



2010 State Platform of the **CONSTITUTION PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA**



We declare the platform of the Constitution Party of North Carolina to be predicated on the principles of

**The Declaration of Independence
The Constitution of the United States
The Bill of Rights
The North Carolina State Constitution**

According to the original intent of the Founding Fathers, these founding documents are the foundation of our Liberty and the Supreme Law of the Land.

The sole purpose of government, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, is to secure our unalienable rights given us by our Creator. When Government grows beyond this scope, it is an usurpation, and liberty is compromised.

We believe the major issues we face today are best solved by a renewed allegiance to the original intent of these founding documents.

I. Preamble

The Constitution Party gratefully acknowledges the blessing of Almighty God, Preserver and Ruler of the Universe and of these United States. We hereby appeal to Him for mercy, aid, comfort, guidance and the protection of His Providence as we work to restore and preserve these United States.

This great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been and are afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.

The goal of the Constitution Party is to restore American jurisprudence to its Biblical foundations and to limit the federal government to its Constitutional boundaries.

The Constitution of the United States provides that "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." The Constitution Party supports the original intent of this language. Therefore, the Constitution Party calls on all those who love liberty and value their inherent rights to join with us in the pursuit of these goals and in the restoration of these founding principles.

The U.S. Constitution established a Republic rooted in Biblical law, administered by representatives who are constitutionally elected by the citizens. In such a Republic all Life, Liberty and Property are protected because law rules.

We affirm the principles of inherent individual rights upon which these United States of America were founded:

- That each individual is endowed by his Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are the rights to life, liberty, property and the pursuit of happiness;
- That the freedom to own, use, exchange, control, protect, and freely dispose of property is a natural, necessary and inseparable extension of the individual's unalienable rights;
- That the legitimate function of government is to secure these rights through the preservation of domestic tranquility, the maintenance of a strong national defense, and the promotion of equal justice for all;
- That history makes clear that left unchecked, it is the nature of government to usurp the liberty of its citizens and eventually become a major violator of the people's rights; and
- That, therefore, it is essential to bind government with the chains of the Constitution and carefully divide and jealously limit government powers to those assigned by the consent of the governed.

II. Essential Core Values of the Constitution Party of North Carolina

Sanctity of Life

The pre-born child, whose life begins at fertilization, is a human being created in God's image. The first duty of the law is to prevent the shedding of innocent blood. It is, therefore, the duty of all civil governments to secure and to safeguard the lives of the pre-born.

To that end, the Constitution of the United States was ordained and established for "ourselves and our posterity." Under no circumstances may the federal government fund or otherwise support any state or local government or any organization or entity, foreign or domestic, which advocates, encourages or participates in the practice of abortion. We also oppose the distribution and use of all abortifacients.

We affirm the God-given legal personhood of all unborn human beings, without exception. As to matters of rape and incest, it is unconscionable to take the life of an innocent child for the crimes of his father.

No government may legalize the taking of the unalienable right to life without justification, including the life of the pre-born; abortion may not be declared lawful by any institution of state or local government - legislative, judicial, or executive. The right to life should not be made dependent upon a vote of a majority of any legislative body.

Further, we condemn the misuse of federal laws against pro-life demonstrators, and strongly urge the repeal of the FACE Acts as an unconstitutional expansion of federal power into areas reserved to the states or people by the Tenth Amendment. In addition, we oppose the funding and legalization of bio-research involving human embryonic or pre-embryonic cells.

Finally, we also oppose all government "legalization" of euthanasia, infanticide and suicide.

Religious Freedom

Article I of the Bill of Rights reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Our Constitution grants no authority to the federal government either to grant or deny the religious expressions of the people in any place. Both the First and Tenth Amendments forbid such tyranny.

We call upon all branches of government to cease their attacks on the religious liberties of the people and the states, regardless of the forum in which these liberties are exercised.

We assert that any form of taxation on churches and other religious organizations is a direct and dangerous step toward state control of the church. Such intrusion is prohibited by the Constitution and must be halted.

We assert that private organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, can determine their own membership, volunteers, and employment based on their oaths and creeds.

Traditional Family

We assert that the traditional nuclear family, consisting of one man and one woman joined by marriage, is the healthiest and most secure relationship, and form of family, in which to create a stable and prosperous environment to establish and build strong families. We believe it is the best form of family and should be encouraged by law.

Private Property Rights

We affirm the Fourth Amendment right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, including arbitrary or de facto registration, general and unwarranted electronic surveillance, national computer databases, and national identification cards. We also reaffirm that civil governments must be strictly limited in their powers to intrude upon the persons and private property of individual citizens, in particular, that no place be searched and no thing be seized, except upon proof of probable cause that a crime has been committed and the proper judicial warrant issued.

We assert our opposition to using Eminent Domain to take private property, through the force of government, from one private party to give to another.

Pro-Second Amendment

The right to bear arms is inherent in the right of self defense, defense of the family, and defense against tyranny, conferred on the individual and the community by our Creator to safeguard life, liberty, and property, as well as to help preserve the independence of the nation.

The right to keep and bear arms is guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution; it may not properly be infringed upon or denied.

The Constitution Party of North Carolina upholds the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms. We oppose attempts to prohibit ownership of guns by law-abiding citizens, and stand against all laws which would require the registration of guns or ammunition.

