

Red State Uprising: How to Take Back America
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(Page viii) “Ask yourself a simple question: When is the last time the Democrats compromised in favor of the free market? Can’t think of one? That’s because it rarely happens. It’s always the Republicans who compromise in favor of big government. George W. Bush gave us steel tariffs in Pennsylvania, No Child Left Behind, the prescription drug benefit, TARP, and the auto bailout.”

(Page x) “We’re not choosing the lesser of two evils. We are choosing between the assorted evils of two lessers....No third party is or will ever be viable. The deck is stacked against them.”

“As bad as you or I may think the Republican Party has been at times, at least it will not sell us down the river to our nation’s enemies.”

(Page 3) “It is a failing of many on the Right to claim that those who support tax cuts and oppose abortion are conservatives.”

(Page 11) “Conservatives understand true liberty requires morality.”

(Page 14) “Time and again, Republicans have abandoned free market principles when the heat is on and have opted for more government, not less. Doing so keeps driving up the tax bill as well as the costs of doing business.”

(Page 17) “And there is no better bellwether of politicians’ proclivities toward limited government than whether they request and defend earmarks.”

“Earmarks erode the ability to say no to more government, and they corrupt often-good politicians with the enjoyment and the power of directing other people’s money to those who come to them and ask.”

(Page 18) “A Republican Congress isn’t worth having if it is not going to be a conservative one, filled with men and women who believe in limited government, and who can say no to those who come to the federal government asking for more.”

(Page 23) Reagan said, “No government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size. So government programs, once launched, never disappear. Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we’ll ever see on this earth...”

(Page 70) “The condition that distinguishes a free man from a slave is dominion over himself and the fruits of his labor.”

(Page 72) “This is an historic example of the fact that it’s not tax cuts but dramatic spending increases that have caused our deficits. Tax reductions have merely offset tax-bracket creep.”

(Page 73) “History confirms that high taxes don’t solve a deficit problem; they just encourage

politicians to spend more money.”

“Middle and lower-income workers bear, proportionately, the greater share of Social Security taxes.”

(Page 75) “Over the last half-century, no matter the party in power, our government has confiscated a greater and greater share of our national productivity. As public spending increases, personal freedom shrinks.”

(Page 82) “Beyond the size of government per se, we have simply asked the federal government to do too many different kinds of things, and it is doing none of them well.”

(Page 92) “The sinister truth about government programs is that, regardless of whether they accomplish anything worthwhile, they build a constituency for their perpetuation.”

(Page 101) “Winston Churchill once said that England and America are the only two nations in history separated by a common language. That is now equally true between Washington and the rest of America.”

(Page 135) “Over the last sixteen years, twenty-five nations have moved from progressive personal income tax structures to flat rate taxes, which have enduring benefits.”

“ ‘ It is the responsibility of the patriot to protect his country from its government.’, Thomas Paine”

(Page 164) “The United States Department of Education spends \$79 billion a year and doesn’t educate one child.”

(Page 185) “Again and again, working together, tea party activists have been able to come together and bring new blood into their political parties. They may not always be successful, but creating a third party would ensure defeat.”

(Page 192) “The foundation of Republicanism has been the same since its inception: the freedom of the individual, and the value of every human life.”

(Page 193) “People must be free to decide how to direct their lives for themselves, and then be responsible for their choices.”