

2018 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, and believe they should be funded.
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	Support a strong safety net and policies that expand opportunity and reduce poverty in order to end hunger at home by 2030
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 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 and all other U.S. federal intelligence agencies
2.2	We support the abolition of the National Security Agency (NSA)
2.3	We support the full repeal of the Patriot Act.
2.4	We oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana.
2.5	We support the legalization of cannabis oil and other medical marijuana products.
2.6	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.”

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2.7	We support the concealed carry of a firearm on Iowa college campuses
2.8	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.
2.9	We support the elimination of “gun free zones” and the right of the individual to defend themselves.
2.10	We oppose any firearms and ammunition laws and regulations imposed on the citizens of the State of Iowa by the federal government.
2.11	We oppose the use of Tasers against persons that have been subdued by law enforcement officers and those officers should receive adequate training in the use of Tasers before an officer is permitted to use and or is issued a Taser.
2.12	We support legislation which allows unrestrained freedom of speech, including public prayer and the pledge of allegiance.
2.13	We oppose predatory and abusive lending practices and call for passage and vigorous enforcement of laws against it.
2.14	We support the abolition of human trafficking and call for the vigorous enforcement of such laws.
2.15	We support the abolition of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and call for it to be replaced by an agency that will work within the confines and will of Congress
2.16	We call for the elimination of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) EPA regulations to make all water tributaries regulated by the EPA as “wetlands“.
2.17	We support the abolition of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
2.18	We support the protection of the religious liberties of businesses and individuals at all times and places without persecution.
2.19	We support the repeal of the Iowa “Gas Tax” and oppose any Federal fuel tax legislation.
2.20	We support that Iowa maintains parental choice & religious exemptions to immunizations and vaccines.
2.21	We support raising the Iowa speed limit on interstates to 75 miles per hour (mph).
2.23	We support the right of Iowans to speak freely and to practice religious freedoms as guaranteed to citizens under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.
2.24	We oppose the indefinite detention of American citizens on American and foreign soil by members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. Property

3.1	We support legislation that would raise the level of evidence needed in civil asset forfeitures to that of criminal cases.	
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4. National Sovereignty and Defense

4.1	We believe that the federal government should be strictly limited to the 18 enumerated powers in the United States Constitution and that all others should be left to the states and to the people in accordance with the 10 th Amendment.
4.2	We support applying term limits to all elective offices so that no individual would serve more than 12 continuous years in any given elective 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 a return to the Gold Standard
4.7	We support the highest ethical standards in the treatment of captured enemy combatants while being detained, and oppose the use of torture.
4.8	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.
4.9	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 would be staffed by retired military personnel. On base housing would be available for immediate family members.
4.10	We support adequate national defense funding to defend our nation.
4.11	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.
4.12	We support Israel's right to defend itself and we should refrain from pressuring Israel to forfeit land for peace.
4.13	We oppose foreign aid to enemy countries.
4.14	We support the repair of traditional international alliances.
4.15	We believe that refugees from hostile countries must be thoroughly vetted before being allowed to settle in the United States and that we should follow Canada's model of only accepting complete families and women and children.
4.16	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 14 th Amendment does not provide automatic citizenship to the children of

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	non-citizens.
4.17	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.
4.18	We believe English should be the official language of the United States and that all official documents be printed in English.
4.19	We oppose amnesty for illegal immigrants.
4.20	We oppose government benefits and programs including drivers' licenses for illegal immigrants.
4.21	We believe that Social Security benefits should be preserved and we call for the reform the Social Security system so that it is solvent.
4.22	We support the repeal the Iranian Deal.
4.23	We call for the repeal of any and all unconstitutional or overreaching executive orders.
4.24	We believe that all presidents should be held accountable for their unconstitutional actions.
4.25	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 for vote by 2020.
4.26	We believe that Congress should use zero based budgeting
4.27	We call for the repeal of Title IX (Title 9)
4.28	We support the Renewal Fuel Standards (RFS)
4.29	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.

5. Commerce

5.1	We support reducing excessive regulation of business.
5.2	We support the repeal of the 16 th 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 ending the Federal Reserve system.
5.5	We support the reorganization of the federal crop insurance program to act as a safety net, not as encouragement to plant in marginal land.
5.6	We support energy independence especially through the promotion of renewable fuels and policies that supports such at the national and state level.

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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 10 th 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 accepted State of Iowa identification in order to cast a ballot or to request an absentee ballot.
6.5	We support only one subject per bill (that way we know what each representative actually votes for or against).
6.6	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.
6.7	We support an Iowa Constitutional Amendment that will limit state general fund spending to no more than 99% of estimated revenue, require a 60% vote of both houses of the Legislature to spend any of the state's reserve funds, and require the state to follow generally accepted accounting principles.
6.8	We support limited Federal and Iowa State government spending, reduction of debt and waste, and the elimination of attachment appropriations to non-appropriation bills.
6.9	We support the Constitutional balance of powers and believe that all legislation must come from the Congress/ Legislature not the courts.
6.10	We support legislation that would place reasonable limits on the amount of time an able bodied person can collect public assistance.
6.11	We support legislation requiring public service and accountability in order to receive government funded welfare.
6.12	We support legislation that would require drug testing for welfare recipients.
6.13	We support legislation that would require all regent universities must follow the US constitution or lose state funds.
6.14	We support legislation that would hold universities and colleges accountable for predatory student loans practices.
6.15	We support the passage of the education budget at the beginning of the legislature session.

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6.16	We believe that public, private, college, and university teachers and professors should be allowed to be armed after completing training courses.
6.17	We support tax credits to parents of children educated in non-public schools and home schooling environments.
6.18	We support local control of all public school affairs.
6.19	We support parental rights legislation that specifically affirms the right of a parent to direct the education and upbringing of a minor child.
6.20	We support presenting all scientific evidence for intelligent design in our government funded schools.
6.21	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.
6.22	We oppose the collection and sharing of personal student data for non-educational purposes without prior written consent of an adult student or a minor child's parent.
6.23	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.
6.24	We call for the elimination of the special nomination convention and the institution of a runoff election in cases of contested primaries.
6.25	We support the deduction of all federal income tax payments on their Iowa income tax returns.
6.26	We support the repeal of the Iowa income tax and its replacement with a consumption tax.
6.27	We support a constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union between one man and one woman and believe that the traditional family is the building block to a moral, healthy, and thriving society.
6.28	We support non-familial adoption by heterosexual married couples consisting of one man and one woman, and believe that no law should infringe on 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	No municipality shall impose a limit on concentrations of rental units in any areas or area of the city limits.