



House Party Topics

1. Ask your guests what about the Republican Party frustrates them.
2. Ask them if they would they be interested in changing the party.
3. Read the executive summary to give them some background on the NFRA and hand out the brochures. Tell them a commitment is not required today.
4. Ask your guests what they consider conservatism to be.
5. Share Russell Kirk's (*Author of "The Conservative Mind"*) six canons of Conservative Thought:
 - a. Belief that a divine intent rules society as well as conscience, forging an eternal chain of right and duty which links great and obscure, living and dead. Political problems, at bottom, are religious and moral problems.
 - b. Affection for the proliferating variety and mystery of traditional life, as distinguished from the narrowing uniformity and equalitarianism and utilitarian aims of most radical systems.
 - c. Conviction that civilized society requires orders and classes (*Jesus said you will always have the poor among you*). The only true equality is moral equality; all other attempts at leveling lead to despair, if enforced by positive legislation. Society longs for leadership, and if a people destroy natural distinctions among men, a dictator will fill the vacuum.
 - d. Persuasion that property and freedom are inseparably connected, and that economic leveling is not economic progress. Separate property from private possession, and liberty is erased.
 - e. Man must put a control upon his will and his appetite, for conservatives know man to be governed more by emotions than by reason. Tradition and sound prejudice provide checks upon man's anarchic impulse.
 - f. Recognition that change and reform are not identical, and that innovation is a devouring conflagration (*bonfire*) more often than it is a torch of progress.
6. Also share Gregg Jackson's (*Author of "Conservative Comebacks to Liberal Lies"*) list of six conservative principles:
 - a. Rule of law
 - b. Preservation of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights
 - c. Traditional Judeo-Christian principles
 - d. Limited government
 - e. Free markets
 - f. Protection of our borders, language, and culture.



7. Share the following quotes about conservatism and liberty, and the threats to it:

“Those who have been once intoxicated with power, and have derived any kind of emolument from it, even though but for one year, never can willingly abandon it. They may be distressed in the midst of all their power; but they will never look to any thing but power for their relief.”

--Edmund Burke

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

--John Adams

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people; it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and interests."

--Patrick Henry

“In the general course of human nature, a power over a man's subsistence amounts to a power over his will.”

--Alexander Hamilton

“Duty is ours; results are God's.” *--John Quincy Adams*

“What is conservatism? Is it not adherence to the old and tried, against the new and untried”

--Abraham Lincoln

A government that is big enough to give you all you want is big enough to take it all away.

--Barry Goldwater

Man is not free unless government is limited.... As government expands, liberty contracts.

--Ronald Reagan