National Sovereignty

The United States is properly a free and sovereign republic which should strive to live in peace with all nations, without interfering in their internal affairs, and without permitting their interference in ours. We are, therefore, unalterably opposed to entangling alliances – via treaties, or any other form of commitment which compromise our national sovereignty, or commit us to intervention in foreign wars.

To this end, we shall:

- Steadfastly oppose American participation in any form of world government organization, including any world court under United Nations auspices;
- Call upon the President, and Congress, to terminate United States membership in the United Nations, and its subsidiary organizations, and terminate U.S. participation in all so-called U.N. peace keeping operations;
- Bar the United Nations, and its subsidiaries, from further operation, including raising of funds, on United States territory; and
- Propose that the Constitution be obeyed to prohibit the United States government from entering any treaty, or other agreement, which makes any commitment of American military forces or tax money, compromises the sovereignty of the United States, or accomplishes a purpose properly the subject of domestic law. In this connection we specifically denounce the agreement establishing the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and any other such trade agreements, either bilateral or regional in nature. All treaties must be subordinate to the Constitution, since the Constitution is the only instrument which empowers and limits the federal government.

American troops must serve only under American commanders, not those of the United Nations or foreign countries.

Anti-Socialism

We assert that we are opposed to Federal Aid, Foreign Aid and National health care.

We deny the assumption that civil government has the authority to set wages and prices; so doing is inconsistent with principles of individual liberty and the free market.

III. Capital Punishment

The Constitution Party of North Carolina, being pro-life from conception to natural death, believes in defending all innocent life. Nevertheless, the innocence of life ends when that individual criminally violates the right to live of another, and therefore punishment to both prevent future harm and to deter others from committing the same heinous crime is just. When all doubt has been removed through the submission of ample evidence, and the jury finds that the individual is guilty of murder and has convicted him of the same, we support the right of a jury to use capital punishment.

It is important that any individual convicted of murder and sentenced to death be allowed to appeal their case within a reasonable time to a higher court, therefore we strongly believe in obliging the appeals court system to hear all appeals brought before the court in cases where a jury has sentenced the individual to death. Capital

punishment should be carried out within sixty days, after all appeals have been heard, in order to prevent the waste of taxpayer funds and to deter others from committing the same crime.

IV. Education

The estimable responsibility to educate our youth should and does ultimately lie with the parents and no government should infringe on the parent's right to educate their children in the method they see best or prevent them from enrolling their child in the school of their choice as they may see fit for the future of their posterity. In order to allow and promote the education of our state's youth and see improvement in the state's educational system we strongly believe that parents who wish their children to be educated outside of the government run school system, whether home school, private, religious or otherwise ought to receive equitable tax relief.

V. Election Reform

The Constitution Party of North Carolina steadfastly believes that the right to vote, a right that is of inestimable importance for the preservation of liberty and our Republic, must be secured to all constitutionally qualified citizens regardless of the individual's race, gender, religion or political affiliation. Without free choice at the ballot box we the people fail to be free, therefore, access to the election ballot for all candidates regardless of political affiliation ought to be free and equal. Government has no right to artificially limit voter choice and in consequence limit the voter's right to vote by placing arbitrary, restrictive and unequal requirements on the participation and placement of political parties and candidates on the election ballot. To encourage free and fair elections, all candidates and parties must be treated equally.

We believe that Instant Runoff Voting should be implemented in all federal, state, county and local elections to replace the current first past the post system that discourages minor party voting and competition. Instant Runoff Voting would allow for the reduction and hopeful elimination of the misconception of the wasted vote for minor parties, encourage voting based on individual candidates not the political party, all while ensuring a majority winner based on individual preference and re-establish confidence in the electoral process.

We oppose all limitations on United States citizen's free speech and therefore oppose all contribution limits to and from political committees.

We steadfastly oppose all programs, under whatever guise, where candidates for public office or political parties receive subsidies through taxpayer funds, often under the misleading names of Voter Owned Elections or Publically Funded Campaigns. We believe these programs to be abhorrent as they use the individual's tax dollars and fund political campaigns that the individual may wholly oppose and do little to stem corruption in the political sector.

The Constitution Party of North Carolina also opposes intrusions by the federal government on the State of North Carolina's right to prescribe its own reasonable rules within the bounds of individual liberty, the right of the citizen to vote and democratic government as delegated to the State under Article II Section 4 Clause 1 of the United States Constitution. Therefore, we wholly oppose and call for the repeal of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which requires all voting related legislation in covered districts to be approved by the US Department of Justice before they can become effective.

VI. Legislative Reform

To ensure that legislation is comprehensible and that citizens have the time to read and understand those regulations and laws that their elected representatives wish to put into effect we believe that all legislation must only be on one issue or topic and no unrelated riders or amendments should be placed in any bill. All non-emergency bills must be in the public domain for at least two weeks before a vote may be conducted.

VII. Vaccination Reform

In recognizing an individual's rights defined under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution that states "The right of the people to be secure in their persons...shall not be violated," the Constitution Party of North Carolina calls on all levels of government to end the forced vaccination of its citizens under any circumstances. Individuals have the right to be secure in their persons and choose whether or not they or their children should be vaccinated. The Constitution Party of North Carolina also calls on all levels of government to

end cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO), where such cooperation infringes on national or state sovereignty or on the rights of its citizens.

VIII. National Constitution Party Platform

The Constitution Party of North Carolina affirms and adopts the platform of the national Constitution Party with the exception of those specified in the Essential Core Values and Preamble of the Constitution Party of North Carolina.