



CODEX

Matrona Publica Unitarum



My Dear Esteemed Members,

The Lorain Ladies Republican Club is a congregation of like-minded individuals who share a common vision and operate from a staunchly Conservative and Republican philosophy. We pledge to govern ourselves according to ethical standards of the highest order as we strive to bring our values into policy.

By joining the Lorain Ladies Republican Club, you acknowledge and embrace our Philosophy and vow to uphold the Vision, Mission, Ethics, and Values enshrined in our Club's Codex. The Values set forth in this document serve as the bedrock upon which our party and government policies should rest. And while there may be values not yet articulated, they must be added by Resolution in a Regular or Special meeting and in accordance with the Club bylaws. Values expressed in this Codex's body must be expanded upon through a Resolution in like manner. Resolutions can be introduced by primary members or Club leadership, and they become part of the Codex.

It is true that the Club platform may not pursue all issues related to each of our Values. But rest assured, Special Committees can be created at any time to address issues that are germane to any of our Values. These Committees serve to educate, fundraise, and assist deserving Republican candidates who are deemed worthy of our support.

As a member, you are bound by our Codex, and should you violate it, censure from Club membership and/or Club activities will be swift and sure. However, if conditions for redemption are met, we may choose to offer a Christian opportunity for you to return to the fold.

Let us brighten the future,

Patty Gascoyne, Founding President
Lorain Ladies Republican Club
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CODEX I: OATH

(as inspired by Phyllis Schlafly, Susan Weddington, and David Barton)

As a member of the Lorain Ladies Republican Club, I do solemnly swear to God:

- I will be an active member of this organization while putting faith and family first.
- I will not remain silent if any level of government, the Republican Party, or this organization strays from civil and principled discussions.
- I will not remain silent if any level of government, the Republican Party, or this organization fails to uphold the values conservatives hold in common.
- I will never attack or smear another Republican with whom I have a disagreement. Instead, I will seek to find common ground and engage in respectful dialogue.
- I will be respectful of the opinions of others.
- I will be transparent and honest in all my actions and will not collude behind closed doors to aggregate power or influence for myself or my friends.
- I will always strive to educate the public on conservative and/or Biblical principles that align with the platform of the Lorain Ladies Republican Club and with the Ohio Republican Party.
- I will endeavor to hand to the next generation a society better than I found it and be an example to future generations.

With the Creator as my witness, I commit to living up to this oath to the best of my ability. I recognize the weight and responsibility of this pledge and pledge to honor it with dignity.

CODEX II: Vision Statement

- We envision a society flourishing with robust economic growth and thriving small businesses.
- We envision safe neighborhoods, intact families and men marriages forming strong families referencing Judeo-Christian principles producing well-adjusted young adults and children.
- We envision American institutions supporting the family unit: upholding the sanctity of marriage, protecting the innocence of childhood, and cherishing the lives of the unborn.
- We envision citizens actively engaging with the Republican Party on a variety of issues, candidates, policymaking, and through multiple civic clubs.
- We envision a free country. Seeing our world free from insidious influences of rebranded Marxism in its varied forms: WOKE idealism, CSE (Comprehensive Sex Education), DEI (Diversity Equity and Inclusion), CRT (Critical Race Theory), SEL (Social Emotional Learning), identity politics, political correctness, ESG (Environmental Social Governance), globalism, Communism, and all other funded programs of Marxism rebranded.
- We envision overcoming forces of opposition that are inherently un-American, anti-American, and in direct conflict with the United States Constitution.



CODEX III: Values Statement

- Ladies of the Lorain Ladies Republican Club, we must insist upon **free-market solutions** over the folly of government programs. The unencumbered hand of Free-Market Capitalism makes a great nation into a beacon of freedom.
- **Charity**, that sacred principle that the tyranny of taxation cannot compel, must be allowed to flourish in our society. We must resist the siren song of collectivism and instead embrace the compassion and generosity of the American people.
- **Accountability**, both in government and bureaucracy, is essential to the preservation of our liberties. We must hold our elected officials and public servants to the highest standards of transparency and honesty, and demand nothing less than full accountability for their actions.
- **Transparency**, that indispensable quality of good governance, must be upheld in all aspects of our political system. We must reject the shadowy machinations of the deep state and instead embrace a culture of openness and honesty in all of our public institutions.
- **Energy independence**, the key to our economic and national security, must be a top priority for our nation. We must harness the vast natural resources of this great land and work tirelessly to achieve true energy self-sufficiency.
- **K-12 education** must be founded on high academic standards, for it is only through a rigorous and challenging curriculum that we can prepare our young people for future challenges.

