



A VISION FOR VIRGINIA

1. Individual freedom requires a respect for every human life at all stages, beginning in the mother's womb.

“For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” ~ Psalm 139:13-14

2. The nuclear family is the essential foundation of a healthy and prosperous society, in which a married mom and dad yields the best outcomes for children.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” ~ Genesis 2:24

3. Individuals and parents have the fundamental right to make decisions that are best for them and their children's health, education, and well-being.

“For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting, and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.” ~ 1 Thessalonians 2:11

4. Free people must be able to live their lives in accordance with their deeply held religious beliefs and to freely assemble with others to that end, unencumbered by government restrictions and intrusion.

“This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand at the gate of the Lord's house and there proclaim this message: “Hear the word of the Lord.” ~Jeremiah 1:1-2a

“I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame for I delight in your commands because I love them” ~ Psalm 119:46-47

5. The best education system is one that ensures the most opportunities for all parents to meet their children's unique academic needs.

“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it.” ~Proverbs 22:6

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” - Romans 12:2



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6. **The power and scope of government must be limited in order to preserve individual liberties.**

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.” ~Romans 13:1-7

7. **Ordered liberty within civil society is predicated on the rule of law, the separation of powers, and public accountability.**

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.” - 1 Peter 2:13-17

8. **A free market system is the greatest vehicle for personal and societal material prosperity because it incentivizes innovation, efficiency, and service, creating more jobs and upward mobility for more people.**

“Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.” - Proverbs 16:3

“When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you.” - Psalm 128:2

9. **Tax policies should collect only the necessary revenues to fund constitutionally appropriate government functions.**

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” ~ Matthew 22:21

10. **A system of free and fair elections is absolutely essential for self-government, which is absolutely essential for maintaining individual freedom.**

“Select capable men from all the people - men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain - and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.” ~Exodus 18:21