



# Our Principles

We -- The People -- believe,  
our candidates should govern  
with the following principles ...



## THE 36 PRINCIPLES

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### 1st Principle

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Public servants are to have good character and regularly exhibit the traits of honesty, integrity, equality, compassion, courtesy, self-discipline, trustworthiness, diligence, responsibility, courage, empathy, and clear perspective.

### 2nd Principle

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Public servants are to uphold our Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution belongs to all Americans. Our Constitution protects our [liberty](#) from the power of government; it is our shield against a government who would lay claim and rule to our life. Our Constitution proclaims our freedoms of speech, assembly, press, religion, right to bear arms, right to due process, et cetera. The U.S. Constitution - not focus-groups, surveys, the latest marketing techniques, or the passions or parties of particular times - has to govern our lawmakers.

A review:

- The philosophy of liberty is based upon self-ownership: [click here to see video](#)<sup>1</sup> (see footnotes)
- Click: [United State Constitution basics \(easy to understand\)](#)
- Click: [Understanding the Constitution](#)

"We, the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow men who pervert the Constitution." - Abraham Lincoln

### 3rd Principle

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Public servants are to serve the best interests of their constituents.

While there are many examples to choose from to illustrate how our public servants are not serving the best interests of their constituents, the following is a case in point: we have 27 million Americans unemployed or underemployed.<sup>2</sup> We are ready to give free health insurance to the nation's estimated 12 million illegal aliens<sup>3</sup> and hold as a priority giving them legal status.<sup>4</sup> We are projected to spend - just for fiscal year 2009 - two trillion dollars more than we receive in taxes.<sup>5</sup> How is giving "free" health insurance and legal status to 12 million illegal aliens in the best interest of the American people when 27 million Americans are un/underemployed and the federal government - "we, the people" - already owe trillions upon trillions upon trillions of dollars of debt?<sup>6</sup>

[Click here to see video](#)



"Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master." - George Washington



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### 4th Principle

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The Constitution sets up a *small* federal government.

- Amendment 10 to the Constitution states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."
- The Constitution makes clear that government is to be as close to the people as possible and that authority is reserved to the states and people. The federal government needs to once again be constrained to its legitimate constitutional functions.
- Since the inception of the bailout nation, 30% of private business profits are owned or controlled by the federal government. William Boyes, an economics professor at the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University, estimates that the government now owns or controls businesses that generate about one-third of U.S. economic activity. The Professor said, "I simply added up how much of GDP [gross domestic product] was government run or government controlled. I gave an approximation that is pretty conservative. I suspect the actual number is more like 40%; if health care goes through then it will rise to over 50%." The government through cap-and-trade and healthcare want to control another 26% of our economy. At that point, we are no longer a free market country.

"The powers delegated by the ... Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite." - James Madison

- Do you remember the reason given for the establishment of the Department of Energy during the Carter Administration? The Department of Energy was instituted on August 4, 1977 to lessen our dependence on foreign oil. 32 years later, the budget for this department is \$24.2 billion a year and it has 16,000 federal employees and approximately 100,000 contract employees, and look at the job it has done!

"The true theory of our Constitution is surely the wisest and best .... When all government ... shall be drawn to Washington as the centre of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided of one government on another, and wilt become as ... oppressive as the government from which we separated."  
- Thomas Jefferson



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### 5th Principle

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Reduce the number of laws and regulations. For every new law passed, repeal at least two old laws.

- Without knowing it, you have probably violated a law today just going about your daily business, but ignorance of the law is no excuse.
- It has been stated that there are at least 75,000 pages added to the Federal Register *every year* (in addition to state and local regulations). Where's the liberty in having to obey thousands of suffocating rules?
- Instead of having a principles-based legal system, America has a law-based system wherein thousands of laws are passed and then exceptions - that benefit special interests - are passed. America's laws have become so numerous, complicated, obscure, and arcane that one cannot use common sense in judging what is legal or illegal.
- "Sally Harpold was awakened by police officers banging on the front door of their home at Midway along U.S. 36 ... Harpold, is a grandmother of triplets, who bought one box of Zyrtec-D cold medicine for her husband at a Rockville pharmacy. Less than seven days later, she bought a box of Mucinex-D cold medicine for her adult daughter at a Clinton pharmacy. These two purchases put her in violation of Indiana law which restricts the sale of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine. She was arrested for a class-C misdemeanor, which carries a sentence of up to 60 days in jail and up to a \$500 fine. Her police mug shot ran on the front page of her local newspaper with an article entitled, '17

arrested in drug sweep.'" While the city felt badly about her arrest, it stated, "sometimes mistakes happen ... it's unfortunate. But for the good of everyone, the law was put into effect ... ignorance of the law is no excuse." Thanks to our thoughtful law makers, the illegal drug makers are still in business and a new class of criminals - grandmothers trying to nurture their husbands and daughters - has been legislated ....<sup>8</sup>

- "New Jersey and Oregon will not allow self-service gas stations. The politicians say if you pump your own gas, you might blow yourself up. The regulators believe zero risk is possible, and given the chance, they will bankrupt trying to achieve it. The cost and delays don't worry them: They're doing this for your own good."<sup>7</sup>

**"Every time the government tries to make life better for you, it uses force. It makes criminals out of people who are not criminals. Some poor mope who would like a large-size toilet in his house has to go out and smuggle one. The guy who smokes a cigarette down the hall from you at his desk alone in his office with the door closed is a criminal. Some mother who wants to talk to her 12-year-old in the front seat is a criminal also. All these people are criminals now. That's us. Why do they have the right to make all of us criminals because we smoke or want to have our kids sit next to us in the car? Because they are the Anointed, and they know best." - Michael Kelly, journalist**

- In California it is illegal to set a mouse trap without a hunting license.
- In Pasadena, CA it is illegal for a secretary to be in a room with her boss alone.



