

HBRA votes to endorse the following Three Principles as an improved statement of CRA's 14 Principles

At the November 6, 2023 general meeting, HBRA members voted to accept the following three principles as an improved statement of conservatism as currently articulated in CRA's 14 principles/

The Law of Nature and Nature's God is supreme, including the protection of innocent human life, the institution of marriage and equal protection under the law.

Government should be limited and decentralized, with checks and balances and the consent of the governed through honest elections.

The economic system should be one of private property, and free enterprise, with sanctity of contract, sound money, equal weights and measures, and limitation of public and private debt.

The CRA's 14 Principles can be viewed [here](#).

HBRA continues to support CRA's 14 principles and considers CRA's status as a principle-centered Republican organization to be its greatest strength. It is what makes CRA "the conscience of the Republican Party." CRA's endorsement of candidates is seen as certifying them as the "true conservative" in any race, and we want to keep it that way.

However the current 14 principle formulation suffers from the following shortcomings: (1) It is too long, not memorable, and lacks a logical structure. (2) It mixes statements that are true fundamental principles with others that are subordinate policy positions.

HBRA believes the Three Principles formulation we have endorsed encapsulates the 14 principles more succinctly and places them in a logical order. We encourage other chapters and the state CRA to consider adopting this new statement of our existing principles.

