Insufferable Wenches of Iowa Core Values & Goals June 2, 2025

CORE VALUES

Inclusion-

Our group is for anyone with progressive views; he's, she's, they's, and beyond. We don't care what your religion is, where you live, who you're attracted to, or what the color of your skin is- as long as you're not a fascist, homophobic, misogynistic, racist, asshat- you are welcome here.

Elevate Younger Voices-

We want to elevate the voices of the younger generations. The political landscape is full of people telling the younger generations to sit down and be quiet while wondering where they are. We refuse to be that group. We make space for younger voices to be heard. We will never tell them they need to "do their time". Their time is now.

Common Goal, fighting for a government that represents us ALL

It isn't possible to agree on everything, but we must agree on the common goal- we oppose fascism, we oppose MAGA, and we want more progressive leadership across the board. We won't force anyone to participate in the action to get there, if you are acting. Don't like protests? Totally fine, make the calls and send the letters. Don't like writing letters and making calls, that's ok! Join a rally or help plan one! There are multiple ways to fight & there's a place in this fight for everyone!

Community

We are a community. We strive to be inclusive and welcoming. There is safety in numbers, the bigger of a community we form, the safer we become. We support our communities, and we support each other.

Accountability

We take accountability, and we hold others accountable. No one loves the feeling of admitting they were wrong, but we do it anyway. We take full accountability for the things we say and the things we do. We expect the same from not only our members, but from our elected officials REGARDLESS of their party affiliation. This is not purity testing, it is how we grow as people and as a country.

Insufferable Snark

We commit to being snarky. With all the terrible shit going on in the political landscape, we will continue to find ways to make ourselves giggle. If that means calling a representative who's pushing to overturn same sex marriage Homophobic Hagatha, then that is what we'll do. We also match energy, so if MAGA insists on being absolutely terrible, then we will return the same energy- we'll just do it better. We're not here to "take the high road"

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GOALS

Growth-

The more we grow, the bigger the movement. When the group grows bigger, that means more are hearing about what we do. We attract even more progressive voices, which make an even bigger impact on our "nonvoter" population as we grow.

Accountability-

We want to make holding our elected officials accountable a normal practice. We give them the power when we elect them, we are the ones who should have the power to hold them accountable.

Recruit progressive candidates that reflect our population diversity-

Women, POC, disability, and younger... a 91-year-old rich dude has no idea what the world is like for a 32-year-old single mother, or 22-year-old college student, or a person of color. We need people LIKE US to REPRESENT US.

Bring some fun... And JOY-

Joy is an enemy of fascism, so let's make this as fun as we can. Dance at the rallies, sing at the protests, wear your craziest outfits, and BE HAPPY! And we will do our best to host fun events in the midst of the seriousness. There is no such thing as a revolution without hope & joy.

NO UNOPPOSED SEATS IN OUR STATE-

Our main goal is simple, no unopposed red seats in Iowa. In the last election, 25% of Iowa seats were red and unopposed. We cannot allow that to happen again. We need people ready to step up and run. Even if we can't win, we can steal their votes! That is still PROGRESS!