

COMPARE & CONTRAST:

The Republican Party National Platform with the words of the Founding Fathers of the United States and the Latter-day Prophets & Apostles

[Bold & underlined emphasis added, thoughts from Mark Hudson at the end, and quotes of the Founders and Latter-day Prophets & Apostles added in brackets and bold-italics between paragraphs.]

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[**Note:** “Regarding the difficult task of trying to reform the Republican Party, notice the many references to “democracies” and “trade agreements” with special emphasis on the FTAA. The Republican Party has lost its understanding of the Republic that America was truly established to be. Can any county or even state Republican Party delegate realistically think he can have enough of a voice to reform the party when the national platform is so mistakenly structured? Isn’t it time for a Restoration of true Constitutional principles rather than trying to reform our burgeoning, democracy that is grossly distorted toward socialism and regional governance?” - *Philip Betz, former Republican Cache Valley, Utah*]

The following is quoted from the official, 92 page

Republican Party National Platform 2004

“Republicans applaud President Bush for launching groundbreaking efforts to address the needs and hopes of the world’s poor, cutting across traditional boundaries to focus on what works....”

["There is one and only one legitimate goal of United States foreign policy. It is a narrow goal, a nationalistic goal: the preservation of our national independence. Nothing in the Constitution grants that the president shall have the privilege of offering himself as a world leader. He is our executive; he is on our payroll; he is supposed to put our best interests in front of those of other nations. Nothing in the Constitution nor in logic grants to the president of the United States or Congress the power to influence the political life of other countries, to ‘uplift’ their cultures, to bolster their economies, to feed their people, or even defend them against their enemies.” – Ezra Taft Benson]

“Republicans believe that a world where some live in comfort and plenty, while half of the human race lives on less than \$2 a day, is neither just nor stable. We applaud President Bush and the Republican Congress for their leadership and moral clarity in making the inclusion of all of the world’s poor in an expanding circle of development – and opportunity – one of the top priorities of U.S. international policy....

“Decades of massive development assistance have failed to spur economic growth in the poorest countries....

“President Bush helped to forge a new consensus at the United Nations Conference on Financing for Development in Monterrey that the objectives of assistance – and the

strategies to achieve those objectives – must change.

“Where governments have implemented real policy changes, **we will provide significant new levels of assistance**. The United States and other developed countries should set an ambitious and specific target: to double the size of the world’s poorest economies within a decade.”

[“The traditions or culture or way of life of a people inevitably include some practices that must be changed by those who wish to qualify for God’s choicest blessings....

“In these examples I am not contrasting the culture or traditions of one part of the world with another. I am contrasting the Lord’s way with the world’s way—the culture of the gospel of Jesus Christ with the culture or traditions of every nation or people....

“The Savior invites all to come unto Him (see 2 Ne. 26:33; D&C 43:20), and His servants seek to persuade all—including Americans—to become Latter-day Saints. We say to all, give up your traditions and cultural practices that are contrary to the commandments of God and the culture of His gospel...

“There is a unique gospel culture, a set of values and expectations and practices common to all members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This gospel way of life comes from the plan of salvation, the commandments of God, and the teachings of the living prophets. It is given expression in the way we raise our families and live our individual lives....This requires us to make some changes from our family culture, our ethnic culture, or our national culture. We must change all elements of our behavior that are in conflict with gospel commandments, covenants, and culture....

“The gospel plan is based on individual responsibility. Our article of faith states the eternal truth “that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam’s transgression” (A of F 1:2). This requirement of individual responsibility, which has many expressions in our doctrine, is in sharp contrast to Satan’s plan to “redeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost.” (Moses 4:1). The plan of the Father and the Savior is based on individual choice and individual effort....

“The doctrine and practice of personal responsibility and personal effort collide with individual traditions and local cultures in many lands. We live in a world where there are large differences in income and material possessions and where there are many public and private efforts to narrow these differences. The followers of the Savior are commanded to give to the poor, and many do. But some gifts have promoted a culture of dependency, reducing their recipients’ need for earthly food or shelter but impoverishing them in their eternal need for individual growth. The growth required by the gospel plan only occurs in a culture of individual effort and responsibility. It cannot occur in a culture of dependency. Whatever causes us to be dependent on someone else for decisions or resources we could provide for ourselves weakens us spiritually and retards our growth toward what the gospel plan intends us to be.

“The gospel raises people out of poverty and dependency, but only when gospel culture, including the faithful payment of tithing even by the very poor, prevails

over the traditions and cultures of dependency. That is the lesson to be learned from the children of Israel, who came out of hundreds of years of slavery in Egypt and followed a prophet into their own land and became a mighty people. That lesson can also be learned from the Mormon pioneers, who never used their persecutions or poverty as an excuse but went forward in faith, knowing that God would bless them when they kept His commandments, which He did.

