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# The Values and Traits of the Candidates We Endorse

The Coalition of Independent Voters endorses those candidates from **any party** that show commitment to our stated goals and objectives and the ideals set forth in our Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

Our culture is centered around the concept of “**Basic Dignity and Respect**” to our fellow Americans and to fellow elected officials. We don’t have to agree all the time, but we must listen, consider, and respect the diverse opinions, views, and heritages Americans encompass.

*What we seek more than anything* is a **results-oriented culture of teamwork to deliver solutions**. This requires a sincere effort to work together to find solutions, and with **Basic Dignity and Respect**, a willingness to compromise to craft a durable and meaningful solutions.

## Core Values We Require

We seek plain speaking people who genuinely care for the future of our country. People with deep-seated convictions around living these Core Values:

- Integrity - can’t be bought
- Character - insures you can’t be bought
- Basic Dignity and Respect for ALL others
- Clear and unquestioned primacy of the Constitution

## Individual Traits We Seek

We want candidates who think “out-of-the-box” and are able to listen to others’ views to combine their experience, intelligence, and creativity with their own experiences, intelligence, and creativity. Here is a list of the kinds of things we consider “The Right Stuff:”

- Listener, which leads to The Ability to Compromise and Craft Meaningful Solutions
- Pragmatic
- Intelligent
- Results oriented
- Tenacious
- Courageous — enough to run for office and face the winds of politics
- Committed to crafting a solution - not dogmatic in their views
- Knowledgeable in their particular areas
- Able to interact with others from all walks of life

- Committed to the set of CORE actions and policies - but open on others
- Plain Speaking
- Problem Solver
- Optimism
- Sense of Humor
- Humility

## Group Traits We Week

When we combine individuals with “The Right Stuff,” the potentials to perform can increase in manifold ways — IF the people can work together to the common goals. Therefore, we seek people who have shown they can work with:

- Respect and Basic Dignity
- Teamwork
- Efficiency
- Delivering Results
- Problem Solving as a group
- Compromise

## Core Actions and Policies

The following are our Core Actions and Policies that all our candidates MUST advocate:

- Responsive Government
  - No more gerrymandering
  - Make districts and races competitive — they need to earn it each time
  - End the influence of money by running avoiding Big Money donations.
- 3 Key Amendments ensuring
  1. The Independence of the Supreme Court
  2. Term Limits for Senators
  3. Term Limits for Representatives
- Pledge NOT to vote for Biden or Trump if the decision falls to the House in a Contingent Election if no candidates gains 270 Electoral Votes.

As noted in our Policies section <<HL to Policies>>, we also have adopted the **Common Sense Majority** policies as guideposts for our actions. Among the most important of these policies are:

- Strong Defense

- Strong on Healthcare
- Free Markets, low taxes, and less regulation
- Urban Renewal by jobs training and community based actions
- Immigration policies that enforce the law while maintaining our Nation's strong traditions to accept people from other nations.