

HELP WRITE THE PLATFORM

The Republican National Convention will meet in June to nominate candidates and draft a platform for the 1920 campaign. What should its planks be?

The Tribune believes you ought to have a chance to help write these planks. It offers you an opportunity to get your ideas before the Republican leaders.

The Tribune invites you to submit your planks and to write letters about the planks proposed by other readers through its columns.

For the best planks and letters of discussion the Tribune offers the following prizes:

- For the best plank \$500.00
- For the second best plank 250.00
- For each of the eight next best planks 100.00
- For the best letter a daily prize of 10.00
- For the best letter in the whole competition 100.00

THE TRIBUNE will make up a platform of ten planks to be determined by your votes. Every plank submitted, and every letter advocating a plank, will be counted as a vote for the issue it covers.

The ten issues receiving the most votes will be the planks of the final platform. The ten planks that best express the chosen issues will be selected by the judges for the prize awards.

The Tribune believes in short platforms. It limits each plank to 100 words. In judging between two planks or letters of equal merit, the shorter will be chosen.

There are only 298 words in the Ten Commandments, 69 in the Lord's Prayer, 297 in the vital part of the Declaration of Independence and 279 in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. If these platforms for the whole human race could be told in so few words, 100 words are ample for a party plank.

While The Tribune cannot guarantee to publish all the planks and letters readers send, it will open its columns freely for discussion of the main issues presented.

Every plank and letter must bear the name and address of the sender, although only initials or a nom de plume will be published if the writer so desires.

THE contest will close April 30, 1920. A manuscript mailed before midnight on that day at any place in the United States will be eligible.

Manuscripts will not be returned, even if stamps accompany them.

The judges of the contest will be three of The Tribune's editors. They will award the prizes, basing their decisions on sound thinking and brevity, clearness and strength of statement.

The Tribune expects that this discussion will result in a valuable public service. It hopes that a large proportion of its readers will participate. Write as many planks and letters as you like.

Following are suggested subjects for planks, but readers are not required to follow them:

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| <p>WORLD RELATIONS
League of Nations
Monroe Doctrine
The Mexican Question</p> <p>AMERICANIZATION
America's duty to the foreign born and their duty to her</p> <p>LAW AND ORDER
Government by free consent expressed at the ballot box
The Problem of Bolshevism</p> <p>SAFEGUARDS OF DEMOCRACY
Free speech and assemblage</p> <p>SOCIAL JUSTICE
Betterment of living conditions
Regulation of Child Labor
Improvement of health and education</p> | <p>NATIONAL FINANCE
The budget system
Taxation</p> <p>THE RAILROADS</p> <p>CONTROL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</p> <p>LABOR AND CAPITAL
Their partnership
Labor's rights to organize and to bargain collectively
Control of big business
High cost of living—its relation to wages, profits and production.</p> <p>FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE
The tariff
Merchant Marine
Waterways</p> | <p>ARMY AND NAVY PROGRAMS
Universal Military Service</p> <p>PENSIONS AND WAR RISK INSURANCE</p> <p>CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES</p> <p>AGRICULTURE</p> <p>OUR ISLAND POSSESSIONS
The Philippine Islands
Hawaiian Islands
Guam
Porto Rico
Virgin Islands</p> <p>POLICY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TOWARD THE 20,000,000 WOMEN VOTERS</p> |
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