

Facts about the Texas Conservative Grassroots Coalition

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We believe that Americans - especially Texans - must stop letting personal politics and party allegiances *blind them to government misconduct and power grabs*; therefore, this Coalition puts conservative, limited government principles first — not politicians, personalities, or political party. We will support the Republican Party of Texas Platform as long as it is a constitutionally conservative platform on social, cultural, and fiscal issues.

We strongly support the values and principles expressed in the 2022 Republican Party of Texas Platform.

We seek to uphold those values and principles in order to anchor the Republican Party to its principled roots!

This statewide Coalition has been wildly successful, growing more than 2000% since we began Coalition activities in 2015. We hold meaningful, highly educational, activism-rich quarterly statewide Coalition Summits to address priority public policy/legislative issues and to provide training on a wide array of leadership skill sets. 2023 will be the 3rd year of added growth through purposeful Senate District Coalition building.

Our partners continue to operate as **independent** groups, but when necessary, act as a strong, cohesive Coalition, **united around first liberty principles.** This is not a substitute for any local group's work, nor intended to replace local efforts. It most certainly is not designed to be a "shadow party" or the launch of a 3rd party. **We are active conservatives. Period.**

Partners include local Tea party/conservative groups, statewide conservative groups, SRECs, GOP county chairs, GOP precinct chairs, GOP club leaders, and professional associations (such as the Texas Association of Physicians & Surgeons) who agree on a particular issue.

This Coalition is about helping even the smallest conservative local group become successful and make their voices heard. We add value to groups that do not have the resources to take on big projects alone.

Our mission is to build an enduring Texas conservative grassroots movement in every Senate District (this will eventually cover both Texas State and US House Districts).

We will build a conservative grassroots movement wide enough and deep enough to cultivate and mentor new leaders, raising up quality candidates to advance liberty, and effectively fight the Marxist Left and the unprincipled Surrender Wing of the Republican Party who now seek to erase President Donald J. Trump and his significant America First Policies.

Together, we can save Texas!

We are raising a **higher standard for both elected officials and for Texas grassroots activists**. It is about framing the debate and being on offense, rather than playing defense and being reactionary.

We will pass good conservative reform bills and kill bad bills despite any future rogue Texas House Speaker and the entrenched Austin Cartel of special interests. We know there will always be a liberal, big government Republican in power somewhere. *That is the nature of unprincipled men and women. They are found in both parties.*

Grassroots training will be important. Long term, we will prevail by working smarter and upholding principles over political expediency.

The Coalition will not vet nor endorse candidates. That is the responsibility of local groups.

There are no Coalition membership dues to participate; our data base will never be shared or sold!

Participation does not require allegiance to every issue. The Coalition "body" is fluid because it is based on issues. If a partner agrees with a stated position, they sign on to the Coalition statement or letter. If they do not agree, they simply do not sign without fear of being "voted off the island." Individuals signing on for a Group/Organization do so with that Group's/Organization's agreement and approval – implied or explicit.

Coalition letters and statements are based on sourced facts and first principles. If a Coalition project inflames the media, local/Austin/DC Cartels, the establishment GOP, an elected official, or the Left, there will be NO retreat; therefore, Coalition partners should not ask for one. Partners assume personal responsibility when they sign on.

This Coalition is not in competition with any other group. It is a unique effort with a heart to serve and to build a stronger, more principled conservative Texas grassroots movement that will keep Texas free and prosperous with opportunities for all and favoritism for none.

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Texas Conservative Grassroots Coalition Definitions

<u>Coalition</u>: a group or partnership formed when two or more opinion leaders and/or groups agree to work together to achieve a common goal. In the case of the TCG Coalition, we are working to advance America's First Principles and apply those principles to legislation and public policy. A Coalition is NOT a petition! Coalition members are recognized opinion leaders or known influencers – not random people signed on for the sake of numbers.

First principles: the foundation of American freedom and liberty. Rejecting the oppression of their British rulers, America's Founding Fathers established the American republic on our First Principles to secure our freedom and liberty.

We are the only nation with a unique creed of liberty based on the self-evident truths that all men and women are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; and that governments are instituted to protect those rights and derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. Stated differently, America was founded on certain First Principles:

- ♦ The **rule of law** is a First Principle that mandates that the law governs everyone.
- ◆ The First Principle of **unalienable rights** recognizes that everyone is naturally endowed by their Creator with certain rights.
- ♦ **Equality** is a First Principle that recognizes that all persons are created equal.
- ◆ The First Principle of the **Social Compact** recognizes that governments are instituted by the people and *derive their just powers from the consent of the governed*.
- ◆ The First Principle of **limited government** means that the protection of unalienable rights is the legitimate purpose and limit of government and requires the government to be strong enough to fulfill its purpose yet limited to that purpose.
- ◆ Final First Principle the **right to declare revolution** when the other First Principles are being **routinely and repeatedly infringed** by the government over the objections of the People.

Our Declaration of Independence declares these foundational principles as the philosophical **underpinning** of the American Revolution. Once independence was secured, the Founders labored to ensure that the Constitution was the embodiment of a government based on First Principles.

<u>Opinion leaders</u>: Influential members of a community, group, or society to whom others turn for advice, opinions, and views; people with the power to influence/build political will among elected officials and public support in their organizations and communities for legislation and public policy initiatives. (Long-time political activists, leaders/officers/board members of TEA party/conservative independent/GOP groups and clubs, statewide conservative group leaders, SRECs, GOP County chairs, GOP Precinct Chairs, conservative business leaders/donors, former officials – **NOT general petition signers**.)