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- In New Britain, CT the speed limit for fire trucks is 25 MPH, even when going to put out a fire.
- A 6-year-old boy's excitement over joining the Cub Scouts may just land him in reform school for 45 days. Zachary Christie was suspended from his 1st grade class in Delaware's Christina School District after bringing a camping utensil - a combination knife/fork/spoon - to use at lunch, prompting calls to reexamine schools' zero-tolerance policy for bringing weapons to school."<sup>9</sup>



- Connecticut imposed a cease-and-desist order to stop an anti-hunger group, Food Not Bombs, from distributing food to the public because they did not have a license. "City health officials argue that the group's activities must be regulated because they're similar to catering or the services of an itinerant vendor. Food Not Bombs says it doesn't distribute food, but shares it with anyone who chooses to participate."<sup>10</sup>
- Over-regulation kills innovation and creativity. How can you be inspired to develop breakthrough technologies (including life-saving technologies) when government officials and lawyers with pitchforks chase after anyone who has a new idea?

## 6th Principle

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Fairly and consistently enforce existing laws (vs. passing new laws)

- The SEC received several warnings about Bernard Madoff defrauding thousands of investors billions of dollars in a Ponzi scheme that has been called the largest investor fraud ever committed by a single person. Eric Swanson, an assistant director of the SEC, ignored such warnings and later married Madoff's niece. No charges have yet been filed against SEC regulators.
- The government did not enforce the Prompt Corrective Action Law, a measure passed after the S&L crisis which mandated closing failed banks.
- The government does not enforce election laws. The New Black Panther Party voter intimidation case was dismissed against the Philly NBPP who menaced voters and poll workers on Election Day, November 4, 2008. Jerry Jackson, serving as a Democrat Party poll worker, and King Samir Shabazz showed up dressed in paramilitary garb and with batons. Among other actions, they harassed Chris Hill, a poll worker, who they called "cracker" several times while Shabazz brandished his baton and physically attempted to block Hill. They also stood in front of the entrance. Malik Zulu Shabazz on Nov 7, 2008 confessed on national television that his activities in Philadelphia were part of a nationwide effort. Is it the policy of this Justice Department that any individual registered as a poll watcher may wear any form of uniform, brandish weapons, make unsolicited comments to voters, or loiter at the polls?



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### 7th Principle

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#### America needs tort reform.

- Only the U.S. punishes winners in lawsuits. Virtually every other civil justice system in the world has a loser pays rule ... for attorneys' fees including Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, and Australia.
- "Lawsuits make America less safe. Tort lawyers attack the very people we need most in order to be safe: innovators, companies that make safety devices, hospitals, drugmakers, paramedics, those who stand on the front line between life and death. The lawyers' 'public service' costs you every time you buy something. Lawsuits add \$500 to the price of a car and \$3,000 to every pacemaker. Even haircuts cost more because hairdressers now buy lawsuit insurance in case someone has a bad hair day. But an even greater cost is the loss of all the good things we don't get to have in the first place. Genentech says fear of suits led it to halt its research into an AIDS vaccine. Others give up on promising ideas because innovation—any change—risks opening the door to the lawyers. Before law suits against vaccine companies, there were 25 companies in the business, now there are only 5. How is that safe?"<sup>7</sup>
- Roy Pearson filed a \$67 million lawsuit against a drycleaner for losing his pants. "Pearson's allegation: that Jin and Soo Chung had lost a pair of trousers that he had left at the store for alterations. Not only had the Chungs failed to alter and return his pants, Pearson claimed; they defrauded him and other D.C. residents by posting a sign in their window reading "satisfaction guaranteed," for which the Chungs should pay millions of dollars in noneconomic and punitive damages and

(though Pearson represented himself) attorneys' fees. "The Chungs' lawyer knew that Pearson's legal arguments were as specious as his damages claims were outrageous. Nonetheless, he advised the Chungs to offer Pearson \$12,000 to settle the case—far more than the value of the pants—since he knew that the costs of defending the case would be high. Pearson declined this generous settlement offer and litigated his case so aggressively that the Chungs eventually owed almost \$100,000 in legal fees. Unsurprisingly, Pearson lost at trial, and extensive media coverage galvanized public support for the Chungs, who received donations to cover their legal bills."<sup>11</sup>

[Click here to see video](#)



- A 12-year old's slide injury cost Little League \$125,000. Staten Island, N.Y. Little League Baseball Inc. and New Springville Little League agreed to pay \$125,000 to settle Jean Gonzalez's suit charging that negligent coaching and the use of a stationary base were responsible for her son Martin's knee injury, incurred while sliding into second base.
- Some Girl Scout Camps now forbid climbing trees.
- Where is this going to end?



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### 8th Principle

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Public servants are not to intimidate, coerce, or extort.

- “In a free society people do not use force or fraud to take from others without voluntary consent. It is the same whether these actions are done by one person acting alone, many acting against the few, or the government acting against you. You may ask others to help defend you, but you do not have the right to initiate force against the life, liberty, or property of another.” [1-click here to see see video](#)
- In a free society, you have the right to protect your own life, liberty, and justly acquired property from the forceful aggression of others. How are you to protect yourself from government who has the power to exercise force against you?
- The federal government strong-armed some banks into taking TARP money and then turned around and demanded that they reduce the wages to employees or else the government would have the FDIC audit the banks (costing millions).

“At heart, Fannie and Freddie had become classic examples of ‘crony capitalism.’ The ‘cronies’ were businessmen and politicians working together to line each other’s pockets while claiming to serve the public good. The politicians created the mortgage giants, which then returned some of the profits to the politicians - sometimes directly, as campaign funds; sometimes as ‘contributions’ to favored constituents.”  
-Gerald P. O’Driscoll, Jr, former Vice President and Economic Adviser at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

### 9th Principle

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Political payback and legal bribery has to end.

