

Party Resolutions Show the Party Grass Roots

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Republican Party of Wisconsin State Convention Resolutions - 2008

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2008-1 Commendation of President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Republican State and Federal Office Holders, Grassroots Volunteers, Wisconsinites Serving in the Bush Administration, and Our Armed Forces

2008-2 Military Commendations

2008-3 Remembering Governor Dreyfus

2008-4 Commendation of Senator McCain

2008-5 Support of Policy in Iraq and Afghanistan

2008-6 Right to Keep and Bear Arms (*in favor*)

2008-7 Crime and Punishment (*in favor of harsher punishments and fewer rights for prisoners*)

2008-8 Capitol Punishment (*in favor*)

2008-9 Sanctity of Human Life (*in favor of abortion restrictions*)

2008-10 Family Values and Preservation of Parental Rights (*in favor*)

2008-11 The USA Patriot Act (*in favor of renewing Patriot Act*)

2008-12 Taxes (*in favor of a tax payer protection amendment*)

2008-13 No Taxation without Representation (*in favor of electing, not appointing members of boards with taxation authority*)

2008-14 Fairness in Agricultural Production, Service, and Marketing

2008-15 Reform of Social Security (*in favor*)

2008-16 Election Reform (*in favor of photo I.D., and stricter laws*)

2008-17 Union Political Activity (*in favor of more restrictions*)

2008-18 English as the Official Language (*in favor*)

2008-19 Gambling (*in favor of reduction or abolition of gambling in WI*)

2008-20 Gaming Compacts (*against*)

2008-21 Education (**full text published below**)

2008-22 Mandated Government Health Care (*against*)

2008-23 Promoting National Energy Independence (*in favor*)

2008-24 Tort Reform (*in favor*)

2008-25 Fair Immigration Policies (*in favor of more restrictions*)

2008-26 Smaller Government (*in favor*)

2008-27 Restricting the Exercise of Eminent Domain

2008-28 Conservative Direction: GOP (*in favor*)

2008-29 Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Repeal

2008-30 National Motto (*in favor*)

2008-31 Light Rail and KRM (*against*)

2008-32 End Stewardship Fund Land Purchases

2008-33 Affirmative Action (*against*)

2008-34 Establishing Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) (*in favor*)

2008-35 Requiring Governor to Submit a Balanced State Budget (*in favor*)

2008-36 Desecration of the American Flag (*against*)

2008-37 Care for Veterans (*in favor*)

2008-38 Repealing the "Minimum Markup" Law

2008-39 Stop General Purpose Revenue Funding of Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television

2008-40 Personal Liberty (*against smoking ban*)

2008-41 Climate Change and the Environment (*against government legislation*)

2008-42 Local Zoning Control (*in favor*)

2008-43 Fighting Poverty and Commending Ambassador Mark Green

2008-21 Education

Whereas, virtual schools have come under attack by the leadership of the state teacher's union; and WHEREAS, parents have the fundamental right and responsibility to educate their children and provide for their moral guidance; and

WHEREAS, parents should have as much choice as possible in selecting the right school for their children; and

WHEREAS, vigorous competition from independent schools will stimulate government schools to strive for and achieve excellence:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled:

A. Urges that parents of school-age children be given vouchers or tax credits designed to give all parents equal freedom of choice in education without regard to their financial means, and

B. Urges that religiously oriented schools not be discriminated against for exercising their freedom of religion, and

C. Strongly urges that the right to home school shall not be abridged, and

D. Urges our state legislators and local school boards to push for curriculum changes that place greater emphasis on the basics, including science, social studies, mathematics, reading, and phonics, and eliminate

all programs whose objectives are social engineering or advocacy of special interests, and

E. Urges the state legislature to stop schools from advocating gay and lesbian behavior, and

F. Urges the state legislature to stop schools from providing contraception to students, and

G. Calls for the state legislature to eliminate funding of 4-year-old kindergarten, and

H. Urges Congress to pass legislation that prohibits schools from forcing or coercing parents to put their children on drugs and eliminates all funding for government-mandated mental health screening of all children, and

I. Supports academic efforts that ensure that the presentation of our history and founding principles in our

educational institutions, including those of higher learning, is objective, truthful and complete, and

J. Urges legislation adopting alternative standards for teacher licensing that do not require a degree in education or student-teaching experience, and

K. Believes that school boards should have discretion as to the teaching of intelligent design within their districts, and

L. Urges that the religious heritage of our nation be taught.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports

legislation to make it easier to fire unsatisfactory teachers in the public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports

local school districts' decision to set up virtual schools and parents right to participate in their children's education and to choose virtual schools for their children's education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges that libraries in all publicly-funded schools have a balance of reading materials that reflect conservative values as well as liberal values.

