

MY STANCE ON THE ISSUES

Generally speaking, I am more of a conservative on economic issues than on social issues. I know that without a firm foundation in faith, however, our society will keep “slouching toward Gomorrah.” I think most problems would solve themselves if we relied upon market solutions, encouraging thrift and personal responsibility.

- I endorse the “Big Tent” approach to promoting the Republican cause. We need to bring together the various elements of the party and emphasize what *unites* us.
- I support cost-cutting measures as a *precursor* to tax cuts, which should always be contingent upon keeping a balanced budget.
- I oppose massive government subsidies to widen Interstate 81. Highway construction should be paid for by those who use the roads the most, not by the general public.
- I strongly support upholding educational standards, but *without* artificial mandates from Washington. (“No Child Left Behind”)
- I cherish the beauty of Nature bestowed upon us by God, and seek to preserve the landscape and wildlife habitats, while respecting the rights of property owners.
- I support Weekday Religious Education, as a part of this community’s cultural heritage, paying due respect to minority concerns.
- In general, I support President Bush on the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and oppose any artificial troop withdrawal deadlines.
- I oppose any form of national health care that would create new entitlement obligations for the Federal government. Free markets!
- I favor Constitutional limitations on the exercise of government power at all levels.

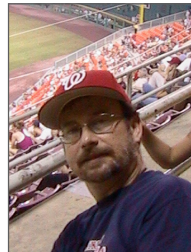
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AT 10:00 A.M., IN CITY HALL.

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BIOGRAPHY

- Born in Alexandria, Virginia, 1955.
- B.A. in Economics and Political Science, University of South Dakota, May 1978.
- Resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia since 1979.
- Economist, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 1978-1990. Co-wrote monthly press releases and a large number of analytical articles in the *Monthly Labor Review*.
- M.A. in Economics, American University, May 1984.
- Married to Jacqueline Jacobs Clem since 1994.
- Assistant editor, Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 1993-1998.
- Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, January 2002. Conducted research for my dissertation in Lima, Peru, October-December 1994.
- Member of Staunton Republican Committee since 2002. Webmaster since 2003: www.stauntongop.org Elected Secretary of the Committee, March 2007.
- Member of American Political Science Association since 1996.
- Member of International Studies Association since 1998.
- Adjunct professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1999-2000.

- Adjunct professor, Virginia Tech, 2001.
- Adjunct professor, Mary Baldwin College, 2002.
- Member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church since 2002. Webmaster since October 2007.
- Member of Augusta Bird Club since 2002. Webmaster since February 2008.
- Assistant professor, James Madison University, 2003-2004.
- Member of Society for American Baseball Research since 2006.
- Volunteer with Blue Ridge Chapter of the American Red Cross since January 2007. Webmaster since March 2007.
- Adjunct professor, Sweet Briar College since August 2007.



Andrew and Jacqueline
at Machu Picchu, Peru, March 2004.

WHY I AM A REPUBLICAN



Like Ronald Reagan, David Horowitz, and other liberal-turned-conservatives, I began my adult life on the left side of the political spectrum. By 1990, as “Desert Storm” approached, I had given up on the Democrats and considered myself an independent. During graduate school at U.Va., I worked with the Concord Coalition, a bipartisan group that is dedicated to fiscal responsibility and cutting entitlements and wasteful spending.

The advent of Newt Gingrich and his “Republican Revolution” in 1994 and 1995 convinced me that the Grand Old Party really was serious about enacting long-overdue comprehensive reforms in economic policy and government management. I was especially pleased at the large steps toward reforming entitlement spending and tort liability. Much remains to be done, however. (See my stance on the issues.) Since 1996 I have worked at the polls, written letters, and helped in other ways to advance Republican principles and policies.

WHY I AM A STAUNTONIAN



My wife and I moved to Staunton just over six years ago, and we quickly fell in love with this community. I was already familiar with the Blue Ridge and Shenandoah Valley from having lived in Charlottesville. The combination of beautiful natural scenery and friendly, devout people of faith make this city and the surrounding area an ideal place to live. I would be eager and honored to play a part in preserving the high quality of life that we have been privileged to enjoy.