

## TAKING BACK OUR PARTY

Those with doubts as to whether OUR Republican Party has been co-opted by Progressives need only look as far as the Preamble to the LAGOP's Party Platform (2008):

The Republican Party states that it represents the values of the majority of the citizens of Louisiana, yet wants to represent every facet of American Society... by principle and ... by serving the good of all. It is impossible for any party to accomplish all of this without compromising. So, we have to ask: what is being compromised?

The platform also states that "The United States is a *democratic republic* governed by elected representatives." This statement does support the platform as outlined, but is incorrect as to the system of government in the United States:

Our government is ***limited by the Constitution***; and, any power resting with the government is delegated by The People to their representatives.

Therefore, we are a ***Constitutional Republic***, purposely created as such in order to avoid the tyranny of majority rule and, in so doing, ***protect the rights of the individual above all others***.

We cannot allow OUR party to hold the "common good" as its compass. In order to insure that our elected officials represent The People, we must demand that OUR party be guided by the Constitution.