding treaties with nations, but we only support treaties that are consistent with serving the common good of our people. We support revising or withdrawing from any treaty that compromises our national defense, or that hinders American companies on a free market basis.
7. As Republicans, we support spending cuts as the right way to stimulate the economy.
8. Individuals should work in return for public assistance. Our nation should work in return for public assistance.

welfare state to an opportunity society.

**9.** We affirm commitment to keep faith with both the past and future. We affirm commitment to keep faith with Social Security. We oppose annual raids on Social Security trust funds, and funds by balancing the federal budget apart from Social Security reserves, which should be entirely dedicated toward meeting future obligations. We support Social Security by offering today's workers more security, but in ways that do not harm anyone already on Social Security to being eligible for Social Security benefits.

**10.** We believe all Americans need access to high-quality health care. We believe all Americans need access to a range of options from which they can choose what is best for their own needs. We do nothing to harm the quality of health care in the private sector. We enhance available health care by balancing public policy with private-sector responsibility. We do not believe free health care should be for emergency services.

**11.** Government actions on health care must support and never hinder individual and family medical savings accounts as a good innovation because they combine personal access to affordable health care.

**12.** The only honest and correct approach to the interpretation of our constitution is keeping faith with their original intent. We call on Congress, by the Ninth and Tenth Amendment's constraints on federal power, to encroachments upon all powers and rights the Constitution of the states, or to the people.

**13.** We support the deportation of illegal immigrants.

### **Conclusion**

**1.** We are proud to be citizens of the United States of America, the greatest in history because it is a nation built on the promise of freedom and opportunity. We pledge eternal vigilance in guarding the freedoms we have inherited.

**2.** We open our arms to every citizen who shares the beliefs and values stated in the Constitution. We invite all Louisiana citizens to join the ranks of the Republican Party of Louisiana, the force for the conservative values and vision that make us the values of the Republican Party embody the American Dream, the land that draws people from all over the world to our shores and that makes the United States of America the best and brightest nation on earth.

**3.** May we always enjoy the heritage and bounties with which God has blessed the state of Louisiana.