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Winning Is The Name Of The Game . . .

## **STATEMENT OF REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES** **by** **GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY**

Principles are the living, vital motive force that puts meaning, purpose, and direction into what we do.

It is principles—eternal principles—that make the Ten Commandments and Sermon on the Mount so divinely potent.

True principles honestly applied lift our actions above the level of mere talk and expediency.

I believe, as Lincoln said in his last public address before his death, that "important principles may and must be inflexible." A man, a party, or a nation may compromise on implementation or detail—but a man, a party, or a nation that compromises basic principles is lost.

In my opinion, the fundamental principles that guide the Republican Party are the fundamental principles of America. And they are mine as well.

**I BELIEVE** that each individual is a child of God—endowed with equal rights, responsibilities, and inherent worth.

**I BELIEVE** that this creates an obligation for each individual, not only to his creator but to all other men. That obligation is the obligation of brotherhood.

**I BELIEVE** that society and government, which are created by man, exist to serve the individual, who is created by God.

**I BELIEVE** that the right to choose is the fundamental human right, by which individuals shape their character and achieve self-fulfillment.

**I BELIEVE** that government should foster, not hamper, the right of individual choice.

**I BELIEVE** that one individual's right to choose should be limited only by another individual's right to choose, with mutual self-restraint and respect for one another's individuality and rights.

**I BELIEVE** that government, on behalf of all the people, must guarantee the rights of all equally and fairly, protecting individual rights even from government itself.

**I BELIEVE** that with personal rights go personal responsibilities—the responsibility to perform useful work, to build strong families, to be active citizens, and to be our brother's keeper.

**I BELIEVE** in government by law, impartially applied without fear or favor.

**I BELIEVE** in strict obedience to law in a system that provides orderly means for correcting unjust laws, because respect for the law is the foundation of social order and human progress.

**I BELIEVE** in self-government close to the people and subject to their control.

**I BELIEVE** the people themselves have the primary responsibility for working out their own destiny. The people should be trusted and encouraged to solve as many problems as they can, either individually or through voluntary associations and private organizations. This has been the main-spring of America's progress.

**I BELIEVE** that government can serve the people best by providing a framework of law and even-handed justice within which individuals can work out their own destiny.

**I BELIEVE** that government should help the people solve problems beyond the capacity of individuals or their voluntary organizations, but not try to solve all the people's problems for them.

**I BELIEVE** that government should help to release, not smother, the energies of the people. It should foster self-reliance, not dependence.

**I BELIEVE** that government should be efficient and economical, live within its means, and spend no more than the people are willing to pay for in taxes. It should be honest in its budgeting and timely in its economic policies.

**I BELIEVE** there is inherent danger to the liberties of the people in concentrated power, whether governmental or private, political or economic.

**I BELIEVE** our nation's economy, like our government, must be controlled by the people through their free and individual choices.

**I BELIEVE** a great nation is built by great people, and that "a state which thwarts its men . . . will find that with small men no great thing can be accomplished."

These are my principles, and I believe that they're worth fighting for. That's why I'm in public life.

How would you label principles like these? Liberal? Conservative? Moderate — Progressive — Radical — Reactionary?

I'll settle for two labels and two labels only — American and Republican.

No man and no party has a monopoly on American principles.

But I believe the Republican Party has become the party best able to fight for them and carry them forward to a higher expression and fuller application.



# ROMNEY'S MICHIGAN RECORD: ACTION---

## YEARS OF RECORD PROGRESS

**"THE TALENTS AND ENERGIES OF MICHIGAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN JOINED IN AN UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT TO REALIZE THE GREAT PROMISE OF OUR RICH HUMAN, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES" . . . GOV. GEORGE ROMNEY**

### JOB AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

- In five years, jobs were provided for an additional 332,000 people in Michigan.
- New plant expansions since 1962 have totaled more than \$7 billion.
- The pre-1962 trend of the auto industry to expand outside Michigan has been reversed.
- The rate of increase of family spendable income in Michigan has been among the highest in the nation in recent years.
- Unemployment in Michigan dropped as low as 2.6 per cent in 1966.

### FISCAL INTEGRITY

- Governor Romney turned a \$105 million state deficit into a \$167 million general fund surplus in just four years.
- At the same time, he expanded state services to meet the unmet state needs left by his Democratic predecessors.
- All of this was done without new state taxes.
- He insisted on fiscal reform in Michigan to provide more equitable distribution of the tax burden and to provide new revenues for extending present services to a growing population.
- He has made it emphatically clear that Michigan is not going to spend more than its citizens are willing and able to pay for.

### EDUCATION

- Support for higher education more than **doubled**.
- State aid to local schools up 55 percent.
- 15,000 college students now assisted by state scholarship program established in 1964.
- Increased support for community colleges and vocational education.

### CIVIL RIGHTS

- Established the only constitutionally based State Civil Rights Commission.
- Appropriations for the Commission have been multiplied more than six times since 1962 to make it more effective.
- Encouraged and stimulated local, private and individual action — at the grass roots, where it really counts.
- Has made it clear that the state's active commitment to working out problems and rooting out social injustice leaves no excuse for illegal or violent attempts to take the law into one's own hands.
- Approved legislation prohibiting employment discriminating because of age.

