



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 rights 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.

Biblical Support

I come that they might have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10b

Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: :Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; and I ordained you a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:1-5

Thou shalt not kill. Exodus 20:13

Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and not we ourselves.
We are His people and the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:3

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hid from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to me. Psalm 139:13-16

Deliver those who are drawn toward death,
And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter.
If you say, "Surely we did not know this,"
Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it?
He who keeps your soul, does He not know it?
And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?
Proverbs 24:11-12

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live. Deuteronomy 30:19

Taxation and Government Spending

Plank 2: 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.

Biblical Support

So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people and asked Him for a king, And He said: “This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots ... He will take your daughters to be his perfumers, cooks and bakers. And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves and give them to his servants. He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants. He will take your menservants and your maidservants and your finest young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take a tenth of your sheep and you will be his servants. And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the Lord will not hear you on that day.” 1 Samuel 8:10-11, 13-19

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

TAXATION & GOVERNMENT SPENDING: IF GOVERNMENT WAS SO GREAT, WE'D STILL BE RULED BY BABYLONIAN KINGS

Plank 3: 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 lowans' income taxes at just 1% of earned income, with interest, dividends, pensions, Social Security and capital gains being tax-free, or the ability of lowans to file on the basis of their current deductions, whichever puts the most money in their pockets, immediately.

Choice in Education

Plank 4: 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 5: 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 6: We support voluntary teacher or student lead prayer in the schools and use of the Bible should be allowed as a local option.

Plank 7: 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 8: 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.

Biblical Support

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. – Proverbs 22:6

(You are to observe the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Lord) that you may fear the LORD your God ... you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up ... Deuteronomy 6:1-2,4-7

Families

Plank 9: 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 10: We support Federal legislation and legislation in Iowa that defines and supports marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

Plank 11: We support adoption only by heterosexual married couples consisting of one man and one woman.

Biblical Support

The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?” And He answered and said to them: Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female,” and said, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So then they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man put asunder.” They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce and to put her away?” He said to them, “Moses, because of the

hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery. Matthew 19:3-9

Health Care

Plank 12: 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 13: We support elimination of the designation of AIDS as a disability

Biblical Support

Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. 1 Corinthians 10:8

Gambling

Plank 14: 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 15: 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.

Biblical Support

Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and rob my people of justice making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless. Isaiah 10:1-2

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother. Zachariah 7:9-10

National Defense and Foreign Policy

Plank 16: We urge continued economic and military support for Israel, our strong ally.

Plank 17: We believe in a strong national defense.

Biblical Support

Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the laws which Moses my servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. Joshua 1:6-7

I will make you (Israel) a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you. And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Genesis 12:2-3

Special Rights

Plank 18: 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 19: 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.

Biblical Support

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. Romans 1:24-27

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolater, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor swindlers will inherit the Kingdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 6:9

Law Enforcement and Justice

Plank 20: We support enforcement of existing Federal obscenity and pornography laws.

Biblical Support

Use the same biblical support as Health Care.

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