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Call to Restore the Foundational Principles of the Republican Party

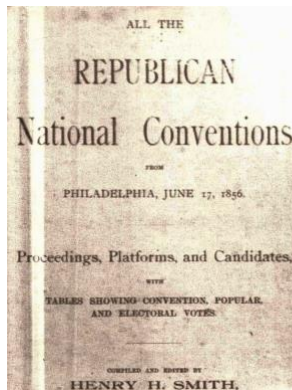
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The 2024 National Republican Convention begins today in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This is a call to restore the foundational principles of our Republic and the Republican Party. To complete my master's degree in public policy in 1985, I wrote my thesis on "The Christian Basis for Participation in Virginia's Republican Party." I researched the origins of the National Republican Party, which was officially formed in 1856 based on three foundational principles:

1. Opposition to slavery and its expansion, based on the truth that slavery directly violated the foundations of the nation as expressed in the Declaration of Independence; and specifically the deprivation of the inalienable rights to "life, liberty, or property, without due process of law";
2. Support and preservation of the United States Constitution; and
3. Preservation of the nation, "the union of the states."

Any citizen who agreed with these principles was welcome in the new party.

Here is the opening paragraph, first two statements, and closing of the Platform of the first National Convention of the Republican Party in 1856:



"The Convention of Delegates, assembled in pursuance of a call addressed to the people of the United States, without regard to past political differences or divisions, who are opposed to . . . the extension of slavery into free territory . . . of restoring the action of the federal government to the principles of Washington and Jefferson, and for the purpose of presenting candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President, do resolve:

"Resolved, That the maintenance of the principles promulgated in the Declaration of Independence, and embodied in the federal constitution, are essential to the preservation of our Republican institutions, and that the federal constitution, the rights of the states, and the union of the states, must and shall be preserved.

"Resolved, That with our Republican fathers, we hold it to be a self-evident truth, that all men are endowed with the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and that

the primary object and ulterior designs of our federal government were to secure those rights to all persons under its exclusive jurisdiction; that as our Republican fathers, when they had abolished slavery in all our national territory, ordained that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, it becomes our duty to maintain this provision of the constitution against all attempts to violate it for the purpose of establishing slavery in any Territory of the United States . . . That we deny the authority of Congress or of a Territorial legislature, of any individual, or association of individuals, to give legal existence to slavery in any Territory of the United States, while the present constitution shall be maintained.” . . .

[Closing statement]: “(W)e invite the affiliation and co-operation of the men of all parties, however differing from us in other respects, in support of the principles herein declared.”

Abraham Lincoln was the first Presidential candidate of the Republican Party, and he won election in 1860.

To be consistent, the Republican Party today should strongly stand for the same foundational principles, applying them to the grave issue of abortion instead of slavery. Every citizen of the United States should be welcome in the Republican Party who agrees with:

- (1) protecting the inalienable right to life from conception (fertilization), and opposition to abortion at any stage of pregnancy;
- (2) preservation of the United States Constitution, and limiting the power of the federal government to its actual provisions; and
- (3) preservation of the nation, the union of the states and territories.

The 2016 Republican Platform was consistent with these foundational principles. The 2024 Republican Platform is not.

As the 2024 National Republican Convention begins today, may the delegates demand restoration of the core principles of the Republican Party – including the sanctity of human life and opposition to abortion at every stage of pregnancy – to the National Republican Platform.

PRAY for Republicans and those who join with them to be strong and courageous for truth, righteousness and justice, and restore the foundational principles of the Party, beginning with inalienable Rights endowed by our Creator, the first being the Right to Life.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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