- [Click here](#) to see the top all-time donors to political campaigns from 1989-2010.
- If a legislator receives donations from companies, organizations, and/or lobbyists (e.g., labor unions, energy companies, banks, et. al.) and the lawmaker votes in favor of whomever gives the most money - but the vote was not in keeping with the Constitution, its Preamble, or in the best interest of their constituents and the American people - is this not bribery (the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of something of value for the purpose of influencing the action of an official in the discharge of his or her public or legal duties)?
- In the Chrysler bankruptcy, the United States government allegedly threw out legal agreements and long-established prior practice and bankruptcy law in the name of ‘shared sacrifice’ and allegedly intimidated secured creditors to give up legal rights and cash as part of a government-mandated tradeoff that favored the UAW, a politically connected special-interest group who paid over \$23 million to the Democrat party from 2000-2008. In return the UAW received 55% of Chrysler and 17.5% of GM. How is that not political payback? How is that not theft?

“Few men have the virtue to withstand the highest bidder.” - George Washington



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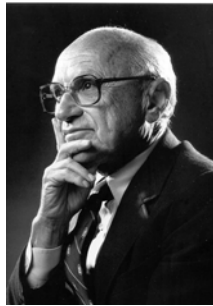
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### 10th Principle

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Private markets help provide liberty, efficiency, and break-through technologies, and lift people out of poverty.

- The motivation of business is to make a profit; thus businesses are efficient. The motivation of government is to grow.
- [Click for "Night of the Living Government."](#) Government does not start business, does not create wealth, does not invent anything; it just devours what you make.
- "The world runs on individuals pursuing their self-interests. The great achievements of civilization have not come from government bureaus. Einstein didn't construct his theory under order from a bureaucrat. Henry Ford didn't revolutionize the automobile industry that way. In the only cases in which the masses have escaped from the kind of grinding poverty you [Phil Donahue] are talking about it; the only cases in recorded history is where they have had capitalism and largely free trade. If you want to know where the masses are worse off is exactly in the kind of societies that depart from that. So that the record of history is absolutely crystal clear that there is no alternative way so far discovered of improving the lot of the ordinary people that can hold a candle to productive activities that are unleashed by free enterprise systems."<sup>13</sup>-[see the video](#) - Nobel Laureate, Milton Freidman



- As the US government has begun to nationalize the banks, insurance companies, the automobile industry, healthcare; set wages; penalize for earning; take control of industries via EPA standards and via other instruments and agencies, it may be wise to consider how it is doing in its existing management job. Consider:
  - 1) The efficiency of the US postal service. "The only way the post office can stay in business is its government subsidy. The USPS lost \$2.4 billion in the quarter ended in June and projects a net loss of \$7 billion in fiscal 2009, outstanding debt of more than \$10 billion and a cash shortfall of \$1 billion. It was moved to intensive care - the Government Accountability Office's list of "high risk" cases - last month and told to shape up."<sup>14</sup>
  - 2) Social Security, cash flow deficits by 2016; reserve exhausted by 2037.
  - 3) Medicare, cash flow deficits NOW; reserve exhausted by 2017.
  - 4) Amtrak, losing \$1 billion annually. "38 years ago, the federal government nationalized passenger rail lines, creating the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, better known as Amtrak. At the time, it was expected to be profitable within three years. Almost 4 decades later, the original \$340 million investment of public funds has grown to \$30 billion, with no profitability in sight" (GOP.com).
  - 5) The condition of our education system.



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Government does not lift people out of poverty. **The best poverty fighter is entrepreneurship.** “The [Lakota] Sioux [Indians in South Dakota] have been herded and controlled by the government for over a 100 years. The result? No county in America is poorer. ‘Every month they receive some type of handout from the federal government,’ a Lakota Sioux member named Dale Looks Twice told us. ‘So our people become lazy and they don’t want to work.’ Unemployment within the tribe is about 80 percent. With no culture of work, the tribe’s members turned to getting drunk. Indian activist Russell Means point out that today American Indians ‘have the least life expectancy. Less than Guatemala. Less than Bolivia, Brazil. Hardly anyone reaches 65 anymore.’ This happened, he says, because the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. government agency that was supposed to make the Indians’ life better, instead made it worse ... ‘They sit up there in Washington, D.C.,’ says Dale Looks Twice, ‘and they legislate laws that affect us when in fact they don’t know what the heck’s going on here.’ “ Contrast this with the Choctaw on a reservation in Mississippi. “For two decades, they continue to live in poverty, much like the Sioux. But then the Choctaw persuaded Congress to exempt them from some BIA rules. Members of the tribe were allowed to manage their own lives. In 1969 the tribe opened its first company, Chahta Development, to build housing. Twenty years later, the Choctaw were wealthy ... They are prosperous—because government left them alone.”<sup>7</sup>

- Entrepreneurship is NOT a zero-sum game. “T.J. Rodgers making \$10 million and Bill Gates acquiring \$40 billion doesn’t mean the rest of us have \$40,010,000,000 less. People like Gates and Rodgers get rich by making the pie bigger. That’s what entrepreneurs do. Gates’s and Rodgers’s innovations gave the world new ways of saving time and money. Fred Smith creating Federal Express meant more people could get it there overnight. The entrepreneurs all got richer, but they didn’t deprive anyone else of money. They baked a whole new pie. Governments don’t enlarge the pie. When government doles out \$1 million to a favored group, the rest of us *do* have \$1 million less.”<sup>7</sup>
- Economic freedom is what makes a country rich. Look at India (poor) compared with Hong Kong (rich). When opening a business in Hong Kong, it can take around one day. When opening a business in India, it could take years while bureaucrats debate the merits of your application. When people get free of their repressive governments, they thrive.<sup>7</sup>



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### 11th Principle

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Our public servants are to respect the Constitution's system of checks and balances and a separation of power.