- **Shrinking the size of state government** is essential to the preservation of our freedoms. We must resist the ever-encroaching hand of the state and instead advocate for a leaner, more efficient government that truly serves the people.
- **Disincentivizing illegals** in our communities is a moral imperative, for it is only through the rule of law that we can hope to maintain order and stability in our society. We must enforce our immigration laws and reject the dangerous folly of open borders.
- **Ease of adoption**, that essential quality of a well-functioning society, must be upheld as a top priority. We must simplify and streamline the adoption process so that every child has the opportunity to find a loving and stable home.

Issues education, grounded in the principles of truth and reason, must take precedence over mere marketing. We must educate ourselves and our fellow citizens on the crucial issues of the day and strive to make informed and reasoned decisions for the good of our nation.



CODEX IV: Mission Statement

The mission of the Lorain Ladies Republican Club is to implement our values into policies via charitable, educational, and political activities, all while simultaneously disseminating erudite knowledge pertaining to issues, candidates, and good governance amongst the general public.

Our mission, therefore, is to engage in praxis and inculcate a sense of civic duty in the hearts and minds of our fellow citizens. Only through such diligent and scrupulous efforts can we ensure the Republican Party's ascendancy in Lorain County -and additionally in Huron County- and imbue our society with the virtues of probity, sagacity, and perspicacity.

Thus, Let us embark upon this noble enterprise with unwavering commitment and take upon ourselves the mantle of stewardship that our forebears have bequeathed unto us, for it is only through the tireless endeavor and rigorous intellectual inquiry that we may hope to shape a brighter future for our beloved community.



CODEX V: Philosophy

(adapted for Lorain Ladies Republican Club from *The Sharon Statement*, yaf.org, drafted in the home of William F. Buckley Jr., the father of American Conservatism, in 1960.)

In this time of moral and political crises, it is the responsibility of the [women] of America to affirm certain eternal truths.

We, as Lorain Ladies Republican Club conservatives, believe:

- That foremost among the transcendent values is the individual's use of his God-given free will, whence derives his right to be free from the restrictions of arbitrary force;
- That liberty is indivisible and that political freedom cannot long exist without economic freedom;
- That the purpose of government is to protect those freedoms through the preservation of internal order, the provision of national defense, and the administration of justice;
- That when government ventures beyond these rightful functions, it accumulates power, which tends to diminish order and liberty;
- That the Constitution of the United States is the best arrangement yet devised for empowering the government to fulfill its proper role while restraining it from the concentration and abuse of power;
- That the genius of the Constitution—the division of powers—is summed up in the clause that reserves primacy to the several states, or to the people, in those spheres not specifically delegated to the Federal government;
- That the market economy, allocating resources by the free play of supply and demand, is the single economic system compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government, and that it is at the same time the most productive supplier of human needs;

- That when government interferes with the work of the market economy, it tends to reduce the moral and physical strength of the nation; that when it takes from one man to bestow on another, it diminishes the incentive of the first, the integrity of the second, and the moral autonomy of both;
- That we will be free only so long as the national sovereignty of the United States is secure; that history shows periods of freedom are rare, and can exist only when free citizens concertedly defend their rights against all enemies;
- That the forces of international Communism are, at present, the greatest single threat to these liberties;
- That the United States should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this menace; and
- That American foreign policy must be judged by this criterion: does it serve the just interests of the United States?



CODEX VI: Ethics Pledge

- As a member of the Lorain Ladies Republican Club, I pledge to maintain the highest standards of behavior and to follow the laws, regulations, and policies that apply to me. I will take full responsibility for learning and complying with the laws and rules governing the standards of conduct for my position, profession, and office.

Biblical underpinning: "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." - Romans 13:1

- I pledge to disclose situations in which a personal interest conflicts with my professional or public obligations and to take action to avoid all actual and perceived conflicts of interest.

Biblical underpinning: "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others." - Philippians 2:3-4

- I pledge to neither use nor allow the use of resources or information to improperly or illegally further any interest.

Biblical underpinning: "You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another." - Leviticus 19:11

- I pledge to make good on my promises and to avoid making promises or commitments that I cannot reasonably expect to fulfill.

Biblical underpinning: "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'" - Matthew 5:33

- I pledge to help create an atmosphere of respect and civility where individuals and the public are free to express their ideas and work to their full potential.

Biblical underpinning: "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." - Ephesians 4:29

- I pledge to be truthful and respectful in all communications.

Biblical underpinning: "Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another." - Ephesians 4:25

- I pledge to work together with others, recognizing that unity of purpose and effort leads to greater accomplishments.

Biblical underpinning: "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!" - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10