

The Republican Party Has a Big Tent

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Introduction

- No political party stays consistent over the years
- In 2025 we have a unique opportunity because the political interest and narrative in the community leans our way

History of the Republican Party

- The journey through history
- Whigs -> Lincoln -> Eisenhower -> Nixon -> Reagan -> W -> DJT
- In 2016 Donald “destroyed” the Republican Party and rebuilt it
- By 2024 the Republican Party was rebuilt as a populist / MAGA party
- But don't leave out those who do not identify as populist or MAGA

2024 Elections Expanded the Republican Party

- Tyrus said “Trump had a lot more minorities vote for him in 2024 compared to past republicans simply because **they listened to the candidate.**”
- We made progress with all demographics except single women
- Each demographic of people grew in their support for DJT and Republican ideas.
- Many are not a majority, depending on location and which demographic, but our numbers increased across the board.

Re-Establish the Coalition

- There are still “old school” republicans in our party
 - Establishment Republicans
 - NeoCons
 - Never Trumpers
- Many are in elected office
- Folks from all corners of the party need to reach out and include all in the conversation

The Democrat's Skill

- The Democrat Party has always had a skill of voting as a united block
- Issues in congress always have full democrat unity in their votes

The Republican Folly

- The Republican Party is known to **fracture** over ideological issues
- Example #1, 8 R-Senators vote “no” on a good bill because it’s not perfect (**perhaps it fails to sufficiently block abortion**)
- Example #2, 3 R-Senators vote “no” on a good nominee because **the nominee supports Trump**

A Sign of a Healthy Republican Party

- The Republican Party in general and the MAGA movement specifically is known to have vigorous debate on important topics.
- The media paints this as a “fractured MAGA movement”
- In reality, it is a sign of a **healthy political party**.
- We **debate** issues and do not fall for Group Think as easily as some of our opponents.

We need to learn

- The Republican Party needs to learn to build coalitions that vote more consistently in unity

Congressional Folly

- False Bipartisanship - the status quo
- Congress has long defined “bipartisanship” as one or more Republicans voting with the Democrats
- True Bipartisanship - strongly needed
 - Republicans and Democrats go into a room and come out with legislation that the rank and file of both parties accept