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## GOP Platform May Be “Best One Ever”

by Phyllis Schlafly (first printed in the *Washington Times*)

The Republican Party platform may be the best one ever adopted. The party has long since learned that **fiscal, social and sovereignty issues cannot be ignored or separated**, but must be addressed as all part of a national campaign.



The media may have forgotten (or chosen to forget) that Ronald Reagan’s big victories, including his 49-state victory in 1984, were based on a three-legged stool of dealing directly with all three clusters of issues.

The **2012 platform adopted the identical pro-life language** that has been in the platform since the late Rep. Henry Hyde inserted it in 1984 in Dallas. It affirms that “the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.”

In sharp contrast to the Democratic Party platform, the Republican platform takes a **strong stand in support of “marriage as the union of one man and one woman”** and of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). The platform specifically opposes any changes made by “an activist judiciary” or by a president who swore an oath to “take care that the laws be faithfully executed.”

The platform speaks loud and clear against the **Obama administration’s “war on religion,”** which is trying “to compel faith-related institutions, as well as believing individuals, to contravene their deeply held religious, moral or ethical beliefs regarding health services, traditional marriage or abortion.” This war is an unprecedented attack on the First Amendment and on religiously affiliated institutions such as hospitals, schools and colleges, forcing them to accept the Obama administration’s rule that there is no higher power than the executive branch of the federal government. The penalty for violating the mandate uses the Supreme Court’s new approval of the federal government’s unlimited power to tax. Employers who reject the mandate will be hit with a tax of \$2,000 per employee per year, a sure road to bankruptcy.

Of course, the platform calls for **repealing**

**ObamaCare**, identifying it as not really about health care. ObamaCare is really about power, the expansion of government control and spending America into more debt.

The platform sections on **immigration** are examples of how closely social and fiscal issues and costs are intertwined. It is in favor of the rule of law, against any kind of amnesty, and supports requiring employers to use e-Verify to make sure their employees are legally in the United States. It also takes a strong stand for approving photo IDs before allowing someone to vote. Contrary to what the media tries to tell us, vote fraud is a real problem and we don’t want it

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## How and Why We Must Retake the U.S. Senate!

It goes without saying that the Presidential election is crucial to our nation’s survival as a constitutional republic. This race likely will be another nail-biter trying to reach the 270 electoral votes needed to win. Using a combination of “leaning, likely or safe” states for each candidate, **current polling predicts 237 electoral votes for President Obama, 206 for Mitt Romney and 95 in the toss-up category.** The “Ryan effect” has made Wisconsin a toss-up, joining Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio and Virginia with a combined **95 electoral votes which probably will determine the winner in November 2012.**

What about the other two branches of our government in this landmark election? No one expects that the U.S. House will change hands, though the GOP may lose a few seats. However, the U. S. Senate is a very different story as **five of the eight toss-up states also have a close U.S. Senate race where both the Senate and Presidential races likely will be won by the same political party.**

**Republicans are poised to regain control of the Senate**, and frankly, unless that happens, not much will change. The House will continue to pass strong pro-life, pro-family legislation, and it will be DOA in the Senate.

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to damage the upcoming presidential election.

The platform expresses outrage at the Obama administration's recent decision to reduce or eliminate the work requirements for welfare. Work was the centerpiece of the Republican welfare reform in 1996 because most Americans believe **"welfare should be a hand up, not a handout."**

The platform endorses **"American military superiority"** as the cornerstone of our strategy to deter aggression and protect national security. Superiority disappeared from the Republican platform in recent years, but it's now more than ever necessary because of Mr. Obama's foolish statements about wanting a nuclear-free world, which would leave America at the mercy of dictatorships that ignore all treaties and promises.

## Retake the U.S. Senate *(Continued from page 1)*

Even with President Romney in office, if Sen. Harry Reid continues to reign over a Democrat-controlled Senate, it will remain staunchly pro-abortion.

The U.S. Senate is the key to Supreme Court appointments, as well as to lower federal courts. Unless we retake both the Senate and the White House, a second-term President Obama would nominate even more radical pro-abortion judges at every level. The Supreme Court will undoubtedly be changed by at least two Justices in the next four years, and those appointments will affect the Court's rulings for literally decades.

So as pro-life advocates, we have a two-fold task ahead: **1) Elect a pro-life President — Mitt Romney** and **2) Provide our next President with a pro-life Senate** in order to overturn ObamaCare and its pro-abortion provisions as well as enact other life-affirming laws.

Just how close is the battle for control of the Senate? Currently, it's 47 GOP, 51 Democrats and two independents who vote with the Democrats. For the 2012 election, most political experts view **control of the Senate as a toss-up.**

If the Senate goes to the Republicans, **Congress will unite against President Obama** in a potential second term. If Mitt Romney also wins **the White House, a**

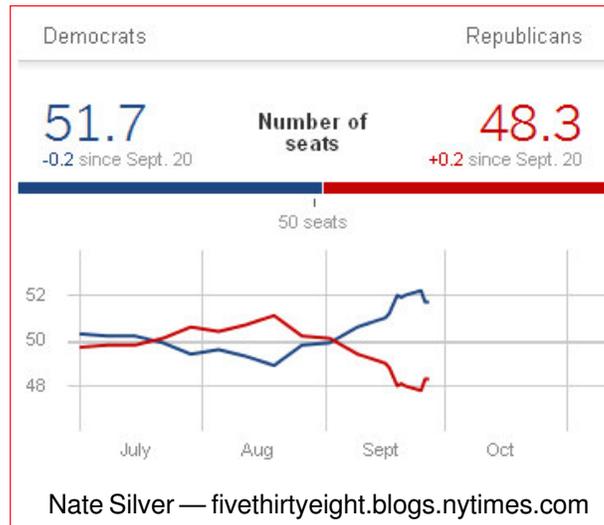
**It rejects a long list of United Nations treaties,** including the treaty on women's rights, the treaty on the rights of the child, the treaty on persons with disabilities, the arms trade treaty and the Law of the Sea treaty. The platform also rejects Agenda 21, including its proposal for a global tax and various U.N. declarations on the environment.

