



Resolution to Stand United Against Cancel Culture

Whereas the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances”;

Whereas the objective of people and organizations promoting “Cancel Culture” is to selectively eliminate historical truths, thoughts, and practices that are counter to their particular beliefs;

Whereas the “Cancel Culture” approach that has been used by individuals and organizations in social media, Big Tech, and the mainstream media to shame, threaten, or deny a platform to anyone whose thoughts and values they deem to be unacceptable, is a form of mob rule;

Whereas, “Cancel Culture” by its very nature is the epitome of intolerance and often provokes violence toward those who are canceled”;

Whereas a real world example of a type of cancel culture is the Taliban’s governance of Afghanistan that resulted in the exclusion of women from public life including employment and education, the destruction of non-Islamic artistic relics, and the implementation of harsh criminal punishments;

Whereas cancel culture on American college campuses has caused attacks on conservative speakers at official campus events where the safety and well-being of the speaker is often threatened; and

Whereas the nature of a “Cancel Culture” that threatens freedom of religion, freedom of thought, and freedom of expression is directly contrary to the rights guaranteed to every American under the First Amendment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Hawai’i Republican Party, in virtual convention on May 15, 2021:

1. asks that all citizens of Hawai’i make a strong and united stand to deny, resist, and eradicate today’s anti-American “Cancel Culture; and
2. will post copies of this resolution on the Hawai’i Republican Party website and transmit copies to the Governor of the State of Hawai’i; the Lieutenant Governor, members of the Hawai’i State Legislature, and the Mayors of each County.

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