“The changes we must make to become part of the gospel culture require prolonged and sometimes painful effort, and our differences must be visible. As the “salt of the earth,” we are also the “light of the world,” and our light must not be hidden (see Matt. 5:13–16). The Apostle John warned that this will cause the world to hate us (see 1 Jn. 3:13) – Elder Dallin H. Oaks, Oct. 2003 General Conference address: “Repentance & Change”]

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“We endorse the strategies that the United States is pursuing to achieve this goal, including:

- providing resources through the Millennium Challenge Account to aid countries that have met the challenge of reform;
- improving the effectiveness of the World Bank and other development banks in raising living standards;
- insisting upon measurable results to ensure that development assistance is actually making a difference in the lives of the world’s poor;
- increasing the amount of development assistance that is provided in the form of grants instead of loans;
- opening societies to commerce and investment;
- enhancing public health in countries afflicted by epidemics and pandemics like HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis;
- emphasizing education, literacy, and learning as the foundation of democracy and development; and
- continuing to aid agricultural development.”

[All of the above must be done by Government, according to Republicans. Consider this quote from President David O. McKay:

“I cannot help but think that there is a direct relationship between the present evil trends and the very marked tendency of the people of our country to pass on to the state the responsibility for their own moral and economic welfare. This trend to a welfare state in which people look to and worship government more than their God, is certain to sap the individual ambitions and moral fiber of our youth unless they are warned of the consequences. History is replete with the downfall of nations who, instead of assuming their own responsibility...mistakenly attempted to shift their individual responsibility to the government.”]

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“American companies continue to show the world innovative ways to improve productivity and redraw traditional business models. Upon this extraordinary foundation, President Bush and the Republican Congress have rebuilt an effective American trade policy. Rooted in America’s political and economic ideals, the Republican blueprint they have implemented promotes open markets and open societies, free trade and the free flow

of information, and the development of new ideas and private sectors. This self-sustaining economic and commercial progress has nurtured the human spirit, the middle class, law, and liberty....

“We commend the strong record of President Bush and the Republican Congress in using their authority to promote economic growth and economic freedom beyond America’s shores, especially through free trade initiatives. **We support the Administration’s comprehensive strategy to promote free trade, exemplified by the launch of the Doha negotiation of the World Trade Organization (WTO), regional and sub-regional initiatives such as the Central American Free Trade Agreement, the Free Trade Area of the Americas, and the Middle East Free Trade Area,** extension of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, and the conclusion of bilateral free trade agreements with nations such as Australia, Morocco, Chile, and Singapore...”

["I deem one of the essential principles of our government to be peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none...”- Thomas Jefferson

NAFTA has: cost the United States over 3 million manufacturing jobs, increased U.S. Farm failures, and cost over 1 million Mexican’s to lose their farms. NAFTA has also cost Utahans over 8,000 jobs according to the Economic Policy Institute. NAFTA and CAFTA are systematically destroying the American Middle Class. They are not ‘free trade’ agreements at all but internationally managed trade pacts which benefit corporate interests at the expense of the middle class. They are managed by un-elected and un-accountable bureaucrats who do not have Americans’ best interests at heart. – Mark Hudson]

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“Steady American Leadership in the World

“We affirm America’s role in leading the world toward greater freedom, opportunity, and prosperity. Our efforts to expand the reach of economic and political freedom are complemented by our work in fostering religious liberty..... We applaud President Bush’s record of accomplishment in broadening the realm of liberty and promoting prosperity and opportunity in the world, and we endorse his vision for the future...”

["Our leaders in Washington have been acting as though the American people elected them to office for the primary purpose of leading the entire planet toward international peace, prosperity, and one-world government. At times, these men appear to be more concerned with something called world opinion or with their image as world leaders than they are with securing the best possible advantage for us.” – Ezra Taft Benson, *The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson*, page 682]

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International Institutions

“Republicans are guided by the conviction that no nation can build a safer, better World alone. In addition to **NATO**, the Organization of American States, and other

longstanding alliances, the United States is committed to lasting institutions like the United Nations and the World Trade Organization.... Under Republican leadership, the United States will pay a fair, not disproportionate, share of dues to the United Nations... We hail the actions of President Bush and the Republican Congress to ensure that our nation's efforts meet our **global** security commitments....”

["Europe has a set of primary interests, which have to us none, or very remote relation. Hence, she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves, by artificial ties, in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collusions of her friendships or enmities." - George Washington]

["America has abstained from interference in the concerns of others, even when the conflict has been for principles to which she clings....She goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own." - John Quincy Adams]

["In the wars of European powers in matters relating to themselves we have never taken any part, nor does it comport with our policy so to do....Our policy in regard to Europe...is, not to interfere in the internal concerns of any of its powers..." - James Monroe, the Monroe Doctrine]

“Our nation’s future is fundamentally linked to our neighbors in the Western Hemisphere. Republicans share President Bush’s vision of the Americas as a fully democratic hemisphere, working together to achieve representative democracy, security, and market-based development. We also applaud his proven track record in advancing trade liberalization in the Americas in order to promote economic development and democratic governance.

