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THE HISTORY OF YOUR REPUBLICAN PARTY

Island
America's Party. America's Future.

It began with America's freedom fighters ...

The Republican Party's roots begin with those who opposed slavery and government tyranny in the early 1850's and nominated its first presidential candidate in 1856.



19th Amendment to the
Constitution

1920

The right of citizens of the United States
to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the
United States or by any State on account of sex.

It was founded on equality ...

The Republican Party was the first major political party to support women's right to vote. The 19th Amendment was ratified and added to the Constitution by the states while 26 of 36 state legislatures were under Republican control.



It is the party of Lincoln ...

During the Civil War, Republican President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation to free the slaves, setting the stage for Republicans of the day to pass the 13th Amendment to outlaw slavery, the 14th to guarantee equal protection under the law, and the 15th to secure voting rights for African-Americans – fundamental freedoms that define America yet today.



*It is the party of
Eisenhower, Reagan,
and great American leaders ...*

Presidents during most of the late nineteenth century and the early part of the twentieth century were Republicans, including Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush.

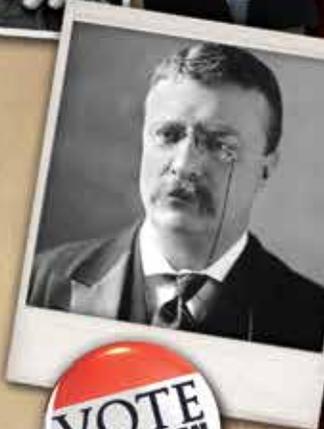
It is symbolized by the elephant ...

The elephant became the symbol of the GOP – the “gallant old party” – during the 1874 mid term elections, when cartoonist Thomas Nash showed a Democratic donkey trying to scare a Republican elephant. Today, the GOP stands for the “Great Opportunity Party.”

It remains the party of freedom ...

From slavery to women's right to vote to winning the Cold War, the Republican Party has established itself as the party of freedom, the individual, more efficient government, states' rights, economic growth, and greater opportunity for all.

Reagan
in
80



FIRST APPEARANCE OF REPUBLICAN ELEPHANT
Thomas Nast created the symbol of the Republican Party in this cartoon
in Harper's Weekly, 1874. Warning Republicans against succumbing to
for a third term, it depicts an ambitious Caesar (an ass dressed in a lion's
skin) running through the forest (frightening all the animals, especially
an elephant representing the large Republican vote).

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