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I am a Republican because I believe in preserving morals and making rational decisions. I believe in equality of opportunity, because the Democratic ideal of equality of outcome will never be more than a dream. It is wrong to expect the government to provide everything for everyone. To even begin to accomplish that would require the creation of a huge bureaucracy, and from that point on all hope would be lost. It pains me to see America losing dominance on the global stage, when we could easily sustain our hegemony. If only people would start working for themselves, learning to swim instead of depending on the government to keep them afloat, we could shrink the government and rebuild our military.

The liberals and Democrats will argue their belief in evolution. I say that if evolution does exist, then it should be applied to more than just speciation. Survival of the fittest has a place in business as well as the natural world. Only the strongest businesses and workers survive. Mother Nature has never passed a stimulus package, to my knowledge.

I am of the opinion that the downsizing of our military is only going to hurt us. I tend to emphasize the "big stick" in Theodore Roosevelt's famous quote. We cannot expect to be a great power much longer if we scrap our aircraft carriers because we need the liquidity to bail out helpless banks.

I agree with the notion that we are the world's police. We are not entitled to greatness, but because we have had the good fortune to be so economically, politically, and militarily developed, I feel that we should stand up for the world's oppressed. We should further honor the men and women of the armed forces, because without them we might not be speaking this language that we have grown to love.

I think that a flat sales tax is the best thing since Ronald Reagan. Rather than taxing prosperity and success, in the form of income, we should tax spending. It is proven that money accentuates spending habits, so it would be the ultimate progressive tax. Naturally, things like food stamps would be exempt, but hopefully more people would have enough disposable income to be self-sufficient without entitlements.

The difference between any other political party and me isn't so much the goal of my ideology. I want the best for everyone, and I'd hope that other parties would feel the same way. Despite the commonality of goals, however, I see a different way of attaining my goals. Allowing people to be dependent on big government isn't going to make them contributing members of society. Appeasing foreign leaders isn't going to create peace; it will just train them to expect us to give in. Taxing more and spending more is not way to eliminate a budget deficit. Rather, we should tax less and spend less, and put more money in the pocket of our citizens so that they can generate economic growth.

I am a Republican because I have a firm grasp of reality, but I'm not afraid to try to improve reality.

