National Student Republican Committee (NSRC)
Executive Summary of NSRC Platform

Introduction

As the world moves ahead in times marked by the fear of terrorism and uncertainties of war, our nation strides forward, confident of its course and role in the international climate. The confidence felt by Americans is owed to our leader and President George W. Bush. On September 11, 2001 the course of American history changed forever, forcing us all to reconsider our role in and our views of the global culture. But one man stood resolute in the face of a fear unknown by any of us hitherto, never wavering from his belief that America must remain a global leader and that freedom and courage, not fear, would be the defining characteristics of the American people. President Bush picked up a struggling economy, a weary public, a poorly educated youth and an overtaxed citizenry, and carried us into a freer and safer world.

President Bush stands proudly next to Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan, the great Republican Presidents in national history. As Lincoln did during the Civil War and Reagan did during the Cold War, President Bush is leading the American people through a difficult and uneasy time without wavering in his stance. We are the Party of innovative thinkers and new ideas. We are the Party that takes action, not reactions. We are the Party to move America into the future. The President and all Republicans are proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to continuing our efforts of making the United States of America better everyday, one day at a time.

National Security

The fundamental elements of the platform are The War on Terror, the war in Iraq, Intelligence reforms, the transformation of our military, and efforts to curb weapons proliferation. The War on Terror hinges on a coordinated global response. Under the leadership of President Bush, the United States must continue to lead the international effort to defeat terrorism and to promote peace. In Iraq, Coalition forces will continue to work in conjunction with Iraqi security forces to stabilize Iraq so that democratic elections can take place. In the US Intelligence community, we will move to implement the primary recommendations of the 9-11 commission, including the creation of a National Intelligence Director and a National Counter-terrorism Center. The 21st century demands an effective military force that is well equipped, highly trained, and is capable of rapid deployment to strategic locations throughout the world. We will maintain the security of the United States by requiring the disarmament of rogue nations and pushing forward our research and development regarding missile defense.
Social Issues

The National Student Republican Committee has created a platform that promotes the most fundamental of all American values: family, respect for all peoples, and most importantly human dignity above all else. No human life should be sacrificed for the benefit of another. The American people overwhelmingly support the preservation of the traditional institution of marriage and we believe that the people, through the means of state government, should enact legislation that upholds the traditional values of same-sex marriage. The Constitution requires the dual responsibilities of protecting our citizens from foreign enemies and protecting our civil liberties from government intrusion. The Patriot Act reveals our leader’s ability to fulfill these dual obligations, and we applaud our leader for putting aside partisan differences in these trying times.

Domestic Policy

President Bush and the Student Republican believe that continuing our efforts in domestic improvement can best be done by empowering the people and creating a society of ownership and responsibility. This empowerment begins in our schools, where the president has passed sweeping reforms that bring accountability to public schools, and hope for all students. It is also vital that Americans can receive quality and affordable healthcare. The President has signed the prescription drug bill, enacted a “Health Savings Account” system, and proposed common sense medical malpractice liability reform. All of these efforts will lower health care costs, and ensure that quality physicians are always available for every American. Finally, President Bush realizes that we must keep our promise to both seniors and workers, by ensuring that Social Security will be there for not only the current generation, but also generations to come. The President’s plan returns choice to the people, by giving them the option the invest part of their own social security into the market. We as Republicans gladly support the President in our collective effort to return power, freedom, and prosperity to all Americans.

Economy

The American economy is at a crucial turning point. Having past through difficult time, we are now experiencing the first waves of an economic upsurge. To further enlarge an augment this growth, it is necessary to provide opportunities for American workers, support and create programs to lower taxes, increase home ownership, pursue all energy forms, strengthen out nations energy grid, and to allow companies access to foreign markets. It is only through these steps that the vital prosperity that the American economy and it people can be assured.

Conclusion

The Republican Party was founded 150 years ago on the principles of individual freedom and the right to choose how to exercise those freedoms within our Republic. The party stood for progression and hope in a time when Americans were split person against person, friend from friend and worst of all brother against brother or parents against their children. However, those who are not willing to act to protect their friends and family are assailing this hope that has given birth to the rights and liberties people have today.

The choice before us today and tomorrow is one where we have to show America that the Republican Party is meeting the needs of the people and addressing the issues dealing with our world today. This party, under this President, is doing just that- facing the
issues head-on and tackling the problems that are most pressing to the future prosperity of America. President Bush is clear in his message and the people are clear in their response. The people have told us, lead us strongly, do not deviate from your plans, fulfill your campaign promises, strive for freedom, and we will follow you. President Bush and the Republican Party have followed these directives and will continue to follow these directives in order to deliver to the people the best United States of America.