

POLICY POSITION



THE CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE OREGON CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS

Summary

Conservatism is the pillar of societal stability and progress.

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Conservative values have long been a cornerstone of political and social thought, emphasizing the preservation of traditional institutions, personal God-given freedoms, individual responsibility, the rule of law, faith and family, and limited government. Conservatism strikes a balance between maintaining the foundations of western civilization and embracing real solutions to modern problems.

KEY TENETS

TRADITION AND CONTINUITY

We recognize that conservatism places a strong emphasis on the importance of tradition and continuity. Long-standing customs and institutions embody the cumulative wisdom of generations and should be preserved and respected. Societal stability and order are best maintained through adherence to established practices while also embracing common sense solutions instead of feel-good platitudes.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

We advocate for personal responsibility over collective blame. Individuals should be accountable for their actions and decisions. Our nation's founders, having studied human history and governments, believed a government governs best that governs least. This principle underscores the importance of self-reliance and the belief that people should have the freedom to pursue their own goals and aspirations without undue interference from the state.

LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Government should have a limited role in the lives of citizens and provide a framework for order and justice while allowing individuals and private enterprises the freedom to operate with minimal regulation. This principle stems from a belief in the efficiency of free markets and the dangers of excessive government control.

RULE OF LAW

Laws should be applied consistently and fairly to all individuals. We oppose a two-tiered justice system marked by lawfare. We believe that a strong legal framework is essential for maintaining social order and protecting individual God-given freedoms. Our constitutional system of governance protects private property rights and provides a framework in which freely agreed contracts can be legally enforced. We advocate for the rights of victims

too often ignored in today's legal system.

NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

We prioritize the sovereignty of the nation-state, advocating for policies that protect national interests and promote patriotism. This principle manifests in support for strong national defense, peace through strength, and controlled immigration that promotes assimilation into American culture. We support an assertive foreign policy because maintaining a robust military and protecting national borders are essential for safeguarding national security and ensuring global stability.

FAITH AND FAMILY

Faith and family provide moral grounding and social stability. Faith, largely rooted in religious traditions, shapes ethical values, personal responsibility, and community cohesion as opposed to reliance on the government. Family serves as the primary unit for nurturing these values. We recognize religious liberty as the bedrock of American society.

CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE OF OCC VALUES

Economic Policy

Conservative economic policies prioritize fiscal responsibility, reduced government spending, lower taxes, deregulation, and the moral case for free markets. A thriving private sector is essential for individual liberty, economic growth, and prosperity.

Social Policy

On social issues, conservatives emphasize the importance of family, religious faith, and community. We advocate for policies that support traditional family structures, protect religious freedoms, and promote moral values.