

2022 Story County Republican Platform

1. Life

1.1 We support the unalienable personhood of every American, from the moment of conception until natural death.

1.2 We support legislation requiring consent by a parent and/or legal guardian before a minor child or ward receives an abortion or any other reproductive services or products.

1.3 We support a "Woman's Right to Know Law" whereby performers of abortions must provide complete factual information to the pregnant woman about the complications of abortion, the biological development of the unborn, fetal pain, and availability of alternatives to abortion.

1.4 We oppose using public revenues at any level of government to fund abortions or organizations, such as Planned Parenthood, which advocate abortion.

1.5 We support pro-life crisis/pregnancy centers that give women truthful medical information, shows them an ultrasound, and supports women with medical information.

1.6 We oppose euthanasia, assisted suicide, and non-consensual withholding of treatment due to age, disability, or infirmity.

1.7 We support the abolition of tele-med abortions.

1.8 We support the adoption of the following amendment to the Iowa Constitution: "Life. To defend the dignity of all human life and protect unborn children from efforts to expand abortion even to the point of birth, we the people of the State of Iowa declare that this Constitution does not recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or require the public funding of abortion."

1.9 We support the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

1.10 We believe that health insurance should be portable and not employer specific.

1.11 We believe that companies or organizations and individuals should be able to buy health care insurance across state lines.

2. Liberty

2.1 We oppose the wholesale warrantless collection of U.S. citizen's internet, telephone, banking, and library activity, also the collection of a person's auto license plate information, travel information, and vehicle, facial, or body images, along with any other personal biometric data by the National Security Agency (NSA) and all other U.S. federal intelligence agencies.

2.2 We oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana.

2.3 We support the decriminalization of marijuana.

2.4 We support the legalization of cannabis oil and other medical cannabis products.

2.5 We support the adoption of the following amendment to the Iowa Constitution: "The right of an individual to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry, transfer, and use arms to defend life, and liberty without retreating, and for all other legitimate purposes is fundamental and shall not be infringed upon or denied. Mandatory licensing, registration, or special taxation

as a condition of the exercise of this right is prohibited, and any other restriction shall be subject to strict scrutiny.”

2.6 We support the constitutional carry of a firearm on all Iowa college campuses.

2.7 We support a “National Concealed Carry Act” that would allow a permitted concealed carry gun owner to cross state lines without fear of arrest and confiscation of said firearm

2.8 We support the elimination of “gun free zones” and the right of the individual to defend themselves.

2.9 We oppose any firearms and ammunition laws and regulations imposed on the citizens of the State of Iowa by the federal government.

2.10 We support the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America and background checks.

2.11 We firmly uphold the unrestrained nature of our freedom of speech and call for the elimination of “free speech zones”.

2.12 We believe that individuals speaking in their personal capacity should be free to express their political or religious beliefs without fear of being fired from their employer or blocked from their social media.

2.13 We believe that individuals should not be treated differently or tested because of their beliefs.

2.14 We believe that public displays of faith or religion, such as public prayer or the pledge of allegiance are fully protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America.

2.15 We support the abolition of human trafficking and call for the vigorous enforcement of such laws.

2.16 We support the establishment of an Iowa task force to prevent human trafficking.

2.17 We call for additional Congressional oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in an effort to create more accountability to the American public.

2.18 We support Congressional oversight of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

2.19 We support the protection of the religious liberties of businesses and individuals at all times and places without persecution.

2.20 We support raising the Iowa speed limit on interstates to 75 miles per hour (mph).

2.21 We oppose the indefinite detention of American citizens on American and foreign soil by members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

2.22 We oppose “Red Flag” laws.

2.23 We support legislation that would empower parents to protect their children from being exposed to explicit, age inappropriate materials and events at public libraries.

2.24 We believe individuals have an inalienable right to decline a vaccination or any medical treatment for themselves or those in their legal care.

2.25 We oppose requirements or mandates for medical treatments and believe medical decisions should remain between an individual and their God.

3. Property

3.1 We support legislation that would raise the level of evidence needed in civil asset forfeitures to that of criminal cases and the forfeiture of criminal gains.

3.2 We believe that small family farms are essential to Iowa's economy and ecology and support legislation that makes it easier to pass family farms from one generation to the next.

3.3 We support the ability of property owners to reject eminent domain demands to build pipelines or windfarms across their land.

3.4 We oppose the control of property assessments by unelected officials.

3.5 We support the elimination of property tax for TB & Bangs, and to make the program part of the Department of Agriculture or Department of Health with funding from the state general fund.

4. National Sovereignty and Defense

4.1 We believe that the federal government should be strictly limited to the 18 enumerated powers specified in the United States Constitution and that all others should be left to the states and to the people in accordance with the 10th Amendment.

