

PRINCIPLED POLITICS PRINCIPLES

1. America needs to responsibly lead the world, both economically and ethically.
2. The **people run the country**—not the politicians. Politicians are **public servants** and our representatives.
3. Politicians should always do what's **best for the country**, more than what's best for themselves.
4. Government should **live within it's means**.(Never waste tax payer's money).
5. We must **prioritize** government activities, because we can't afford to do everything.
6. Run government more **like a business**—streamline it and eliminate all waste, fraud and abuse.
7. **Principles** are more valuable than parties or personalities.
8. **Doable ideals** are better than Ping Pong or **Pendulum Politics**, or constantly changing party horses.
9. Republicans and Democrats need to be parties of **ideas** and **ideals**, within budget.
10. **Politicians** need to **have the courage** to implement good, sound policy, whether it always benefits their side, and whether the public loves or hates it. There will always be critics. **Party bosses** need to allow (and not punish) independence among the ranks.
11. The **win-at-all-costs** mentality needs to be **outlawed** in politics (if that is possible). Civility in everything, and consult with the minority party (vs. **dominate** or have **co-equally 'shared'** power)
12. We are ultimately all in this together, whether we like it (or signed up for it), or not.