- The American constitutional system includes the idea of separation of powers wherein several branches of government are created and power is shared amongst them. The powers of one branch can be challenged by another branch, and there are even checks and balances within the branches of government (e.g., the Senate and House).
- When speaking of the need for a Senate to be a check to the populist House of Representatives, James Madison, Founding Father, in Federalist Paper 63, said that the upper body [Senate] "may be sometimes necessary as a defense to the people against their own temporary errors and delusions ... there are particular moments in public affairs when the people, stimulated by some irregular passion, or some illicit advantage, or misled by the artful misrepresentations of interested men, may call for measures which they themselves will afterwards be the most ready to lament and condemn. In these critical moments, how salutary will be the interference of some temperate and respectable body of citizens, in order to check the misguided career, and to suspend the blow meditated by the people against themselves, until reason, justice, and truth can regain their authority over the public mind?" In other words, in an environment where everything is a "crisis" (e.g., economic, healthcare, automobile industry, banking industry, global warming, et cetera) and the House of Representatives is designing

intrusive and far-reaching legislation, it is up to the Senate to stand up for the Constitution and the American citizen.

We do not believe in American "czars" or any person with great power or authority who is accountable to no one other than the President. They enable the President to coordinate and execute his agenda without having to go through the checks and balances of the Congress that was elected by the American people.

#### The Jury of One

The city has charged you with cigarette littering which carries a maximum penalty of \$500 and 3 months in jail. However, you do not smoke. You look forward to your day in court where a jury of your peers will hear your evidence. The day arrives and you go to court only to find out that there is one juror, Fred, who will decide your case. The court says this is more efficient (will take less time) than 12 men and women who will waste time checking each other's logic, challenging each other's ideas, and keeping each other honest. The court believes that Fred is wise enough to be able to do the job alone. You know that Fred has a reputation of being available to the highest bidder. No appeals will be allowed, and Fred's decision is final. The city is looking to collect on as many fines as it can.

- For an analysis of the basic forms of government please see the following video: The American Form of Government: <http://www.wimp.com/thegovernment/>.

"Few men have the virtue to withstand the highest bidder." - George Washington

"Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely." - Lord Acton



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### 12th Principle

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The U.S. Constitution is a fixed document to be amended via constitutional processes.

- The U.S. Constitution is *not* a “living” document which may be continually edited and updated by the President, Congress, or judges. The Constitution prescribes four paths for an amendment:
  - 1) proposal by convention of states, ratification by state conventions (never used);
  - 2) proposal by convention of states, ratification by state legislatures (never used);
  - 3) proposal by Congress, ratification by state conventions (used once);
  - 4) proposal by Congress, ratification by state legislatures (used all other times).

The *proposal* for an amendment requires either 1) two-thirds (67%) majority in each of the legislatures (House of Representatives and Senate) or 2) for two-thirds of the state legislatures to call a Constitutional Convention. The *ratification* of an amendment requires three-fourths (75%) of the states to approve.

- Congress has no authority to change the U.S. Constitution via unconstitutional legislative bills whose passage does not follow the amendment process requiring involvement of the states and their citizens.
- The President has nothing to do with the proposition or adoption of Constitutional amendments and is not to change or amend the Constitution via the use of Executive Orders. Presidential executive orders are not to be used to bypass Congressional legislative

authority. The separation of powers system is designed to distribute authority *away* from the executive branch so that a dictator cannot emerge. The Presidential executive order (a power not designated by the Constitution) allows the President to completely by-pass the legislative branch. Executive Orders have been used in times of emergencies to override the U.S. Constitution and the Congress. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s executive order 9066, dated 19 February 1942, forced over 100,000 U.S. Japanese residents to be placed in concentration camps and their property confiscated. [Click here to see video distributed by the U.S. government during WWII to explain why Japanese Americans were relocated to concentration camps in the U.S.](#)

“The Constitution is the guide which I never will abandon.” - George Washington

“The Constitution has a fixed, uniform, permanent construction that is not dependent upon the passions or parties of particular times, but is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” - Joseph Story, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, 1833



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### 13th Principle

Balance the federal budget.

"We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt ... We have not time to think, no means of calling the mismanagers to account ... And the fore horse of this frightful team is public debt. Taxation follows that, and in its train wretchedness and oppression." - Thomas Jefferson

- "Gross federal debt (with some adjustments) is subject to a statutory ceiling (i.e., the debt limit), which has been recently raised to \$11.3 trillion (2008)."<sup>15</sup>
- [Click here to view 545project video on debt](#)

Will you invest in my company?

I want you to invest your money in my company. Here are the basic financial points on my company:

For 2009	
Revenue:	\$2 million
Expenses:	\$4 million
Liabilities:	\$100 million

Will this be a good investment?

My company is like your federal government ... and whether you like it or not, you're committed (if you earn money in the United States of America, you are going to pay taxes and you are going to help repay this debt).

A simplified home budget may look something like this:

Monthly Income:		\$3,000
Less Monthly Expenses (Spending):		
Mortgage	\$800	
Car and Insurance	\$400	
Utilities and Phone	\$300	
Food, Gasoline, Miscellaneous	\$900	
Debt repayment (credit cards, etc)	<u>\$200</u>	
Total monthly expenses		<u>\$2,600</u>
Income minus Expenses (what you keep after bills)		\$ 400

United States Government Fiscal Year 2009 Budget

Annual Income (taxes)	\$2,000,000,000,000
Less Annual Expenses (spending)	<u>\$4,000,000,000,000</u>
What the American taxpayer owes	\$2,000,000,000,000

In addition to the taxes s/he is already paying. Do the "rich" have enough money to pay this back? No. Consider some of the wealthiest businesses on the planet: Microsoft, Google, and Walmart are only worth a couple hundred billion dollars each. This is a two trillion dollar deficit just for *one* year. A simplified vision of what it would take to close the fiscal gap: *double* everyone's taxes; so if you are currently paying 35%, you pay 70%; if you are at 28%, you pay 56%. But, you have to keep spending at the same level before the tax increase because if you cut consumer spending, you put more people out of work, which decreases the tax base.



