**The Republican Party and Social Conservative**

The Republican Party today is a party that consisted of people from a very wide political spectrum. Evangelicals, Fiscal Conservatives and Libertarians united around the banner of GOP and become one of the most influential two political parties in the United States society. When talking about the Republican Party today, people always have a image of a social conservative party when considering the Republican Party, but it was much different in the past, long years after its establishment.

During the time GOP was founded, it is a party based on classical liberalism philosophy with the platform including anti-slavery, the modernization of this nation, protectionism through high tariff and against the corruption of the aristocracy. Under the leadership of President Abraham Lincoln, the United States winned in the Civil War against the Confederacy and liberated all the slaves in the south. For a long time after time, the traditional GOP is regarded as a progressive political party and the protector of the infant industry in the United States.

Of course, since the problems of different epochs are different for sure, the traditional Republican Party concerned about very different issues from the modern one, like slavery and isolationism, while some very similar including international trade, employer-employee relation etc.

However, as time goes by, the party became much more complicated that it was consisted of both left-leaning and right-leaning voters during the presidency of Franklin Roosevelt. The failure of the 1960 Election symbolized the fall of the liberal wing of the Republican Party and after 1960s as the Civil Right Movement and Anti War Movement, Democrats gained massive support of the poor and the minorities, which led to the "Southern Strategy" of Nixon and the turn to the right of the Republican Party.

Despite the transition of public image from progressive to conservative, I think that the Republican Party's core values always stay the same. From the beginning to the current era, GOP has always been a party and have faith in God and the natural rights, especially liberty. And the principle of limited federal government is always the principle of the Republican Party and is never changed.

When considering the fiscal policies, Republicans generally support the idea of Reagan economics, which focus on the supply side rather than the demand side, by cutting taxes and removing redundant regulations put on business in order to stimulate the output and balance the budget. As Robertson proposed, "We want a balanced budget, but we believe the way to balance the budget is to cut waste and mismanagement in government, not to raise the taxes on the American people." It is because that we "believe that the wisdom of the millions who make up the marketplace is greater than the wisdom of the few who serve in government."

One accusation to the Republican Party today that is usually heard about is that it advocate the discrimination to the minorities since the Republican Party applied Southern Strategy. I'm afraid its rarely the truth. What is obvious is that after decades has passed, the white supremacy even in the south was already eliminated. But the reverse discrimination created by the political correctness is already undermining the interests of the whites and even Asian Americans. Indeed, there are some white people feel guilty for what their ancestors had done to the blacks, but it will be unreasonable to grant privilege to the minorities to pay for the faults made in the past. What the republican party always do is to maintain the equality, not erode it, either way democrats has done so far.

Another thing modern Republican Party inherited from the traditional one is the the faith to God. As Robertson accused than the democrats "the Democrats did not mention once in their platform and not once in the acceptance speech of their candidate. It is a 'G' word. The name of God." and praised that "our President, Ronald Reagan, was not ashamed to ask the assembled delegates at our convention in Detroit to bow their heads in silent prayer to God." It is the origin of many of the policies that the Republicans advocate. And it is the impulse why they defend the constitutional rights including the freedom of speech and religion. In the name of the God, they give their best try to defend the traditional family values as well as the sacred life of human, born or unborn and made this nation " where husbands and wives love each other and families hold together".

What change as time goes by is just the specific problems that it concerned, within its core, the Republican Party is always the principled constitutional political party. Whether it is regarded as progressive or conservative, the Republican Party is still the Republican Party at the beginning.