

# Washington State Republican Politics

*'Look what's under the carpet!'*

## Mainstream Republicans or Washington State - the progressive snake nest

This is the sinister trail where deceit and lies are transmitted to those who still believe the Republican Party represents Constitutional conservatives - it does not. As you will read and learn, the Republican Party in Washington State, as well as other states, fall under the umbrella of the national group Mainstreet Republicans, now renamed Main Street Partnership. More on that as you read on. Most of the following content is quoted from the original source documents and are not my words.

### Mainstream Republicans of Washington

<http://www.washingtonmainstream.org/>

### Socially Moderate Republicans

Mainstream provides a voice for socially moderate Republicans in our state, so (\*) **we avoid both far-right and far-left politics**. *"The Winners are in the Middle"* has been a long-time slogan. Because of this, (\*) **it is our belief that social issues should be depoliticized**, so that government can focus on fiscal responsibility through balancing the budget and boosting the economy. (\*) Many **members** of Mainstream are **pro-choice** and **support Marriage Equality**, though not all. We reject litmus tests and believe that moderation is not just about social issues.

<http://www.washingtonmainstream.org/about/>

### The History of Mainstream

After a major Republican loss in 1964, Republicans around Washington State began to think about the future of the Republican Party. It became apparent to political leaders like Governor Dan Evans, Secretary of State Sam Reed, and others that the future success of the party relied on centrism and moderation.

The [Republican](#) candidate, [Senator Barry Goldwater](#) of [Arizona](#), suffered from a lack of support from his own party and his deeply unpopular conservative political positions. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_presidential\\_election,\\_1964](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_presidential_election,_1964)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mainstream\\_Republicans\\_of\\_Washington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mainstream_Republicans_of_Washington)

**Mainstream Republicans of Washington** is a political action organization dedicated to promoting moderation in the [Republican Party](#) in [Washington state](#) by providing financial and other support to centrist Republican candidates standing for election in [swing districts](#) and statewide office

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## History

[Sam Reed](#) and other Republicans in Washington organized a symposium to discuss the future of the Republican party in the state in 1969. The event, branded the **Cascade Conference**, ultimately became an annual meeting. In 1990 attendees of the Cascade Conference organized the Mainstream Republicans of Washington as a permanent advocacy group. (\*) In 2002 the [Republican Main Street Partnership](#) and the Mainstream Republicans of Washington announced a working partnership to "to recruit, promote and support quality moderate Republicans for elective office in Washington state and nationwide."<sup>[2]</sup>

## Activities

Since 2008 Mainstream Republicans has organized Action for Washington, an (\*) annual leadership training program targeting college students and recent college graduates.<sup>[5]</sup>

The group continues to host its annual symposium, the **Cascade Conference**. [Mitt Romney](#) spoke at the conference in 2006<sup>[6]</sup> and, in 2007, former [United States Attorney John McKay](#), who had been fired by the [George W. Bush](#) administration in the [dismissal of U.S. attorneys controversy](#), received enthusiastic applause when he addressed the conference.<sup>[7]</sup> The 2013 event featured a speech by [Tacoma](#) mayor [Marilyn Strickland](#), a Democratic Party activist who had previously made headlines when she described Republicans as "racist," a remark for which she later apologized.<sup>[8]</sup>

The organization claims to have raised and donated more than \$500,000 to Republican candidates in Washington in 2012. Major supporters of the group that year included [Microsoft](#) and [Weyerhaeuser](#), which each donated \$25,000, and former [McCaw Cellular](#) executive Bruce McCaw, who gave \$10,000. Labor unions, including the state teacher's union and the Washington Federation of State Employees, also contributed to the Mainstream Republicans of Washington.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Positions and Endorsements

Mainstream Republicans of Washington has generally (\*) **advocated consensus-building and compromise in public policy while backing fiscally conservative candidates with both socially conservative and socially liberal views**. In 2013 the group's executive-director called on the Republican Party to eschew conservative candidates in favor of those likely to "attract more people living in the middle of the spectrum."<sup>[10]</sup>

The organization has had a sometimes (\*) contentious relationship with religious conservatives. When [Ken Eikenberry](#), the chairman of the [Washington State Republican Party](#), was challenged for the party's leadership in 1994 by the head of the [Christian Coalition](#) in Washington,

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Mainstream Republicans president Mark Gardner warned that religious conservatives were trying to gain control of the party's money and influence.<sup>[11]</sup> The group cautioned that, while they would ultimately be willing to back most Republican candidates, they might also campaign against those they found too extreme.<sup>[12]</sup>

**In 2005 Mainstream Republicans came out in (\*) opposition to [Washington Initiative 912](#), a ballot measure that would have repealed a 9.5-cent gas tax enacted by the state legislature. The tax increase had been passed to fund transportation infrastructure improvements.<sup>[13]</sup>**

