

## What unites us is more important than what divides us

Most Americans agree we want good for our children, we want to take care of the environment, we want good healthcare, we want security, we want a job and the opportunity to provide for our families, we want to live a good life.

We disagree on how to accomplish these goals.



We need to get beyond Republicans and Democrats and get back to being Americans ... mothers, fathers, families.

## Why do we need to keep an eye on our representatives?

In voting upon laws that impact you and your children, do you think your representative:

- a) sees your face
- b) sees the face of his campaign donors

## We Argue Over:

Cap and trade, healthcare, federal deficit, the economy, fairness, unions, Employee Freedom of Choice Act, SEIU, ACORN, government intrusion into the private markets, social values, et cetera.



## What About What We Share?

The need and/or desire for:

- ≡ Our children to do better than us
- ≡ The truth to be told
- ≡ Liberty (not being forced or made to do things)
- ≡ Jobs that will provide for your family
- ≡ Food
- ≡ Shelter
- ≡ Clothing
- ≡ Good health
- ≡ Love for our children and families
- ≡ Security
- ≡ Honest and open communication and debate
- ≡ Education
- ≡ Energy
- ≡ Transportation
- ≡ Leisure time and entertainment
- ≡ Fair treatment (e.g., not to be taken advantage of, lied to, stolen from, et cetera)
- ≡ Affordable taxes that do not penalize hard and smart work
- ≡ Self-ownership: you are responsible for your own life and no other person (including the government) has a higher claim on your life than you do
- ≡ The right to protect your life, liberty, and property

When evaluating various ideas, instead of looking at the “party line,” what about just asking, is it *the best solution*?