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### 14th Principle

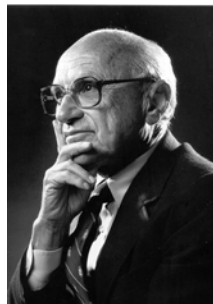
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Taxes are sacred and represent the sacrifice of the American worker. Taxes are not to be wasted.

#### The Dinner Bill

You and your family are sitting in a restaurant, and you notice a man, named Fred, seated a couple of tables away. Fred is eating expensive lobster and steak and drinking fine wine. You are on a budget and cannot afford these things. As Fred's friends walk into the restaurant, Fred waves them over to his table. "Come and eat and drink with me!" Fred, however, does not wave you or your family over. So, without any concern for the pricetag, Fred and all of his friends eat the most expensive dinners, gorge themselves, and waste a lot of food (Fred's friend owns the restaurant). You and your family order the hamburger and fries. It would break the bank to do what Fred's doing. Then after everyone at Fred's table is done eating and drinking, Fred calls the waiter over and tells him to send the bill to you and your children.

- "In the first place, all of these programs involve some people spending other people's money for objectives that are determined by still a third group of people. Nobody spends somebody else's money as carefully as he spends his own. Nobody has the same dedication to achieving somebody else's objectives that he displays when he pursues his own." -*Nobel Laureate, Milton Friedman*  
[Click here to see Milton Friedman Video, Other People's Money.](#)



### 15th Principle

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America was founded upon equal opportunity not equal outcome.

#### Let's penalize success!

Fred does not believe in A's, B's, C's, D's, and certainly not F's! If you work really hard and have done really well, Fred believes you should get a C. Fred does not believe, as Ben Franklin did, that if a person is in poverty, one should make things so uncomfortable for him, he will want to *work* his way out of it.

Fred believes in equal outcome not equal opportunity. Fred may believe that if you are a star athlete and people want to pay to watch you play, you should be paid as much as the janitor. Fred believes that talented people need to be knocked down through paying heavy taxes: the more successful you are, the more he'll take in taxes.

Unlike Fred, you want the heart surgeon who was at the top of his class, not one who was at the bottom. But, instead of Fred rewarding success or even treating it equal to mediocrity and failure, Fred will tax the top heart surgeon 35 cents on the dollar; while the bottom one (who does not have many patients) will only pay 28 cents on the dollar. In this example, the *penalty* for hard-work, brilliance, and success is 7 percent more in taxes.

- Do you want to work for a company that treats all workers exactly the same no matter how hard or smart they work?
- Do you want to work for a company that promotes on the basis of individual skill, talent, or productivity or one that promotes based on seniority?



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- In a free market, there are no guarantees of equal outcome, but at least everyone has a chance to improve their circumstances. Americans once believed that where there is a will, there is a way. Somehow we have let our politicians and special interest groups convince us that just because some people are rich and some people are poor, we need to make everyone equal (there is no such thing anywhere on the planet). Let us not let the fear of failure take away our chance to succeed.
- “Everyone has a natural right to choose that vocation in life which he thinks most likely to give him comfortable subsistence.” - *Thomas Jefferson*
- “You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that, my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.” - *Dr. Adrian Rogers*

## 16th Principle

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Public servants are to implement responsible policies that encourage private-sector job growth, innovation, and provide incentives for work.

- Our government should not have policies that drive unemployment up and businesses away so that working Americans have to pay higher taxes to take care of those who are not working.
- We need to reduce the business tax rate and match Ireland’s rate of 12.5 percent to keep more jobs in America.
- We need to abolish taxes on capital gains and match China, Singapore, et cetera. More investment in America creates more jobs.
- [Click for our disincentives list and learn more about our job killers ...](#)



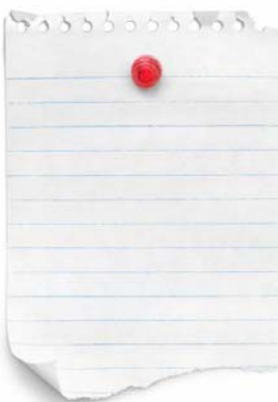
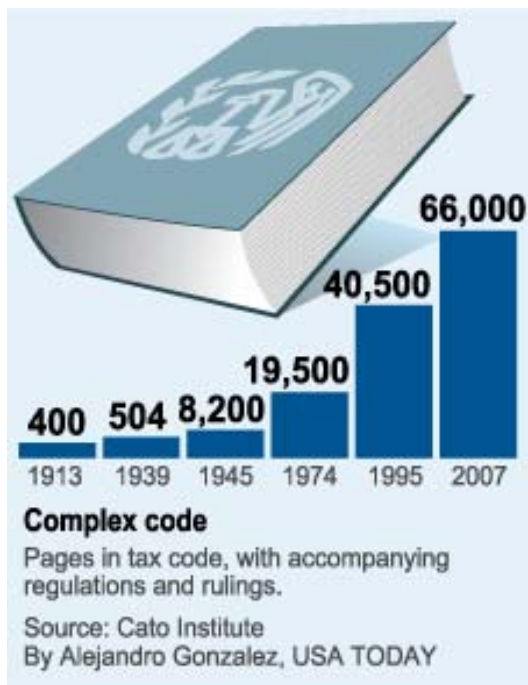


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### 17th Principle

We need tax reform (e.g., flat tax could replace the progressive income tax; or VAT tax could replace income tax)

- Instead of 60,000 pages of tax laws under the progressive tax system, the flat tax would have a few pages.