Mainstream Republicans of Washington (\*) backed [Washington Referendum 71](#) in 2009, which allowed same-sex couples to enter into domestic partnerships in the state, and (\*) endorsed [Washington Referendum 74](#), a measure introduced in 2012 to license same-sex marriage. In the [Washington gubernatorial election, 2012](#), Mainstream Republicans of Washington endorsed GOP candidate [Rob McKenna](#) and criticized votes taken by Democratic challenger [Jay Inslee](#) while in Congress which the group characterized as being anti-gay.<sup>[14]</sup> The following year the group joined with the Democratic Party in Washington in opposing Initiative 517, a ballot measure that would require some private property owners to allow petitioners to gather signatures on their property. The proposal was subsequently rejected by voters.<sup>[15]</sup> The 2013 election season also saw Mainstream Republicans of Washington (\*) come out against [Initiative 522](#), which would have required labeling of genetically modified foods.<sup>[16]</sup>

Other recent candidate endorsements the group has made include [Joe Fain](#), [Dick Muri](#), [Jan Angel](#), and [Kim Wyman](#).<sup>[17]</sup>

**Board of Directors:** <http://www.washingtonmainstream.org/board-roster/>

**Endorsements:** <http://www.washingtonmainstream.org/endorsements/>

**Members of the Facebook GROUP:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/43735817566/members/>

(The smoke starts to clear now . . .)

### Recruiting - Training Connections:

#### Mainstream Republicans - Roanoke Conference

<https://www.facebook.com/roanokeconference/posts/364754710212160>

<http://thereaganwing.wordpress.com/2013/02/19/roanoke-2-the-wilburness-mandate/#more-22219> (Note the article linked to "Gay Boy Scouts")

It was during this conference that **Ben Oakley introduced Josh Arritola** to many 'GOP heavy hitters' as "**Matt Shea's primary opponent**" (on page 2).

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<http://www.westernjournalism.com/karl-roves-elitist-attack-on-true-conservatives-also-at-the-state-level/>

**Jennifer Dunn Leadership Institute** ([About Jennifer Dunn](#))

<http://www.jdli.org/>

Former Spokane County GOP Chair, Ben Oakely worked as a trainer for the Jennifer Dunn Leadership Institute designed to inculcate Mainstream Republican (read moderate progressive) ideals into the minds of local politicians in Washington State.

### Board of Directors:

<http://jdli.org/aboutboard.php>

### Graduates:

<http://jdli.org/news.php>

<http://jdli.org/images/2011.pdf>

Many more graduates listed on page - you will recognize them in public office.

## The Aspen Institute - Rodel Fellowship

Concerns exist that this national group is seeking out young and up coming leaders and training them through the Aspen Institute - Rodel Fellowship and placing them in the various state leadership positions.

The Aspen group proudly pushes global-humanism (Globalism). Humanist deny God as the author of truth.

Aspen story video: <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/about/history>

### Washington State has the following graduates of the Aspen Institutes Rodel fellowship:

2006 Rob McKenna

2010 Kevin Parker

2013 Kim Wyman

2007 Bob Ferguson

2009 Reagan Dunn

2012 Sally Clark

The Socialist **Walter Isaacson** heads up the group credited for “enlightening training” for so many of younger GOP elected leaders in Eastern Washington in recent years – the **former CEO of CNN News and Managing Editor of TIME magazine.**

<http://www.aspeninstitute.org/people/walter-isaacson>

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**Is this the Rebranding of the GOP?** Who is paying for this? Could it be George Soros? Karl Rove? John McCain, or Bloomberg? Is the new and improved GOP being turned into a newer version of the Fabian Society whose symbol since around a century ago has been a picture of a wolf in sheep's clothing?

**Membership - Donors List:** <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/society-fellows/membership-list>

**Soros - Open Society Institute - listed as a "major foundation supporter".**

<http://www.aim.org/media-monitor/something-you-wont-see-on-cnn/>

(read what John McCain said about selling GM to the Chinese)

**Karl Rove speaks and fits in at the Institute:**

<http://www.aspenideas.org/speaker/karl-rove>

<http://www.aspeninstitute.org/about/blog/most-viewed-2013-aspen-institute-videos>

**Bloomberg Philanthropies - Board of Directors (Notice that Aspen Isaacson is a Member)**

<http://www.bloomberg.org/about/board-of-directors/>

**Bloomberg Philanthropies encompasses all of Michael R. Bloomberg's charitable activities, including his foundation and his personal giving. In 2012, \$360 million was distributed.**

