

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY – WHY BELIEVE IN IT?

Popular Conceptions:

1. Both major political parties are alike. What's the difference?
2. I vote for the person, not for the party!
3. If I'm anything, I'm independent!

The Facts:

1. Both parties are **fundamentally different!** Republicans believe in freedom, which is the exercise of personal responsibility, that people are overwhelmingly more capable of managing their own affairs than is the government. Democrats, on the other hand while well meaning, mostly believe that people require the guidance of an elite group, namely themselves as government, in managing their daily lives. In simple terms, **Republicans trust people and Democrats don't.**
2. When you vote for the person, you are really voting for the party whether you like it or not. The person does not organize the government. The majority party appoints its members to positions of authority in government and therefore runs the government. If you believe in the Republican philosophy and you vote for an attractive Democrat, you can count on your philosophy being ignored in the conduct of government. If you vote for the most winnable candidate of the party that best reflects your own philosophy, you will get a government that more closely reflects your beliefs.
3. An independent voter has a philosophy that leans either Republican or Democrat and, to cast an influential vote, needs to pick the winnable candidate from the major party who more closely represents the voter's philosophy.

Republican and Democrat Beliefs:

1. Republicans believe that government should confine itself largely to basic functions such as Foreign Policy, National Defense, Law Enforcement, Public Works and other things that people do not do for themselves and which need to be done centrally. Democrats believe that peoples' personal lives require regulation and guidance by the government in addition to the basic functions.
2. If you feel that you can run your affairs better than the government can, you are a natural Republican. If you feel that you are not as good at managing your own personal affairs as the government would be and want the government to interfere in your life and do it for you, you are a natural Democrat and should expect higher taxes, more regulations and less freedom and independence as a result.
3. Republicans are constantly branded by Democrats as the party of the rich out to exploit the poor who need Democrats to defend them against exploitation. This is baloney! Rich people are productive people. Otherwise they wouldn't be rich. Poor people would not be poor if they became productive. Republicans promote opportunity so people can become productive. Democrats promote handouts which encourage unproductive people to stay that way. The more productive people are, the richer and pleasanter are their lives. Democrats exploit the productive by taxing them to obtain the money for the handouts they give the unproductive so they need not become productive and live happier lives.
4. Republicans want government to help those who are unable to care for themselves. For those capable of caring for themselves but unwilling to do so, any help they receive should be to get them to become productive members of society. There is a difference between the unwilling and the unable which needs to be dealt with by good government. Democrats lump the unwilling and unable together and treat them the same. Not a good idea!
5. Republicans are opposed to unfunded mandates where the Federal and State governments require that local governments have to find the money to pay for things they don't need or require. Democrats are expert at instituting unfunded mandates and causing local governments to spend local money on things they don't want or need.

Conclusion:

Yes, there are major differences between Republicans and Democrats and which party you vote for is more important than the candidate. Look at the differences between the major parties and decide whether to be a Republican, Democrat, Independent or some other party. There are two major parties in our country, Republicans and Democrats, and one of them will control government. If your vote is to count for something, in the general election it needs to be for one party or the other. The Republican philosophy is more representative of a free society such as the United States than is that of the Democrats. Remember! **REPUBLICANS TRUST PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR PERSONAL LIVES AND DEMOCRATS DON'T!**