- A flat tax charges the same to everyone, the productive and the slackers. The progressive tax penalizes the effective and successful entrepreneurs, innovators, professionals ... those who create real jobs.
- “There is widespread consensus that the current tax system is a complicated failure that hinders the nation’s growth while allowing the politically well-connected to manipulate the system to get special breaks that are not available to average workers and businesses. This is stimulating a great deal of interest in shifting to a simple/fair flat tax.”<sup>16</sup>
- “Unlike the current system, a flat tax is simple, fair, and good for growth. Instead of the 893 forms required by the current system, a flat tax would use only two postcard-sized forms: one for labor income and the other for business and capital income. Unlike the current system, which discriminates based on the source, use, and level of income, a flat tax treats all taxpayers equally, fulfilling the “equal justice under law” principle etched above the main entrance to the U.S. Supreme Court building. And unlike the current system, which punishes people for contributing to the nation’s wealth, a flat tax would lower marginal tax rates and eliminate the tax bias against saving and investment, thus ensuring better economic performance in a competitive global economy.”<sup>16</sup>
- For more information, please refer to Heritage’s Foundation, “[A Brief Guide to the Flat Tax.](#)”
- VAT tax could replace income tax. VAT charges consumption, not income. You pay for what you consume. Income tax is a disincentive to work: the more you work, the more you pay. A VAT tax, however, charges for your consumption.



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### 18th Principle

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Public servants are to be experienced and have proven successes.

- “The Founders recognized human nature for what it is—a mixture of good and evil. They reasoned that if people are to govern themselves and have the best possible government, then a political process should be developed through which the wisest, **the most experienced**, and the most virtuous can be precipitated to the surface and elected to public office.”<sup>17</sup>
- Most of the world celebrates achievement and success, which is normally the result of investment, hard work, and sacrifice. A person’s gathering of knowledge and wisdom is highly regarded. If you do not believe experience is important, consider having your heart surgery performed by a fresh graduate and you are their first living patient! We need people of wisdom who are looking at the whole picture, not just short-sighted politicians who lack knowledge and experience, implementing agendas contrary to conventional wisdom and not in the best interest of their constituents.
- Brian Deese, a 31-year old with *no* business experience, has been selected to run a 100 billion dollar tax-payer investment in General Motors. Imagine 100 million piles of \$1,000. That is 100 billion dollars of our money that this kid, who has *no* business experience, has been given to manage. Does that show respect for your money or the money your children will have to pay back?[18-meet Brian Deese](#)
- Tim Geithner was President of the New York Federal Reserve during the time of the credit derivatives and housing bubble. As he worked to solve narrow mechanical issues in the derivatives market, he missed clear signs of a catastrophe in the making and failed to properly assess and control risks which helped caused the current financial instability. What happens to him? He is *promoted* to our Treasury Secretary to fix the international problems and lead America out of the economic crisis, a crisis he sat by and let happen. It is interesting that Secretary Geithner has never run a business, but now he is responsible for the largest organizations on the planet including the biggest bank, biggest insurance company, biggest auto companies, Medicare, Medicaid, postal service, et cetera. Here is a man who we were told was the smartest man for the job, but he was not even smart enough to pay his payroll tax. Geithner was repeatedly advised in writing by the International Monetary Fund that he would be responsible for any Social Security and Medicare taxes he owed on income he earned at the IMF between 2001 and 2004, yet he failed to pay more than \$34,000 in taxes.
- Rep. Charles Rangel, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee (the Committee who writes the tax laws), failed to pay taxes on \$75,000 in rental income from his Caribbean resort property. In the midst of an ethics investigation, Rangel was voted to head the Committee again. So we have an “expert in terms of tax policy for the nation” who failed to file a correct tax return.



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### 19th Principle

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Public servants are to have term limits.

- Once lawmakers and regulators know they do not have to answer to voters (e.g., life-time appointed, from a hopelessly politically partisan district, appointed verses elected, et cetera), they have no incentive to act responsibly and ethically. We do not believe public officers are to be trusted to serve long-term or life tenures.
- “All politicians care about is reelection. They know when all the bills come due they will be living in retirement with all the benefits of a fully vested pension with access to excellent medical care through their own healthcare plan or they will be dead. That’s why they have no incentive to do the right thing, just the politically expedient one. Because politicians will be retired or dead before their work is felt, they have no motivation to be responsible. So term limits: the shorter their service, maybe they’ll think about the long-term. If politicians really cared, they would stop the spending, the bleeding. Whether their patient lives or die is of no consequence to them just as long as they’re re-elected.”<sup>19</sup>



### 20th Principle

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Public servants are to make responsible decisions and are to be held accountable.

- If you cannot figure out good and financially sound policies, you should not be serving in a body that impacts your constituents. You should not be in a decision-making position.
- When considering and evaluating legislative bills, the Congress should weigh many factors, including the unintended consequences or “the butterfly effect” of the bill. The larger the bill, the more unintended consequences. [Please see legislative bill filter for more details](#) and [bill checksheet](#).

#### Fred, the manager

Let’s say you own your own company. This business is how you feed your family. You hire Fred, a manager to keep you out of trouble and make you some money. Fred makes several stupid and short-sighted decisions that cost you hundreds of thousands of dollars. Fred is able to hide this from you until your company collapses. You later find out that Fred was warned by several people not to make the decisions he did. Because Fred was good buddies with some of the people who ripped you off, he ignored the warnings. Now, you are on the hook and owe the bank a lot of money for what Fred did, and you have nothing to show for it. You will have to get a second job and sell your house, car, or any other thing of value. Fred still thinks he should keep his job, votes himself a raise, and continues to send the bill to you.



