



★ **Heritage Alliance PAC Statement of Beliefs** ★
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We believe that God establishes authority over each nation

- ☞ Daniel 2:20 – “He removes kings and sets others on the throne.”
- ☞ Proverbs 8:15 – “Because of me, kings reign, and rulers make just laws.”
- ☞ Romans 13:1 – “There is no authority except that which God has established.”

We believe in limited government

- ☞ Our founders believed that mankind is imperfect. They experienced first-hand the life that resulted from a king who was a sinful human, yet had significant authority and power to impose his flawed will on his subjects.
- ☞ As a result, they carefully spelled out the limited powers of the federal government, and reserved all other powers to the individuals and the states.
- ☞ They then gave the citizens the ultimate authority with the power to elect representative leadership.
- ☞ Government was meant to be a protector, not a provider: to protect citizens from external threats and from each other (theft, fraud or bodily harm), not to provide services for them.

We believe in free enterprise

- ☞ Business should be governed by the laws of supply and demand, not restrained by government interference, regulation or subsidy.
- ☞ Our founders believed in providing citizens the freedom and safety to design, produce, and deliver products or services based upon consumer or customer demand instead of government edict.

We believe in traditional Judeo-Christian values

- ☞ Our government was rooted in Biblical principles and our laws were based on Biblical edicts, such as those outlined in the Ten Commandments.
- ☞ God reveals absolute truth through His infallible word.
- ☞ All people are created in the image of God and therefore are of innate value whether unborn, elderly or disabled.
- ☞ Laws must be put in place to deter people from harming each other (murder, stealing, etc.):
 - The less internal control we have over sin (by the Holy Spirit) the more external control is needed (government laws).
 - “[O]nly a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.”¹

¹ Benjamin Franklin, *The Writings of Benjamin Franklin*, Jared Sparks, editor (Boston: Tappan, Whittemore and Mason, 1840), Vol. X, p. 297, April 17, 1787. Cited on the WallBuilders Web site at: <http://www.wallbuilders.com/resources/search/detail.php?ResourceID=21>

We believe that citizens are to be good stewards

- ☞ A steward is someone who manages the property, finances or household of another.
- ☞ According to the Bible we have been commanded and entrusted by God to be good stewards of our families, finances, careers, and faith. Jesus described the importance of stewardship in His parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Two of the men in this parable were praised because they diligently used the talents given them to increase their master's wealth. The third steward had his authority taken away for his refusal to do the bare minimum with the money given him.
- ☞ The apostle Paul wrote: "It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:2)
- ☞ God has entrusted "we the people" with the responsibility to exercise good stewardship. Citizens in the United States have been entrusted by God to have a fraction of the ultimate authority by virtue of their vote.

We believe that Christians are to be light and salt to a dying world

- ☞ In Matthew 5:13, Jesus tells His followers they are "*the salt of the earth.*" Salt can be used as a preservative, and as Christians, we can be used to preserve foundational values.
- ☞ In the same passage, Jesus also declares those who believe in Him to be "*the light of the world.*" Light is used to illuminate and give direction. Obviously, Christ wants us to be "light" in terms of illuminating the path to eternal life with Him. But He can also use us to show others the way to find or preserve important Biblical values such as the sanctity of life and the sanctity of marriage.
- ☞ It requires diligence and effort to make a difference. Salt can lose its saltiness; light can be hidden under a bowl. The third steward was rebuked and punished for burying his talent. As citizens, most of us are similar to that steward; we have buried our vote by not casting informed ballots, and as a result, our voice has ceased to be heard. We no longer have any say over what our children are taught in school. We no longer have authority to protect the life of unborn babies. A country founded upon freedom *of* religion is rapidly becoming a nation of freedom *from* religion.