

‘Conservative’ does not mean ‘Republican’

"Conservatism" isn't a partisan attribute. No political party can own, embody or redefine the word "conservative" as some kind of party virtue, although Republicans have certainly tried. To be conservative means to do things responsibly. Conservatism is a broad political philosophy rooted in principles like limited government, adherence to the Constitution – both federal and state - and fiscal responsibility. Being a Republican is an allegiance to a specific political party.

A political conservative favors gradual, cautious change instead of sudden, volatile disruption, and advocates for the preservation of personal liberty, limited government intervention, and traditional social norms. It emphasizes the rule of law and organic, historically tested societal growth rather than sweeping, authoritarian reform. In everyday use, "conservative" relates to caution, moderation and resistance to rapid or unproven change. Georgia's knee-jerk, incendiary partisan politics of the past 20 years hardly fit that description.

I support fiscal control and fiercely oppose reckless spending, profiteering, and rampant corporate welfare. My conservatism is in my belief that tax revenue should be spent on the people who paid it, in the government's role of making life better for US, not for massive-profit corporations, not for their PACS, and *certainly* not for themselves. I believe governments at all levels exist to serve ALL constituents; and government funding should not be based on partisan preferences.

I believe Georgia's state budget should be balanced every year – with neither billions in debt NOR billions in surplus. State debt means the General Assembly spent too much, spent unwisely, or just generally mismanaged YOUR tax dollars. A state surplus means they OVERTAXED you, which shows poor planning, bad accounting, or a lack of foresight – whether through negligence or incompetence.

I believe that a Georgia senator should be entirely focused on Georgia and the constituents they represent, not demonstrating fealty to a president, or championing problems that don't exist in Georgia, or advocating for issues that have nothing to do with Georgia.

So, to all those saying, "Democrats can't be conservative," talk with me for five minutes. I'll give you some local examples, and I'll convince you that I am, indeed, a conservative.