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- Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the housing bubble have cost Americans untold amounts of money. On 10 Sept 2003, Ron Paul (R-TX) delivered a Congressional speech and said that the then current government policies encouraged lending to people who could not afford to pay the money back; he predicted this would lead to a bailout and introduced a bill to abolish these policies. In 2003, the Bush Administration sought to create an agency to oversee Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. While Senate and House leaders voiced their intention to bring about the needed legislation, no reform bills materialized.



At the time members of the 108th congress expressed faith in the solvency of Fannie and Freddie. Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) described them as "not facing any kind of financial crisis." Sen. Chris Dodd (D-CT) said they were "one of the great success stories of all time." Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) proclaimed, "I'll lay my marker down right now, Mr. Chairman. I think Fannie and Freddie ... don't ... need dramatic restructuring in terms of their mission, in terms of their role in the secondary mortgage market." Sen. Robert Bennett (R-UT) said, "I know the press, particularly, keeps saying this [Fannie and Freddie] is another Enron, which it clearly is not." Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) praised, "Mr. Chairman, we do not have a crisis at Freddie Mac, and in particular at Fannie Mae, under the outstanding leadership of Mr. Frank Raines." No charges or investigations have yet to be brought against any U.S. Senator or Representative for their irresponsible and wrong judgments that cost Americans trillions of dollars in the housing collapse. In fact, we have been stuck paying for the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac bailout.

## 21st Principle

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Legislators are to read legislative bills before voting to approve.

- The government passes 1,000 plus page bills, doesn't even read them, and sends the bill to you.<sup>20</sup>
- [Click here for Boehner and the 787 billion economic stimulus](#)
- [Click here for Rep. John Conyers on reading the healthcare bill.](#)
- [Click here for Rep. Waxman: "I don't know the details."](#)

### Go ahead, accept it!

Let's say you hire Fred, an attorney, to be your representative and defend you in a personal injury trial. Someone fell on your property and is suing you. You feel as if you have a pretty good case and chance of winning. Fred goes to court and is offered a proposed settlement from the plaintiff's attorney; it is 1,000 pages long and calls for you to pay \$50,000 each year for 10 years. **Without** reading the proposal and having no idea of its terms and conditions, Fred advises you to accept it. Fred then asks you to pay him \$5,000 for his legal services.



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### 22nd Principle

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Legislators are not to vote on draft legislation.

- Draft legislation is a bill contains arbitrary language that can be interpreted after it is passed any way the designated official wants (e.g., in H.R. 3200, “virtually every page gives arbitrary powers to the Secretary of Health and Human Services”)<sup>21</sup>

### 23rd Principle

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Legislative bills are to be short, on point, and exclude pork and earmarks.

- **Legislative bills should be on point:** e.g., if the bill is about job creation, then everything should pertain to that issue, et cetera.
- In October 2009, Hates Crimes legislation (that had previously been defeated for 10 years) was finally passed as an AMENDMENT to the “must-pass” Defense Appropriations Act, H.R. 2647! The Hate Crimes bill creates federal protections and privileges for homosexuals and other alternative lifestyles but denies those protections to other groups or citizens. Attorney General Eric Holder admitted that a homosexual activist who is attacked following a Christian minister’s sermon about homosexuality would be protected by the federal law, but a minister attacked by a homosexual wouldn’t be.
- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, a \$787 billion package, is 1,073 pages long and weighs a hefty 8 pounds. Not one legislator read the bill before voting in favor of it. The document was not posted on the government’s website until after 10 p.m. the day before the vote. While the stimulus

package was purportedly designed to stimulate the economy and create jobs, it included the creation of new federal bureaucracies that pertained to healthcare including the Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research and Health Information Technology Coordinator.

- The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (AKA cap-and-trade bill), H.R. 2454, is 1,201 pages long, and democrats on the House Energy and Commerce Committee hired a speed reader to read it (the speed reader was cut off early and did not proceed to read the bill). Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA, sponsor of the bill) admitted that he did not know everything in his own bill but instead relied on the scientist’s expertise (the scientists were not elected to be the representative of California). A 310 page amendment to the bill was posted at 3:09 a.m., less than 15 hours before the 5:30 p.m. vote, and lengthened the bill to around 1,500 pages. The amendment included indecipherable provisions for something called a “central procurement state,” referenced 11 times. Legislators did not read the amendment before voting in favor of it. The bill passed the house in a 219-212 vote. “Today, in what will be remembered as the defining vote of the 111th Congress, House Democrats passed a 1,500-page national energy tax bill that no one even had the chance to read,” John Boehner said [House Minority Leader]. Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D-OH) said, “You’d have to have hours and hours and hours to be able to do all that [read the bill], but we’re well aware of the main items.”



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### 24th Principle

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Legislative bills are to be priced honestly

- In the House healthcare bill, [Affordable Health Care for America Act](#), H.R. 3962, the CBO scored it at about \$1.2 trillion. Senator Gregg stated, “The CBO estimate released last night finally sheds light on the smoke and mirrors game the majority has been playing with the cost of their health care reform proposal. Over the first 10 years, this legislation builds in gross new spending of \$1.7 trillion - and most of the new spending doesn’t even start until 2014. Once that spending is fully phased in, the House Democratic bill rings up at more than \$3 trillion over ten years. “Additionally, this bill cuts critical Medicare and Medicaid funding by \$628 billion, accounts for nearly \$1.2 trillion in tax and fee increases and will explode the scope of government by putting the nation’s health care system in the hands of Washington bureaucrats. The \$3 trillion price tag defies common sense - we simply cannot add all this new spending to the government rolls and claim to control the deficit.” See Heritage article [“Yes, \\$2.6 Trillion! A closer look at the full 10 years of spending in the House Health Bill.”](#)
- The Senate health care bill, was scored \$849 billion from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) - but this figures does NOT include the first 4 or 5 years - but once fully implemented over 10 years, is \$2.5 trillion (2014-2023). [Video](#)

### 25th Principle

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Pork and earmarks are to be voted on separately and individually.