### WATER AND AIR POLLUTION

- Established Michigan as the leader in the fight against the pollution blight.
- Obtained a program of state grants to local governments for fighting water pollution.
- Obtained enactment of new pollution control laws — with teeth.
- Obtained enactment of tax incentives for halting industrial pollution of both air and water.
- Made Michigan the first Great Lakes state to set up water resources planning machinery and water restrictions.
- Doubled the enforcement staff of the Water Resources Commission to make it more effective.

### CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

- Rehabilitation facilities for delinquents have been doubled since 1962.
- Eliminated delay in state acceptance of juveniles committed by Probate Courts.

- Increased educational programs in adult correctional institutions by 30 per cent.
- Established a new youthful offenders program for the 17 to 21 age group.
- Placed new emphasis of rehabilitation programs — camps, half-way houses, counseling, aftercare.

### URBAN AFFAIRS

- State aid to local governments has risen 34 per cent in the last three years.
- More than 53 per cent of state government's total income is being turned back to local units each year.
- State aid to local governments in 1967 totals a record \$1,132 million and is scheduled to increase by \$109 million next year.
- An Office of Local and Urban Affairs in the Executive office has been recommended.
- Establishment of a Multi-County Planning Grant Assistant Program has been recommended.
- Authority for the State Housing Authority to work with qualified non-profit housing sponsors and local public housing bodies has been recommended.

### MENTAL HEALTH

- State support for mental health up 49 percent.
- 85 percent of state's population covered by Community Mental Services Act.
- Comprehensive attack on mental retardation — including increased support for special education, day-care centers, job training, research and improved state hospital programs.
- Mentally ill waiting lists eliminated in state hospitals.

### AGRICULTURE

- Approved tax relief for Michigan farmers.
- Strengthened farm marketing and promotional efforts.
- Uniform meat and milk inspection.
- Increased funds for agricultural research by \$1.1 million in the last three years.

### COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

- Analysis of population trends, economic development, land use, and public service needs form the basis for future program development.
- Major planning efforts have been completed on veterans' homestead tax relief, mental health programs, parks and recreation and transportation.
- Studies of crime and delinquency and urban affairs are underway.
- A state master plan for higher education is being developed.

### HUMAN RESOURCES

- Created the Michigan Human Resources Council to stimulate and encourage the fullest possible use of the cooperative, voluntary efforts of individuals and private organizations.
- The Council, which provides guidance for student volunteer groups in Michigan, estimates that 7,500 students on 35 campuses in Michigan are now participating, with a total contribution of man hours now having reached the rate of 500,000 a year.

### CONSERVATION

- Support for new, expanded Department of Conservation has doubled.
- State Park campsites have increased 22 per cent, seven new state parks have been opened, and a new land acquisition program has been started for state parks.
- New programs have been started to improve hunting and fishing in Michigan.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY

- The manpower strength of the state police has been increased.
- A program of "check lane" vehicle inspection has been started by state police.
- Support for driver education has been increased and a program requiring a one-year probation for new drivers has been put into effect.
- A new "implied consent" law has been passed, requiring tests for drivers who have been arrested and are suspected of being drunk.



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# HIGHLIGHTS OF ROMNEY SPEECHES

## IN MONTREAL, CANADA:

"As neighbors, we share far more than just an abundant continent, a common frontier, and a similar heritage. We also share the opportunity to set an example for the world—an example of peace and stability between two independent neighbors, each with its own sovereignty and proud identity. . .

"Together, we have done much. But we can do more. . .

"For example, our International Joint Commission is a successful international institution unparalleled in history. Through IJC, the technicians of our two countries come together to lay the basis for subsequent diplomatic agreement.

"But I believe we should explore the possibility of enabling the IJC to make an even greater contribution.

"... The IJC might be even more valuable if it were authorized to consider any subject on its own; if it could itself initiate the negotiations which are sometimes difficult to start through normal channels of diplomacy.

"This would be a helpful innovation in international diplomacy; an international institution without automatic loyalty to one country above the other and with authority to act as the conscience of both.

"For too long, Americans have tended to take Canada and Canadians for granted. . . Canada is just too close, geographically and culturally, for us to see her clearly as the great nation she is.

"But Americans must stop ignoring Canada. For our two nations must not miss our opportunity, in partnership, to define for the rest of the world what international relations in its best sense can truly mean."

## BEFORE THE IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE:

"Today, our entire economy—producers, workers and customers—faces a real danger from regulatory overkill. . .

"I am not opposed to government regulation that strengthens consumer sovereignty.

"There will always be those in any activity who will mistake freedom for license, and who will abuse the opportunity our free competitive economy affords.

"I suggest three guidelines for government restraint in the development of necessary regulation:

"1. Government should constantly review its regulation. Regulations once on the books, bureaucracies once established, should not be immune to change, improvement, or elimination.

"2. Government should regulate only when private industry either refuses to move, or had demonstrated it cannot handle the problem without government direction.

"3. Another vital consideration is whether the regulation will strengthen the role of the customer as the principal regulator of our economy.

"But if government is to practice restraint—as it should—then private industry must practice responsibility—as it should.

"To avoid unnecessary regulation, industry must on its own initiative do its full part in solving public problems resulting from its own activities. . .

"The present administration pays lip service to consumer sovereignty, but doesn't really believe in it or trust it.

"It is rapidly adopting regulation that weakens consumer sovereignty.

"We must again make a national choice between consumer sovereignty, based on competition, and government sovereignty based on absolute authority."