HISTORY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY Began at Federal level in the 1850s. When Lincoln established anti slavery party

In 1850 a large group of anti slavery Whig Party members selected Abraham Lincoln, a former congressman to become their candidate with a goal to resolve disputes concerning slavery as new states were admitted. Lincoln won election becoming the 1st Republican president in 1860.

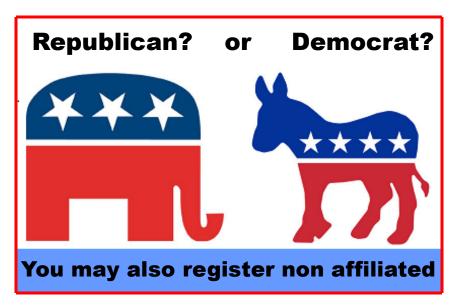
The slavery issue was not resolved even after the Civil War. In Sept 1862 Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation that freed slaves. But Republican Congress still had to persuade 2/3 of States to amend the Constitution with the 13th and 14th amendments to officially outlaw slavery and guarantee equal protection under US law in 1868. The 15th amendment secured equal voting for all men 1870. It took 19th amendment in 1920 for women's equal voting rights.

Constitutional amendments require approval of 2/3rds of all states. After WWI Pres Wilson instituted racial segregation back into the government. USA still became the most prosperous nation in the world into the 21st century. It was still not until after WWII that Pres Truman eliminated racial equality and opportunity for all in military and government positions. Martin Luther King peaceful demonstration accelerated the full integration in all aspects of life in USA.

The USA is now the worlds example of how freedom and equal opportunity can produce a vibrant economy that is the envy of people in the world.

Still there are issues of government and community service that are debated by some with demonstrations which allow anarchist to take violent action that destroy property and make some communities unsafe for normal family life. Please learn more how we can work together to improve lifestyles for all.

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This will help understanding political viewpoints

In America the <u>federal and state government administrative</u> systems were established in the late 18th century as a <u>two</u> <u>party representative republic</u>. Most <u>city governments</u> are run by a single <u>independent system</u> of popular vote.

Our government is determined by a free vote of the people. Federal government primary responsibility is equal security for US citizens. Foreign affairs provide a common voice dealing with other nations. State administration decides all State policy except interstate transportation, communications, energy and interstate commerce to maintain equal policy standards.

It was our 3rd president Jefferson who established the two party system. This has proved to be an efficient way to govern people in a representative republic. The views of people in both parties are discussed within. Views change over time.

DEMOCRAT OPINIONS ON THE LEFT * REPUBLICAN OPINIONS ON THE RIGHT

Where does your opinions fit? - rate your own political thinking - choose left or right views from each of 5 issues (rate 1 to 9)

#1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 #8 #9
Far Left - Progressive left - liberal - moderate liberal - no opinion - moderate conservative - conservative - progressive right - Far Right

Below states opinion between 3&4 for liberal & moderate liberal views

Below states opinions between 6&7 for conservative & moderate conservative views

1- Government leadership responsibility

Society is collectively responsible for individual needs, so the government must have authority to make the final decisions on allowed personal actions with less focus on individual enterprise and initiative and greater focus on government serving society's greater need.

2 - Government economic Policy responsibility

Complication of economy requires the government to regulate benefit for all in society. Individuals & business must subordinate initiatives to what government determines is best collectively for society.

3 - Taxes & Government spending responsibility

Federal government national planning works best if it controls the flow of funds to States to meet a national plan. Larger federal bureaucracy is needed to provide proper national planning, which eliminates duplications in state and local governments.

4 - Federal Government Structure should be state need centric

It's best to have a stronger federal government with ability to modify the Constitution as life styles change over time. National leaders can best decide how to solve local needs and issues. The federal government should be allowed to change Judicial rules to meet new needs and benefits which citizens should have rights to enjoy.

5 - Foreign Policy and Defense

The federal government should use leadership in diplomacy to settle problems between nations. The United Nation organization should be stronger so individual nations don't need strong military. Only if diplomacy fails should our USA government use armed force and then only for protecting our own citizens. Congress should approve all military action, and insure that US military is not used to solve other nations problems.

1- Government leadership responsibility

The federal government should be limited to what state government can't administer. State governments should administer state responsibilities. Cities are best qualified for local services. Individuals need incentives to provide self benefits and to help others in society that are in need.

2 - Government economic Policy responsibility

The free enterprise system works best if individuals are free to use their own talents for personal prosperity. Government should provide guideline and incentive for individual initiatives and encourage private charity.

3 - Taxes & Government spending responsibility

Federal taxes should meet only necessary federal expenses. State taxes should cover state responsibilities. city tax should cover local city needs. Governments, like families, must be responsible to stay within budget. Local government is more efficient in serving local citizens needs.

4 - Federal Government structure should be individual need centric

America prospers with a constitution providing <u>3 equal federal Branches</u>, (Executive, Legislative and Judicial). This provides counterbalance of administrative power by imperfect citizens. Choosing leadership through two-party system, allows individual citizens to have free voice in national and state governments, with officials listening to the will of all citizens.

5 - Foreign Policy and Defense

The defense of our citizens and our nation's interests in the world is the Federal government primary responsibility. Peace and freedom for our citizen can only be assured by a strong military. We must assist with maintaining world order since it has impact on life and business of US citizens. It is our self interest to have other free nations maintain security for their citizens with treaties between nations for free and fair trade. All nations must handle their own responsibilities. We will assist and train only if requested.