### 26th Principle

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Government regulators and legislators are obligated to investigate allegations of misconduct by 1) its own members (government employees and officials), e.g., Congress, SEC officials, etc. and 2) benefactors of government resources: e.g., government contractors, TARP recipients, et cetera, and these agencies should not receive any government funding during the investigation.



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### 27th Principle

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No one is above the law. Congress has to live by the same rules as the rest of us.

- Government officials are only human beings and have no rights or claims that are higher than those of any other human beings. We do not give them any rights that we do not have ourselves: <sup>1</sup>- [see video, "The Philosophy of Liberty"](#)
- When our politicians exempt themselves from laws they pass onto the rest of us, we need to take notice.
  - Democrats exempt themselves from their own healthcare reform. On July 16, Rep Dean Heller, R-Nev., offered an amendment to H.R. 3200 during the House Ways and Means Committee markup that would require members of Congress to enroll in its own government-run health care program. Democrats defeated the amendment by a vote of 21 to 18 ("[Democrats protect themselves](#)", 2009).

"Holding a president to the laws that he must faithfully execute does not diminish our system, it reaffirms our most sacred principle that no individual is above the law." - Jonathan Turley, Constitutional lawyer, George Washington University Law School

### 28th Principle

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Freedom of speech is sacred.

"The people shall not be deprived or abridged of their right to speak, to write, or to publish their sentiments; and the freedom of the press, as one of the great bulwarks of liberty, shall be inviolable. The people shall not be restrained from peaceably assembling and consulting for their common good; nor for applying to the legislature by petitions or remonstrances for redress of their grievances." - James Madison, Founding Father

- Our politicians are trying to limit free speech in America. Examples include: the Fairness doctrine, vilifying the opposition, et cetera.
- *Klavan on the Culture* [video]. Retrieved 22 July 2009 from, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWHgUE9AD4s&feature=related>
- If I disagree with authority that does not make me un-American, racist, etc.



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### 29th Principle

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There are too many entitlements

- If a person is able-bodied, they have to work. If they can not find a job, we have to ask our government, why we do not have private-sector jobs (e.g., are corporate taxes too high, is there too much red tape, are utilities too high, et cetera).

### 30th Principle

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The Federal Reserve Board must be audited by Congress, especially with the additional powers it seeks.

- Under the law, the Federal Reserve (who has the power to create money out of thin air and control trillions of dollars without appropriations) is not required to tell Congress anything about its operations. While the Fed Board's Office of Inspector General (OIG) has an obligation to audit the Federal Reserve, there are a number of exceptions to the audit. A statement from the OIG said "the Fed board's inspector general doesn't have legal authority to investigate the transactions that have swelled the central bank's balance sheet. By law, we are the Office of Inspector General for the Board of Governors only ... Consistent with our authority, we cannot conduct a direct audit of Reserve Bank operations." This statement was emailed after the OIG was unable to answer the following questions by Rep. Alan Grayson on May 2009: 1) Have you done any investigation into the Fed's role in deciding not to save Lehman Brothers, which led to shockwaves throughout the entire financial system? 2) Have you investigated the \$1 trillion in expansion of the Fed's balance sheet since last September [2008]? 3) Do you

know who received the \$1 trillion dollars? 4) Have you done an investigation into the trillions of dollars of off-balance sheet transactions that the Fed has entered into since last September? The Fed has extended \$9 trillion dollars in credit in the last eight months - which works out to \$30,000 for every man, woman, and child in this country - if you're not responsible for investigating that, who is? 5) Have you done any investigation or auditing of the losses that the Federal Reserve has experienced on its lending since last September?<sup>23</sup>[-see the video](#)

- There is currently a bill, HR 1207 (The Federal Reserve Transparency Act), in the 111th Congress, that if enacted would amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited by the Comptroller General of the United States and the manner in which such audits are reported.<sup>24</sup>[-track the bill](#)

### 31st Principle

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We need secured borders

- Our public servants are to secure our borders and implement a responsible immigration policy wherein people are appropriately screened, enter lawfully, and do not expect entitlements.
- The borders need to be completely secured within the next 12 months: land, air, and sea.



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### 32nd Principle

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The President should not be able to choose the Attorney General.

- It is not in the best interest of the country to have the country's number one prosecutor named by the President, even though Senate consents.

### 33rd Principle

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We need strong national security.

- In our war on terror, we question the FBI reading Miranda rights to terrorist suspects in Afghanistan (Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd confirmed). Is this a war or a courtroom battle against criminal defendants? Is taxpayer money now going to be used to defend the very people seeking to kill us and our children?

### 34th Principle

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We need a web-based "truth forum."

- We need a trusted place where people investigate the veracity of what politicians say, that connects the dots between donations, representation, and legislation, that presents the whole picture on legislative bills, that tracks government waste, government corruption, and the politicians. Transparency holds elected officials accountable.

### 35th Principle

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**We need a plan before we tear down the house.**

- Before you tear down the house because you do not like it, you better have another place to live. If you tear your house down without any plan to replace it, you will be standing in your front yard with no place to lay your head. You first figure out a plan, test the integrity of the plan (where else has it worked? has it failed?), and then implement.

### 36th Principle

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The federal government should have no control on the K-12 system.

- This is a state issue, not a federal issue.



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