<http://www.aspeninstitute.org/news/2013/03/20/atlantic-aspen-institute-bloomberg-philanthropies-present-citylab-urban-solutions>

## Mainstream Republicans Connect to -

**Washington State Republican Party**

<http://www.wsrp.org/partners>

**Log Cabin Republicans**

<http://www.logcabinwa.org/our-allies.html>

(Under 'Our Allies')

**Planned Parenthood**

[http://seattlest.com/2011/06/22/washington\\_state\\_republicans\\_stand.php](http://seattlest.com/2011/06/22/washington_state_republicans_stand.php)

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### Main Street Partnership (formerly Mainstreet Partnership)

The **Main Street Partnership** has allied with other moderate Republican groups, including [Christine Todd Whitman's It's My Party Too](#), [Ann Stone's Republicans for Choice](#), the [Log Cabin Republicans](#), the [Republican Majority For Choice](#), [The Wish List](#), [Republicans for Environmental Protection](#), the [Mainstream Republicans of Washington](#), and the [Kansas Traditional Republican Majority](#).

### Republican Main Street Partnership" is Democrat Funded

<http://www.redstate.com/2014/01/14/the-republican-main-street-partnership-is-democrat-funded/>

Members of the group are often labeled as [RINOs](#) by more conservative Republicans and are often challenged in Republican primaries by the [Club for Growth](#), [FreedomWorks](#), and the [Tea Party movement](#), among others. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/apr/10/as-main-street-deepens-schism-in-gop-conservative-/?page=all>

The organization's board of directors voted on **January 8, 2013** to scrap party identification from its title and be known simply as "**The Main Street Partnership.**" The group's new president, former Ohio Republican Rep. Steven LaTourette, told Yahoo News that he plans to begin conversations with Blue Dog Democrats and centrist groups in the coming.

### The KARL ROVE CONNECTION to the Main Street Partnership

### The GOAL of MODERATE REPUBLICANS is to ELIMINATE CONSERVATIVE; SOCIALLY MORAL and CONSTITUTIONAL IDEALS

### Inside the Messy but Moneyed Republican Plan to Neutralize the Tea Party

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/politics/inside-the-messy-but-moneyed-republican-plan-to-neutralize-the-tea-party-20131024>

"**Along with** LaTourette's group (**Main Street Partnership**), another player in the battle for control of the Republican Party **will be the Conservative Victory Project**, an arm of the Crossroads super PAC **founded by Republican strategist Karl Rove.**"

### War on Tea Party: GOP Establishment, Big Business Gearing Up for Battle

<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/10/29/War-on-Tea-Party-GOP-Establishment-Big-Business-Gearing-Up-for-Battle>

### Chamber of Commerce and Karl Rove join to crush 2014 tea party candidates

<http://www.bizpacreview.com/2013/12/28/chamber-of-commerce-and-karl-rove-join-to-crush-2014-tea-party-candidates-90823>

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The **U.S. Chamber of Commerce** will spend a minimum of \$50 million to “support establishment, business-friendly candidates in primaries and the general election, with an aim of trying to win a Republican Senate majority,” the organization announced this week.

Read more: <http://www.bizpacreview.com/2013/12/28/chamber-of-commerce-and-karl-rove-join-to-crush-2014-tea-party-candidates-90823#ixzz3GLboF2WH>

Read more: <http://www.bizpacreview.com/2013/12/28/chamber-of-commerce-and-karl-rove-join-to-crush-2014-tea-party-candidates-90823#ixzz3GLbeM9Ia>

**After Declaring War on Tea Party, Karl Rove Frets GOP Estab Candidates Not Getting Enough Donations:** <http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2014/09/19/After-Declaring-War-on-Tea-Party-Karl-Rove-Frets-GOP-Estab-Candidates-Not-Getting-Enough-Donations>

**Chamber of Commerce ads back mainstream Republicans**

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/04/29/chamber-of-commerce-ads-back-mainstream-republicans/>

**Establishment Republicans team up with unions in an attempt to defeat the Tea Party in 2014**  
<http://americaswatchtower.com/2014/02/07/establishment-republicans-team-up-with-unions-in-an-attempt-to-defeat-the-tea-party-in-2014/>

As if it was not bad enough that **John Boehner stripped fiscally conservative Tea Party Republicans from influential budget committees while threatening to punish more if they did not fall in line**, and as if it was not bad enough that **Karl Rove has set up a Super PAC in order to protect the incumbent establishment Republicans from Tea Party challenges**, we are now learning that **moderate (read establishment) Republicans have now set up another new Super PAC called Defending Main Street, which is being funded by labor unions**, in order to defeat the Tea Party in the 2014 election.

**“Oh, what a tangled web we weave . . . when first we practice to deceive” - Sir Walter Scott**