

The Republican Party: A History of Freedom

The Democrat Party of today's America would lead you to believe that the Republican Party was formed exclusively to lead the world into the dark ages of oppression and segregation. However, the enlightened history of the Republican Party staggeringly contradicts the Dems' misleading propaganda. The Republican Party was formed at the height of Democrat-led persecution of black slaves. A group of Union leaders gathered prior to the Civil War seeking the abolition of slavery. This common goal quickly brought the faction commonly known as the anti-slavery Whigs together to form a new political party. The party first gathered officially in 1854 and conducted their first nominating convention in 1856 in the great city of Philadelphia.

It was the Republican Party, not the Democrat Party, who first promoted liberty and freedom of our fellow Americans, all of our fellow Americans. The new Republicans first drafted the Thirteenth Amendment, which every one of the eighty-six Republican congressman voted for in 1864, while only fifteen Democrats voted in favor. The percentages of pro-abolition Democrats were much less with respect to the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments which expanded the rights of blacks under the Constitution.

Democrat leaders created the Ku Klux Klan in 1866 to fight against Republican Reconstruction efforts, which intended to bring the country together on equal footing. The Democrat Party doubled-down on their efforts to prevent black people from obtaining equal rights during the era of segregation. Republican President Eisenhower signed into law two civil rights bills in 1957 and 1960 respectively and sent the military in to protect the children of Arkansas during the hostile integration of schools after *Brown v. Board of Education* eradicated segregation.

The Grand Old Party was created with freedom at its core and to this day, that sentiment is the driving force behind the policies and programs initiated by the Republicans. Life and liberty still mean "life" and "liberty" to the Republican Party. Pro-life positions such as the Hyde Amendment make it clear that life still matters to the party. And pro-liberty stances such as President Reagan's insistence that Soviet President Gorbachev "tear down that wall" demonstrate the Republican Party's commitment to those core values that began a freedom movement well over a hundred years ago.

The great misfortune today is the lack of understanding of the real Republican Party. We live in an age of information, but very little actual knowledge. The internet has brought libraries to our hands, accessible twenty-four-seven, and yet more and more people are remiss to actually use them. The Republican Party has given us so much as a nation, it is time to recognize that and work to bring back the pride in a real freedom movement instead of grasping at misdirected clones.