“We praise President Bush’s strong record of serious and sustained attention to the American neighborhood and coalition-building with countries such as Mexico, Canada, Brazil, Chile, and Colombia that share our democratic priorities.

“Under President Bush’s leadership, the United States and Mexico have developed a historic level of trust and mutual respect. Strengthened by common values and purposes, this relationship has provided an unprecedented degree of bilateral cooperation.

“Republicans believe that it is a high national priority for America to continue building on that cooperation with Mexico over the coming years to ensure safe, orderly, **and legal migration flows**; further reduce the cost of remittances; expand access to credit for small business entrepreneurs; and further strengthen bilateral ties in education, civil society, housing, agriculture, infrastructure, communications, and information technologies. Republicans also recognize that as a respected voice in the region, Mexico will continue to be a vital partner in supporting democracy throughout the hemisphere, as demonstrated by Mexico’s contributions to regional and multilateral approaches in Bolivia and Venezuela...”

["Many well-intentioned people are now convinced that we are living in a period of

history which makes it both possible and necessary to abandon our national sovereignty, to merge our nation militarily, economically, and politically with other nations, and to form, at last, a world government which supposedly would put an end to war.....

*Sovereignty for a nation is hard to come by and even more difficult to retain. It cannot be shared, for then sovereignty becomes something else, and, for want of a better word, when sovereignty is lessened the end-product is internationalism. Sovereignty is neither more nor less than self-government. American self-government is blueprinted in the Constitution.” – Ezra Taft Benson, *The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson*, pgs 695-696]*

*[“For more than a century ideological extremists at either end of the political spectrum have seized upon well-publicized incidents such as my encounter with Castro to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions. Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure -- one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.” – David Rockefeller, Sr. of the Council on Foreign Relations, in his book “*Memoirs*” published in 2002.]*

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“Republicans support the leadership of the President and the Republican Congress to advance prosperity throughout the Americas through free trade. We applaud the U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement implemented by the Bush Administration – the first such agreement with a South American nation in U.S. history. We also applaud President Bush’s conclusion of a free trade agreement with six countries in our neighborhood – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. We support the President’s goal of negotiating free trade agreements with Panama and the Andean nations. These initiatives complement the goal of achieving a genuine, comprehensive free trade area in the hemisphere. AS REPUBLICANS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE FREE TRADE AREA OF THE AMERICAS IS THE BEST ROUTE TO ACHIEVING THAT GOAL.” – END OF QUOTE FROM REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM.

[“Tis our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world...” – George Washington]

There is a perception among the members of the LDS Church, that in order to be a ‘good Mormon’ one should vote Republican. Isn’t it clear from the above statements that the Republican Party National Platform is at odds with the thoughts and views of the Founding Fathers and various LDS Prophets and Apostles? Isn’t the Republican Party Platform at odds with God’s plan and gospel of individual responsibility and accountability? The above Republican Party platform fits right in with the Communist Manifesto and is completely at odds with National Sovereignty and Independence as well as the divinely inspired Constitution. It is also an adoption of the principles of Socialism which requires the complete re-distribution

of the wealth of Americans to achieve their goals.

Before you vote for ANY Republican (or Democrat) in 2006, ponder what you have read above and certainly what follows and don't be deceived.

"If America is destroyed, it may be by Americans who salute the flag, sing the national anthem, march in patriotic parades, cheer Fourth of July speakers - normally good Americans who fail to comprehend what is required to keep our country strong and free - Americans who have been lulled away into a false security." (April 1968, Ezra Taft Benson)

Read about Moroni in Alma 48: 11-13; 17

President Ezra Taft Benson said of these verses: *"Part of the reason we may not have sufficient priesthood bearers to save the Constitution, let alone to shake the powers of hell, is because unlike Moroni, I fear, our souls do not joy in keeping our country free, and we are not firm in the faith of Christ, nor have we sworn with an oath to defend our rights and the liberty of our country."*

"It is within the Church that the greatest hindrance comes. And so, it seems, it has been. Now the question arises, will we stick with the Kingdom and can we avoid being deceived? Certainly this is an important question, for the Lord has said that in the last days the 'devil will rage in the hearts of men' (2 Nephi 28:20), and if were possible he 'shall deceive the very elect'. (The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, pgs 406-407)

Read Matthew 24:24. President Benson said of that verse: *"There is a conspiracy of evil. The source of it all is Satan and his hosts. He has a great power over men to 'lead them captive at his will, even as many as would not hearken' to the voice of the Lord (Moses 4:4). His evil influence may be manifest through governments; through false educational, political, economic, religious, and social philosophies; through secret societies and organizations; and through myriads of other forms. His power and influence are so great that, if possible, he would deceive the very elect."* (The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, pg 404)

Read Helaman 6:38. The modern Prophet Ezra Taft Benson, quoting the Book of Mormon Prophet Helaman, has noted that secret combinations flourish because they are able to seduce *"the more part of the righteous"* to *"believe in their works and partake of their spoils"* (Conference Report, April 1987)