

## Politics 101 - Back To The Basics

### Join A Local Club



In many areas of our country like-minded folks have come together to form clubs whose specific purpose is to elect individuals from their community to represent them in government. These folks probably attend a variety of local churches and shop at different stores but they share common values and have come together as a group realizing that there is strength in numbers.

These clubs meet regularly, usually once a month. They are often dinner meetings with a speaker to follow. They often meet in the same place month after month and they have boards consisting of President, Treasurer, etc. who also meet, usually monthly, to handle the business affairs of the club.

In a general way it could be said that the Republican Party is pro-life. That is a statement in their platform but it is important to remember that both major parties are made up of a coalition of people not all of whom share the same values. It is safe to say that nearly 100 percent of the Democrat candidates vote for abortion and most Republicans vote pro-life but the fact is that there are many folks who call themselves Republican who do not support the pro-life plank in the Republican Party. If it were not for the work of conservatives such as Phyllis Schlafly, the Republican Party would most likely not be pro-life today.

A party's platform, including the Republican platform, both on the state and national level, is put together by committees and voted on by delegates. Moderate or liberal delegates vote in a different way than conservatives do. If the moderates and liberal folks outnumber the conservatives the platform becomes more liberal. It is simple math.

As conservatives it is a mistake for us to abandon the election process on any level, including main line Republican clubs that we feel are going liberal. They are only going more liberal because conservatives are giving up and leaving which allows the more moderate voice to take over.

Having said that, there is a flip side to that which is that as conservative groups grow they have the potential to become more influential in the election process.

Two things need to be said:

1. The pro-life movement must support pro-life candidates both with their time and money. A really good way to do that is through a local club.
2. The pro-life movement must be more involved, not less involved, in all aspects of the Republican Party. When they, the Republican Party, make a move to be more liberal our tendency is to pull away as if to teach them a "lesson." But actually what happens is the moderate says, "Good riddance" because now they can have their way unopposed.

**Which club to join?** As a pro-life person if you can only join one, the Republican Assembly groups are pro-life and conservative in their values. Eagle Forum also is a strong pro-life group with chapters nationwide. See links below.

Link is to the National [Republican Assembly](#) website.

Link is to the [California Republican Assembly](#) website.

Link to the national [Eagle Forum](#) website.