Democratic Party of Wisconsin State Convention Resolutions – 2008

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http://libertycontrol.net/Uploads/wisconsin_dems/DPW2008Resolutions.pdf

Resolutions Concerning Agriculture and Environmental Affairs

08-AGE-01 Environmental Protection (*in favor*)

08-AGE-02 Wind Energy (*in favor*)

08-AGE-03 Energy Independence (*in favor*)

08-AGE-04 Nelson-Knowles Stewardship Fund (*in favor*)

08-AGE-05 In Support of the Great Lakes Compact

08-AGE-06 Mass Transit (*in favor*)

08-AGE-07 Clean Indoor Air (*in favor*)

Resolutions Concerning Foreign Affairs

08-FA-01 Opposing Nuclear Weapons

08-FA-02 Fair Trade Not Free Trade

08-FA-03 End the Occupation of Iraq

08-FA-04 Transform the US Role in Iraq

Resolutions Concerning Party Government

08-PG-01 Platform and Resolutions (*in favor of keeping with party platform*)

08-PG-02 Super Delegates (*against*)

Resolutions Concerning Education, Labor, and Economics

08-ELE-01 Fully Funding Wisconsin's Public Schools (*in favor*)

08-ELE-02 Support Public K-12 Schools

08-ELE-03 Solutions to Students' Issues (*in favor of providing better access to higher education*)

08-ELE-04 Protecting American Workers (*in favor*)

08-ELE-05 American Enterprises with Foreign Addresses (*in favor of stricter tax evasion laws*)

08-ELE-06 Revitalizing Our Economy (*in favor*)

08-ELE-07 State Versus State (*against tax breaks for businesses*)

08-ELE-08 Corporations Not Paying Fair Share of Taxes (*in favor of revisions to the state tax code*)

08-ELE-09 Corporate Taxes (*against tax breaks*)

08-ELE-10 Repeal Bush Administration Tax Cuts for Those With High Incomes (Over \$250,000.00) a year

08-ELE-11 Importance of Taxes (*in favor*)

08-ELE-12 Social Security Tax On All Earned Income (*in favor*)

08-ELE-13 Minimum Wage to be Living Wage (*in favor*)

08-ELE-14 Excessive Interest Rates (*against excessive rates*)

08-ELE-15 Consumer Credit and Usury (*in favor of fair interest rates, fees and penalties*)

08-ELE-16 Prohibit Forced Overtime for Health Care Workers

08-ELE-17 Resolution Relating to Identity Theft Victims (*in favor of stopping companies from firing victims while they recover*)

Resolutions Concerning Justice, Human Concerns, and Democracy

08-JHD-01 National Health Care (*in favor*)

08-JHD-02 Supporting "Healthy Wisconsin: Your Choice, Your Plan"

08-JHD-03 Medicare Part D (*against*)

08-JHD-04 Social Security (*against privatization*)

08-JHD-05 Support Reproductive Rights

08-JHD-06 In Support of Women's "Reproductive Rights"

08-JHD-07 Supporting Death with Dignity Legislation

08-JHD-08 Priority Status for Veterans (*in favor*)

08-JHD-09 Repealing Section 13 of Article XIII of the Wisconsin Constitution, Wisconsin's Constitutional Amendment Banning Gay Marriage and Civil Unions (**full text published below**)

08-JHD-10 The Equal Rights Amendment (*in favor*)

08-JHD-11 Support the "Share the Sacrifice Act" (HR 3948) (the "Act")

08-JHD-12 Accountability of George W. Bush (*in favor*)

08-JHD-13 Renewing our Call to Impeach George W. Bush and Richard Cheney

08-JHD-14 Support for the 35 Articles of Impeachment of President George W.

Bush moved by Representative Dennis Kucinich on Monday, June 9, 2008

08-JHD-15 Repeal The Military Commissions Act 2006 (*in favor*)

08-JHD-16 On Illegal Surveillance (*in favor of investigating the surveillance use*)

08-JHD-17 Repeal of the USA-PATRIOT Act (*in favor*)

08-JHD-18 Oppose Voter ID Cards

08-JHD-19 Advocating Paper Ballots and Random Audits

08-JHD-20 Public Funding for Judicial Races (*in favor*)

08-JHD-21 Fundraising During Budget Period (*against*)

08-JHD-22 Separation of Religion and Government (*in favor*)

08-JHD-23 Earmarked Funds (*against*)

08-JHD-09 Repealing Section 13 of Article XIII of the Wisconsin Constitution, Wisconsin's Constitutional Amendment Banning Gay Marriage and Civil Unions

WHEREAS, the amendment has attracted exactly zero skilled workers to Wisconsin but has driven many away, needlessly stunting the growth of Wisconsin's economy;

WHEREAS, the amendment has strengthened or protected exactly zero marriages;

WHEREAS, it is widely acknowledged that the amendment will eventually be removed, when the younger and fairer generation is in the majority; and,

WHEREAS, the amendment serves no purpose but to deny to a minority of Wisconsinites their inherent right of the pursuit of happiness;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls upon the Wisconsin Legislature to begin the process of reversing the amendment immediately.