4.2 We support applying term limits to all elective offices so that no individual would serve more than 16 continuous years in any given elected position.

4.3 We believe that for any law passed by Congress and signed by the President should apply equally to all citizens, including Congress, the President, their families and staff, with no exceptions.

4.4 We support holding government agencies and officials accountable by reducing funding or termination for targeting individuals and groups that oppose them politically.

4.5 We support providing monetary benefits to retired elected federal officials at no more than three times the amount provided to the lowest benefited retired federal employee and all other provided benefits equal to the amount of that employee.

4.6 We support the highest ethical standards in the treatment of captured enemy combatants while being detained, and oppose the use of torture.

4.7 We support legislation that reverses the denial or reduction of promised benefits at the time of enlistment for our veterans and current active duty personnel.

4.8 We support the conversion of vacant military bases into housing, recovery, therapy, and retraining centers for military veterans of all ages, especially homeless veterans, who require assistance in returning to civilian life. These bases could be staffed by retired military personnel. On base housing would be available for immediate family members.

4.9 We support adequate national defense funding to defend our nation.

4.10 We support Israel in their natural and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon their own lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others; and that peace can be afforded the region only through a united Israel governed under one law for all people, and we should refrain from pressuring Israel to forfeit land for peace.

4.11 We oppose foreign aid to enemy countries.

4.12 We support the repair of traditional international alliances.

4.13 We believe that refugees from hostile countries must be thoroughly vetted before being allowed to settle in the United States.

4.14 We support citizenship for a child born in the United States based on the United States citizenship of the child's parents, and that the 14th Amendment does not provide automatic citizenship to the children of non-citizens.

4.15 We support vigorous federal enforcement of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, and hold that our borders should be secured and the legal immigration process be enforced.

4.16 We believe English should be the official language of the United States and that all official documents be printed in English.

4.17 We oppose amnesty for illegal immigrants.

4.18 We oppose government benefits, financial support, voting rights, public education, and programs including drivers' licenses for illegal immigrants.

4.19 We support our national sovereignty and the protection of our borders, especially through the completion of the border wall.

4.20 We believe that Social Security benefits should be preserved and we call for the reform of the Social Security system so that it is solvent.

4.21 We believe Social Security should be privatized.

4.22 We support legislation that requires Congress reduce the deficit by 20% per year until balanced; and include in the budget a 10% reduction of the debt already accumulated and shall place a balanced budget amendment up for vote by 2024.

4.23 We believe that Congress should not increase or pass any additional spending bills until the budget deficit has been reduced to zero.

4.24 We believe that Congress should use zero based budgeting.

4.25 We support the Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS).

4.26 We support the removal of WIC, Snap, and all other food stamp programs from the farm bill and the Department of Agriculture and be moved to the Department of Health and Human Services.

4.27 We support the convening of a Convention of the States according to Article V of the United States Constitution for the purpose of limiting the Federal Government.

4.28 We believe the United States should leave the UN and require their headquarters to be located outside the US.

4.29 We oppose the "wokeism" of the United States Armed Forces.

4.30 We call for the continued investigation of Hillary Clinton and the Russia hoax.

4.31 We call for a thorough investigation of the Biden family and foreign bribes.

4.32 We call for the investigation of stock gains made by all government workers, including legislators.

4.33 We support a complete and thorough investigation of the COVID-19 vaccine.

4.34 We oppose vaccine mandates, including for health care workers.

4.35 We call for a complete and thorough investigation into the handling of the COVID-19 outbreak and government response.

4.36 We call for an investigation into the NIH and any funding into gain of function research.

4.37 We support the prosecution of individuals who committed crimes such as perjury before Congress.

4.38 We believe elected officials should be held to their oath of office.

4.39 We call for the 2020 Census to be re-taken. *Jeremy rewrite to meet legal standards*

4.40 We call for an investigation into the 2020 election and any prosecutions thereafter to occur.

4.41 We oppose the use of Dominion voting machines.

4.42 We support voter ID, election integrity, and stronger penalties for voter fraud.

5. Commerce

5.1 We support reducing excessive regulation of business.

5.2 We support the repeal of the 16th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and the elimination of the Internal Revenue Service, replacing it with a national flat tax or Fair Tax.

5.3 We support a full and complete audit of the Federal Reserve.

5.4 We support the reorganization of the federal crop insurance program to act as a safety net, not as encouragement to plant in marginal land.

5.5 We support energy independence especially through the promotion of renewable fuels and policies that supports such at the national and state level.

