



**UNITED  
CONSERVATIVE  
PARTY**

# **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

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1. The Association and the Party will act in an open, democratic, and accountable manner with its members in adherence to Principles ratified and maintained by the Members:
  - 1.1. The rule of law, equality of all before the law, and protection of the fundamental rights and freedoms of all;
  - 1.2. Economic freedom in a market economy which encourages the creation of wealth through free enterprise, and protection of the right to own, enjoy and exchange property;
  - 1.3. A robust civil society made up of free individuals, strong families, and voluntary associations;
  - 1.4. Grassroots democracy, including measures to empower Albertans to hold governments accountable during and between elections;
  - 1.5. Compassion for the less fortunate expressed through progressive social policies that help people to become self-reliant, and ensure equality of opportunity;
  - 1.6. Universal access to high quality, publicly-funded health care;
  - 1.7. High quality publicly-funded education that maintains Alberta's successful model of school choice;
  - 1.8. Protecting public safety as a primary responsibility of government;
  - 1.9. Environmental responsibility, including the protection and conservation of our natural environment for the benefit of future generations;
  - 1.10. Limited government, including low levels of taxation to help generate economic growth while allowing Albertans to enjoy the fruits of their own labour;
  - 1.11. Fiscal responsibility, including balanced budgets, debt reduction, and respect for taxpayers' money;
  - 1.12. A regulatory regime that is fair, competitive, and that does not inhibit economic opportunity;
  - 1.13. Loyalty to a united Canada, and a commitment for Alberta to be a Leader in the Canadian federation that constructively defends the best interests of the province and its constitutional sovereignty; and
  - 1.14. Parliamentary institutions and the democratic process enshrined in our Constitutional Monarchy, together with greater engagement by citizens in democratic decision making, and greater accountability of government to citizens.