

## The American Dream

Affordability is the palpable and heavy cloud that hangs over all of us. In this critical election year, “affordability” is the issue of the day.

I am here to tell you that it’s *a dirty Democratic trick* to make it all about affordability. The Democrats are the arsonists asking us to allow them to put out the fires they ignited.

Republicans have always been the party of affordability. We are focused on tax relief by cutting spending; reducing energy costs by recommissioning IPEC, “Drill, baby, drill!”, and cutting administrative costs and eliminating unnecessary regulation to encourage market forces to build housing and an improved health care system.

But we aspire to more than “affordability”. Never forget, we are the party of prosperity. We are the party of American Exceptionalism and the American Dream.

Our ideas and our lives stand in stark contrast to the progressive, socialist, and communist ideologies of *deprivation, division, and despair*. We stand fast at the threshold between poverty and prosperity; between politics and leadership. Our choices and our actions are all that remain between a generation surrendering personal excellence and community values to DEI demands for their conformity to government quotas.

This cauldron has been brewing for generations. In March 1968, Senator Robert F. Kennedy told us that being proud to be an American is more than materialism and limiting our efforts and focus to just affordability.

Warning against materialism, RFK’s words ring true as affordability also “does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education, or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our families, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials.” All things that we Republicans have long championed.

“It measures neither our wit nor our courage, neither our wisdom nor our learning, neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country.” How true.

“It measures everything in short, except that which makes life worthwhile. It tells us everything about America except why we are proud that we are Americans.”

– RFK, 1968, Remarks to the University of Kansas