5.6 We support restructuring the current classifications of narcotics.

5.7 We believe pharmacists cannot refuse to fill legal prescriptions.

5.8 We believe doctors should not be censured for treating COVID-19 infections with re-purposed drugs.

5.9 We oppose the censorship enacted by “Big Tech” companies and the media.

5.10 We support the hiring of more USDA inspectors to break the stranglehold of the big 4 packers.

5.11 We support the right of local packers to sell local animal products, inspected by state authorities.

5.12 We oppose a meat tax.

5.13 We oppose the use of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) scores.

5.14 We believe family members should be allowed into facilities to visit the elderly or hospitalized patients regardless of pandemics or crises.

5.15 We support the classification of internet providers as common carriers, similar to telephone companies.

5.16 We support social media declare themselves as a publisher or platform.

5.17 We oppose predatory and abusive lending practices and call for passage and vigorous enforcement of laws against it.

6. State and Local Government

6.1 We support legislation to protect Iowa's state sovereignty, in order to restore the proper relationship between the State of Iowa and the federal government, as defined by the 10th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

6.2 We support the abolition of the U.S. Department of Education with return of educational support and monitoring of all levels of education to the individual states.

6.3 We support requiring candidates for State and Federal offices in the State of Iowa to file proof of their eligibility for office with the Secretary of State.

6.4 We support requiring Iowa citizens to present state of Iowa accepted photo identification in order to cast a ballot.

6.5 We support the use of solely paper ballots with a watermark and one-day elections, with no unsolicited absentee or mail-in ballots.

6.6 We support the use of voting drop boxes only if a proper chain of custody is followed and ballot harvesting is not allowed.

6.7 We support the adoption of a state holiday "Election Day" to allow Americans to vote.

6.8 We support only one subject per bill.

6.9 We oppose holding votes on any new legislation or bill without having adequate time to review all the specifics.

6.10 We support an Iowa Constitutional Amendment that will require approval by majority vote of the people for any increase of state taxes or fees that exceeds one percent of annual state general fund revenue.

6.11 We support limited Federal and Iowa State government spending, reduction of debt and waste, and the elimination of attachment appropriations to non-appropriation bills.

6.12 We support the constitutional balance of powers, outlining the responsibilities of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.

6.13 We support legislation that would place reasonable limits on the amount of time an able bodied person can collect public assistance.

6.14 We support legislation requiring public service and accountability in order to receive government funded welfare.

6.15 We support legislation that would require drug testing for welfare recipients.

6.16 We support legislation that would hold universities and colleges accountable for predatory student loans practices.

6.17 We believe that public, private, college, and university teachers and professors should be allowed to be armed after completing training courses.

6.18 We support providing vouchers to parents of children educated in non-public schools and homeschooling environments.

6.19 We support access to education savings accounts (ESAs) regardless of income.

6.20 We support local control of all public school affairs.

6.21 We support parental rights legislation that specifically affirms the right of a parent to direct the education and upbringing of a minor child.

6.22 We support presenting all scientific evidence for intelligent design in our government funded schools.

6.23 We oppose the Common Core Curriculum, as well as any curriculum that originates by an act of Congress or rule mandated by the federal Department of Education.

6.24 We oppose the collection and sharing of personal student loan data for non-educational purposes without prior written consent of an adult student or a minor child's parent/legal guardian.

6.25 We oppose ratification of the "so called" United Nations Convention of the Child, which interferes with a parent's right to direct the education and upbringing of their children.

6.26 We support the deduction of all federal income tax payments on Iowa income tax returns.

6.27 We support defining marriage as the union between one man and one woman and believe that the traditional nuclear family is the building block to a moral, healthy, and thriving society.

6.28 We believe no law should infringe upon faith-based adoptive service agencies that offer their services in accordance with their beliefs.

6.29 We support improving, strengthening, and simplifying the adoption process so that more children can have a father and mother.

6.30 We support efforts to reduce the number of divorces and harmful custody battles.

6.31 Whereas the Affordable Care Act capital gains surtax is a dishonest and unfair tax on Iowa family farmers we therefore support a repeal of this dishonest capital gains tax on assets which are not being sold.

6.32 As a party, we value and celebrate diversity. We recognize and welcome the contributions of minority populations, which help to add richness and vibrancy to America's cultural fabric.

6.33 We believe a governor's emergency powers should be limited to 30 days or to the convening of the legislature, at which point the legislature is required to approve an extension.

6.34 We believe that if a governor shuts down a legal private business, no elected official in the state shall receive pay or compensation until those restrictions are lifted.

6.35 We oppose race-based education, defined as education that places one racial group as superior or inferior to another.

6.36 We oppose the teaching of critical race theory (CRT), gender or gender identity studies, or social and emotional learning (SEL) in our public schools.

6.37 We support the use of natural gas and nuclear power plants.

6.38 We support reparations to healthcare workers who lost their jobs or individuals who suffered vaccine injury after complying with vaccine mandates

6.39 We believe governments should support and fund our police forces.

6.40 We support the elimination of the inheritance or death tax.