

**Platform of the Republican Party of New Mexico**  
***"One Nation under God with Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness"***

***Philosophy***

The purpose of America's founding documents was to ensure personal, economic, and religious freedom. The opportunity these freedoms provided, combined with individual initiative, gave us the most prosperous and secure nation in history. Freedom and self-determination remains our best hope for a better future. A vibrant economy and stable employment should be as common to every New Mexican as our rich traditions, deep family roots, and cultural diversity.

***Economic Freedom***

- We believe that government, at every level, has grown too large and is now a threat to the very rights and freedom it was designed to protect.
- We believe government must be financially fair, and allow taxpayers to keep more of their earnings.

***Environment & Stewardship***

- We believe that a clean environment, the responsible development of our natural resources, and a robust economy are compatible, and it is our duty to manage these responsibly, while basing decisions on sound science and common sense.

***Education***

- We support efforts to improve education through accountability, local control and school choice.
- We oppose policies that lower expectations and trap children in failing schools.

***Healthcare***

- We support measures that ensure the solvency of healthcare benefits for veterans, the elderly and disabled.
- We support affordable private sector solutions that provide access to quality and dependable healthcare.
- We oppose government mandates and the federalization of our healthcare system.

***Life & Family Issues***

- We believe in the sanctity of all human life, from conception until natural death.
- We oppose the use of tax dollars for any service or procedure that ends an innocent human life.
- We believe that marriage is a religious institution, not merely a legal contract. As such, the term "Marriage" is not subject to governmental interpretation.
- We oppose government interference in parental efforts to instruct and promote their morals and values.

***Equal Rights***

- We support Civil Rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, gender, handicap, religion and national origin; as well as the principle of individual value, respect and dignity.

***Immigration & Border Security***

- We support immigration policies that encourage legal immigration, expedite our naturalization process, keep families together, and grow our tax base; including a guest worker program that is based on our workforce needs.
- We support efforts to secure and maintain our border from drug and human trafficking and terror threats.
- We oppose a path to citizenship that is automatic and is without legal or civic requirements.

***Public Safety***

- We support all legal and Constitutional activities to detect terror threats and prevent terrorist attacks.
- We oppose the governmental surveillance of phones, text messaging and emails without a court order.
- We support our Constitutional right to keep and bear arms for personal security & defense, as well as sporting purposes.
- We oppose any effort to legalize or decriminalize the recreational use of drugs.

***Proper Government***

- We believe the proper role of government is to provide only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations.
- We oppose judicial activism and the use of executive privilege to create law. These actions undermine our election process, and usurp the authority of a duly elected legislature.
- We oppose the use of Constitutional Amendments as a vehicle to avoid potential vetoes from the elected executive.