

Republican Party of Iowa Platform Language

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

This section enumerates what we Republicans of Iowa identify as the legislative priorities and stances for our elected representatives.

Liberty

- We support banning conversion therapy.
- We support legislation which formally recognizes intersex rights.
- We oppose attempts to remove gender identity or sexual orientation from the Iowa Civil Rights Code

Government

- We support state mandates requiring all public schools include instruction in physical/mental health and sex positive/comprehensive/research-based sexual/health programs (including LGBTQIA+, non-binary)
- We support legislation which addresses the problem of cyberbullying in schools.
- We support adding gender identity to the Iowa Hate Crimes Law
- We support increased funding for Iowa's Victim Service Support Program
- We support increased VOCA funding.
- We oppose attempts to remove sexual orientation from the Iowa Hate Crimes Law
- We oppose discriminating against LGBTQIA+ from receiving state, local, or federal services.
- We oppose using tax dollars to fund PK-12 private schools through methods including:
 - Vouchers
 - Education Savings Accounts
 - Charter school pre-tax plans
 - Religious bias in publicly funded education

Opportunity

We affirm the rights of all, including minorities and the disabled to freely pursue economic opportunities. The Republican Party commits itself to providing equal opportunity to all citizens regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or economic status.

Therefore:

1. Republicans encourage public/private programs offering skills training and apprenticeships in the skilled trades, with a focus on minorities, women, the disabled, and veterans.
2. Republicans encourage the participation and advancement of all citizens within the party, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or economic status.
3. Republicans will actively recruit members regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or economic status.