

**JOHNSON COUNTY REPUBLICANS ARE
NOT BIGFIRST REPUBLICANS – AND THAT IS OKAY : THE CASE
FOR CONSERVATIVE COALITIONS**

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Fellow Kansas Conservatives, in 2021 it is vital for us to understand that Republicans are not Democrats. Democrats are Marxists, they focus on the collective, celebrate group think, and do not allow a diversity of views, thoughts, or opinions. We Conservatives promote individuality, diversity of thought, free speech, capitalism, critical thinking – and above all else – we proudly champion, support, defend, protect, and value the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The only “litmus test” of a Conservative is whether or not the individual believes in, supports, interprets, and defends the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights **AS WRITTEN**. Why does this matter? It matters because Republicans/Conservatives are true Americans – the only thing that matters is if you love and support America (as defined in the Constitution & Bill of Rights) or not. We are “*E PLURIBUS UNUM*”, our Latin motto meaning, “*OUT OF MANY, ONE*”.

The REPUBLICAN/CONSERVATIVE TENT is a “big tent”. Conservatives are *E PLURIBUS UNUM*.

As titled above, *Johnson County Republicans are not BIGFIRST REPUBLICANS*; just as Saline County Republicans are not Morton County Republicans; Kansas Republicans are not New York Republicans; etc. Our industries are different, population sizes vary; the people of each county are focused on different things, have varying views, and vote for representatives who meet their community’s needs. Even so, we all stand proudly under the GOP banner of being pro-America First, pro-U.S. Constitution, and Pro-Bill of Rights.

Being a “Big Tent” party **IS OKAY**. In fact, it is healthy, necessary, and important. Why? Because it keeps the GOP growing, it keeps Conservatism active, and it enables the GOP to be alive, vibrant, ambitious, and a powerful force to be reckoned with at the voting booth. Not only this, but President Donald J. Trump himself – arguably the best president since Ronald Reagan – brought forth, and continuously advocates for, the re-vitalization and reality of BIG TENT CONSERVATISM. How did/does he do it? It’s simple: COALITIONS. Built through COMMUNICATION, CREATIVITY, and COMPROMISE, President Trump highlights what true Conservatives have long practiced and supported – forming a big tent political coalition, with varying opinions and thoughts that is firmly rooted in and rallied around the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the AMERICA FIRST AGENDA to preserve & protect the America we know and love.

Our *CONSERVATIVE COALITIONS* love America, love our values, love our history, ideas, and the American Way. We are not afraid of the “good, bad, or ugly” parts of our past, present, and future. We Conservatives have the reason, logic, fortitude, and willingness to address it all without demonizing America and our foundations. We know that, “*THE BEST IS YET TO COME*.”

How then do we Kansas Conservatives reach the *BEST* that is *YET TO COME*? We achieve it by following President Trump’s leadership of being **OKAY** with CONSERVATIVE COALITIONS. Our COALITIONS are how we save our incredible country from the Marxism evils (which includes socialism, fascism, Nazism,

communism, critical race theory, intersectional identities, etc.) that are seeking to destroy Kansas, and our entire country, from within.

IF Kansas Conservatives are NOT willing to form coalitions with other Conservatives who are not 100% like-minded, then we Kansas Conservatives need to be prepared to never win another election; and watch our great State – the Heart of America - collapse into a “sea of (abysmal) Blue”. Perhaps you disagree – that is fine. Diversity of opinion is welcomed in the GOP. However, I invite you to look at our neighboring State to the west: COLORADO.

If you ever needed a reason, or a “sign”, for you to become more active in your local community – look at Colorado (*if the 2020 Presidential Election wasn't enough in and of itself*), and take it as your “sign”. Colorado has fallen to the political Left. Once a Republican-majority population at all levels of politics, today, the “[*electorate is about 33% Democratic, 27% Republican, and 40% Independents.*](#)” The collapse of the Colorado Republican Party was largely due to in-fighting and the lack of willingness of the Colorado GOP members to form coalitions. For Colorado Conservatives, their destruction was self-inflicted. ([Click here to read the Greenly Tribune article](#))

Perhaps if President Trump had entered politics earlier, or if Colorado GOP members paid more attention to the CPAC Movement, our neighbor to the west would not be in the dismal situation it is now – dominated by Democrats, and quickly becoming an annexed territory of California. Will we Kansas Conservatives do the same to our State? Or, will we follow President Trump's lead and traverse the *path of victory through coalitions* with fellow Conservatives?

I am calling on BIG FIRST REPUBLICANS – and Conservatives throughout Kansas – to follow President Trump's practices. Let us be **COALITION-BUILDERS** among Conservatives. Let us be **SOLUTION-BRINGERS** (not just complainers) who are willing to meet Conservatives across the spectrum, and compromise in the middle – just like President Trump does.

Let us be **ACTION-TAKERS** in our local communities– run for school board, city council, county commissioner, etc. Let us – *the BIG FIRST DISTRICT* – be Kansans (Americans) who proudly live, practice, export, encourage, and promote the **AMERICAN WAY** of *E PLURIBUS UNUM*. Let us be the **KANSANS WHO LEAD** our State's citizenry towards LIFE, LIBERTY, and the PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

As the BIG FIRST DISTRICT, it is our responsibility to support, campaign for, rally behind, and vote-in the GOP candidates for Governor and Attorney General who can, and will, win the General Election. These candidates must be able to gain COALITION support – not *just* support of the BIGFIRST, or *just* Eastern Kansas. The GOP candidates that will win the General Election will be the candidates who have the support of Conservatives from across Kansas; coalition support from Conservative Libertarians, Conservative Independents; and coalition support from teachers, the political unaffiliated, and “Old School Democrats” (who are actually Conservatives and just do not realize it).

Will we Kansas Conservatives be the reason Kansas stays RED and votes in a Republican Governor and Attorney General? Or, will Kansas Republicans be the reason the Kansas GOP collapses like it did in Colorado? The choice is ours to make: Are you willing to form COALITIONS, or will you choose self-inflicted destruction due to in-fighting, complaining, and unwillingness to compromise by meeting in the middle?

Success and victory come through ONE PATH – the path President Trump charges us all to take: COALITIONS. Kansas should be a BRIGHT LIGHT shining from the Heart of America, beaconing Americans to come and experience the liberty of America – just as Florida, South

Dakota, and Texas do. Kansas can only become a BEACON OF HOPE if we choose to form CONSERVATIVE COALITIONS and support the Governor and Attorney General candidates who can win the General Election.

Will you choose to be a **COALITION-BUILDER**? Will you choose to be a **SOLUTION-BRINGER**? Will you choose to be an **ACTION-TAKER**? Will you choose to be a **KANSAN WHO LEADS**? Will you choose to be a **CONSERVATIVE**? Will you choose to be an **AMERICAN**?

Our success and victory lies within CONSERVATIVECOALITIONS, becoming better at sharing the values of CONSERVATISM, becoming better with communication amongst ourselves & with others; and being willing to compromise with each other – as President Trump does – in order to work together (*E PLURIBUS UNUM*) to defend, promote, and sustain Kansas, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

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