

Proposed Platform Planks

Right to Life

Plank 1: We believe the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We therefore reaffirm our support for a human life amendment to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and we endorse legislation to make clear that the fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children. We oppose using public revenues for abortion or funding organizations which advocate it. We commend those who provide alternatives to abortion by meeting the needs of mothers and offering adoption services. We reaffirm our support for appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of life.

Plank 2: We support legislation requiring consent by a parent or legal guardian before a minor child receives an abortion. The Parental Consent Law should require proof of identity of the parent in order to protect children from continued abuse by sexual predators who pretend to be the parent taking their child for an abortion.

Plank 3: We support a Woman's Right to Know Law where abortionists must offer, prior to the abortion, complete factual information to the pregnant woman about the complications of abortion, the biological development of the unborn, fetal pain, and the availability of alternatives to abortion.

Plank 4: We are opposed to all human cloning--reproductive or therapeutic. We strongly urge that the 2002 Human Cloning Ban, which was repealed by the Democratic Party in the 2007 Legislature, be reinstated.

Plank 5: We support the use of life saving stem cell research that does not require the killing of human life. We believe the government should fund stem cell research by promoting the use of adult stem cells.

Plank 6: We support a ban on partial-birth abortion for the state of Iowa in addition to the Federal ban.

Plank 7: We support the reversal of Roe vs. Wade, which would return the rights of the states to determine their abortion laws.

Marriage

Plank 8: We support a Constitutional amendment stating that only marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized in the State of Iowa, and that neither the State of Iowa or its political subdivisions may create or recognize a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals.

Plank 9: We support a Constitutional amendment stating that only marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized in the United States, and that neither the Federal Government, any state government nor the political subdivisions thereof may create or recognize a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals.

Family

Plank 10: We believe that traditional, two–parent (one male and one female), marriage-based families are foundational to a stable, enduring and healthy civilization. Therefore, public policy must always be pro-family in nature, encouraging marital and family commitment, and supportive of parental rights and responsibilities.

Plank 11: We support Federal legislation and legislation in Iowa that defines and supports marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

Plank 12: We support adoption only by heterosexual married couples consisting of one man and one woman.

Special Rights

Plank 13: We oppose every effort to grant special rights to groups of people based upon sexual practices and we oppose all attempts to give special status or privileges to defined groups.

Plank 14: We oppose all the enactments of “hate crimes,” since that is an attempt, among other things, to criminalize the reasonable actions of persons who oppose the granting of special status or privileges to defined groups.

Plank 15: We reject the efforts of the Iowa District Court to redefine “marriage” in the state of Iowa by granting a “divorce” to two females who were granted a “civil union” in the state of Vermont. The court lacked authority to recognize such a relationship because Iowa Code Section 595.2(1) defines that “only a marriage between a male and female is valid.” We censure Judge Jeffrey Neary of the Woodbury County District Court for his attempt to legislate by judicial fiat.

Law Enforcement and Justice

Plank 16: We support enforcement of existing Federal obscenity and pornography laws.

Choice in Education

Plank 17: We advocate choice in education. We believe the best education begins at home. We believe that parents have the right to choose government, private, home or alternate education for their children without government interference.

Plank 18: We believe that to provide a choice, creation science – science that shows that the existence of the world and of humans is the result of intentional, creative acts of a superior intelligence or being – should be taught in all schools. In addition we recommend that tax funded libraries include creation science materials on their bookshelves.

Plank 19: We support voluntary teacher or student lead prayer in the schools and use of the Bible should be allowed as a local option.

Plank 20: We recommend that educators stress abstinence outside of marriage as the surest way to prevent pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and associated psychological problems. We oppose the distribution of condoms in public schools.

Plank 21: We support displaying the Ten Commandments and the American flag along with the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in its entirety in Iowa schools and classrooms.

Gambling

Plank 22: Because troubled and pathological gamblers are the most frequent users of gambling casinos, state lotteries and other legal gambling in Iowa, we request that the Iowa Legislature require a true and full economic study be made to show the real impact and real costs that the operations of casinos, lotteries and other legal gambling has had upon families, businesses, state government and every other aspect of the Iowa economy.

Plank 23: In light of the fact that only one-half of the money spent in gambling in Iowa is brought by the gamblers to gambling establishments, and in light of the fact that polls show that nearly 75% of Iowans want credit card machines banned from gambling places, we support a ban on allowing people to take cash advances on credit cards at or near casinos and gambling establishments in Iowa.

Health Care

Plank 24: We believe that AIDS should be classified as a communicable disease and treated as such under current law. We favor requiring the reporting of AIDS carriers and felony prosecution of any carrier who willfully exposes another person. We support mandatory reporting of AIDS/HIV by all health-care professionals and support patient access to the results of those tests. We support the right of all health care and mortician professionals to have knowledge of the AIDS/HIV status of patients prior to providing services.

Plank 25: We support elimination of the designation of AIDS as a disability

Taxation and Government Spending

Plank 26: We believe that less government is better government. We support every reasonable effort on the part of all governments and taxpayers to limit taxing and spending. We believe that the purpose of taxation is to fund the constitutionally mandated functions of government, not to “redistribute the wealth,” or to fund ever increasing social programs. We should always strive to have less government, fewer government employees and lower taxes.

There are several planks that could be written to decrease the burden on the tax-payer. One such plank, supported by many members of Iowa Christian Alliance members is as follows:

Plank 27: We believe that the foundation of a strong country rests on the physical and spiritual health of its citizens, the individuals and families in America. Although America's churches and faith communities are greatly responsible for the spiritual health of the citizenry, we believe that government over-spending, and the subsequent tax increases to cover the eventual deficits, is contributing to the destruction of our families. We further believe that if there is no money in the home, due, in great part, to excessive taxation, then there will not be any parents there to supervise children, either.

Therefore, we support any and all responsible efforts to reduce government waste, and spending on programs that government was never intended to undertake, constitutionally, in the first place. Further, we support the proposal to discount Iowans' income taxes at just 1% of earned income, with interest, dividends, pensions, Social Security and capital gains being tax-free, or the ability of Iowans to file on the basis of their current deductions, whichever puts the most money in their pockets, immediately.

National Defense and Foreign Policy

Plank 28: We urge continued economic and military support for Israel, our strong ally.

Plank 29: We believe in a strong national defense.