Altogether, the 2012 Republican Platform is an **excellent document written by grass-roots conservatives.** It is a true reflection of American values.

*Editor's Note: We have reprinted here in full "Republican Party Platform Best Yet" by Phyllis Schlafly from the Washington Times, August 27, 2012.*

**Republican House and Senate would join with him to dismantle the Affordable Care Act** and pass pro-life legislation. But even if Romney wins, a **Democratic majority in the Senate will continue to kill** any pro-family, pro-life laws.

Our job is to influence that outcome by **electing at least four new Republican senators while holding the ten GOP seats** which are up for election this year. **RNC for Life has identified the Senate races which are vital to achieving this goal and in which we can make a difference.** We need your help **NOW** to make a difference in these states, which are listed on page three. **YOUR** help is needed in two ways — **TIME and MONEY.**



## Volunteering Your Time

Several of the critical Senate campaigns are taking place in states which also are swing or toss-up states for the Presidential race, so work in these states can do **"double duty."** We have contacted critical campaigns and can put you in touch with them if you are able either **to make phone calls from home** (no matter in which part of the country you live) **or even travel** (at your own expense in most cases) to that state to help in the GOP grassroots ground game. For details on helping, check our website: **RNCLife.org/campaigns.** To help us fund tight Senate races, please donate generously to our PAC, as shown on page 4.

# Adult Stem Cell Research: Both Effective and Ethical

by Kim Lehman

Laresa Fowler is from Texas. She is a mom, believer in God and just recently lost her husband of 45 years after his battle with **pancreatic cancer**. She said, “The road I traveled down for 14 months was confusing, lonely, stressful and expensive — when a loved one is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness and doctors give you no hope, it’s hard to know where to turn.” Jeanne Lucky is a beautiful woman who was a runner and politically active; in 2005 she was in a car accident that **left her a paraplegic** for the rest of her life. Anne G. is a **breast cancer survivor** — twice — and lives each day not knowing if it will return. Yet she says that the treatment is so horrible, she doesn’t think she can do it again.



These people have something in common: **they are all pro-life**. They have experienced disease first hand, they want cures and they are **helping the Give Cures campaign** whose mission is raising funds to **find cures without taking human life**. In fact, they have been joined by former Sen. Rick Santorum with Patriot Voices, who just became their national spokesman.

With the help of these heroes and Patriot Voices’ Sen. Santorum, **Give Cures** has launched a national campaign to show that there is **a pro-life alternative for cancer research** which respects life. Since October is cancer awareness month, it’s the perfect time.

Within the research community, a battle rages, urging people to discount and disregard the value of life in seeking cures. Jeanne Lucky was visited shortly after her car accident which left her in a wheelchair for the rest of her life, and was asked if she now would be willing to change her pro-life position and support embryonic stem cell research “so that she could walk again.” Jeanne had to take a serious look at her beliefs, in a very real and personal way. She told me that she had to really do some soul searching, but in the end, she was still convinced that life is valuable no matter what stage and that **she was unwill-**

**ing to take someone’s life so that she could walk.** It was only a few years later that I met Jeanne and invited her to join us as a spokesman, which she agreed to do within seconds. She now will help us to invite more people to support ethical, lifesaving research and her testimony should inspire us all.

Sen. Santorum, Jeanne, Anne and Laresa are the heroes of our time as science advances. There are millions of people who are facing cancer, diabetes, heart disease, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s, not to mention the countless “rare diseases” that are out there. With **Give Cures**, we can all **get behind research that advocates finding cures while protecting life**. With the help of God, we will find the cures and solve the ethical dilemmas that many face.

There are more than **300 organizations and labs that support embryonic stem cell research** — another reason it is important to share **Give Cures** with family and friends.

**If you want to make a difference for ethical cures**, just go to **GiveCures.org** and download the flyer for your church bulletin. Email it to your church to place in their bulletin



during one of the Sundays in October. Find out which churches are participating by going online to **GiveCures.org**. Please let us know if your church is participating. Share this simple flyer in the “church activity” with your friends on Facebook. Join the effort Email Kim Lehman at **GiveCures@GiveCures.org**

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## Maximizing Your Financial Support

Did you know that you can legally contribute both to the candidate(s) of your choice AND also to a like-minded Political Action Committee, such as the **RNC for Life PAC**?

It's true and it is a great way to **maximize the financial support you give to pro-family, pro-life candidates**. First, please make your most generous contribution to our PAC (up to \$5,000 per calendar year) and also make a contribution directly to the candidate(s) you support (up to \$2,500 for this general election cycle).

### How important are our PAC's donations?

Just ask **Richard Mourdock**, whose upset primary victory defeated a 36-year moderate incumbent: "Our victory over 36-year incumbent Dick Lugar would have been impossible without the involvement of the RNC for Life. Running against an incumbent is always difficult and we were ultimately outspent more than three-to-one. But, across America pro-life activists contributed to the RNC for Life and those funds helped remind Indiana Republican primary voters that Senator Lugar's votes to confirm activist Supreme Court judges and for embryonic stem cell research could no longer be tolerated."

**RNC for Life** has **carefully analyzed the Senate races** and has identified those where we would like to maximize our PAC donations to these candidates, based on the candidates' strong pro-life principles and the difference that our help can make in winning the election. With **YOUR** help to increase our available PAC funds, we can make a difference in these critical races. **Can we count on your most generous donation today?**



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