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WHEN NO MEANS YES

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No means yes when it stands for ...

smaller government with a balanced-budget requirement to provide fiscal discipline instead of big government with a tax, spend, and borrow mentality and no debt limit to impose fiscal restraint.

a “people-know-best” system rather than a “government-knows-best” system.

a flat tax code based on the principle that everyone should pay for government versus a graduated tax code based on exemptions, deductions, credits, loopholes and other schemes to escape paying taxes.

decision-making at the state and local level by politicians who can be unseated by challengers do not have to fund raise and curry favor every day instead of decision-making in Washington by lifetime politicians whose huge re-election expenses force them to fund raise and curry favor all day long.

government that says if you are truly needy we will find a way for you to help yourself so that you do not become a ward of the state instead of a government that distributes handouts and favors to its constituents in exchange for their votes.

No means yes when it affirms ...

public officials who act on the principles and values of our Founding Fathers versus politicians who use polls and focus-groups to tell them what to do.

a government that relies on the rule of law versus one that relies on amnesty to deal with messy legal problems.

a society in which all men and women are truly equal rather than one in which a never-ending stream of claims are made for protected status.

a system as responsive as the local fire department versus one that hides behind 800 numbers and a maze of automated instructions.

an election process in which the voter has a real option to Tweedle-dum and Tweedle-Dee versus one in which the citizen must hold his nose before voting.

No means yes when it promises ...

that competency and effectiveness matter more than balance and diversity.

creating wealth is more important than redistributing wealth.

a government that listens and does what the people are unable to do for themselves rather than one that listens and does what it pleases.

public officials who act as stewards of the people's money rather than bureaucrats who spend recklessly because it's not their money.

government that remains small in order to make it work effectively versus one that has become so large it doesn't work at all, just gets bigger.

No means yes when Supreme Court justices ...

are ever-mindful that there are no rights under the law without responsibilities.

embrace a culture of life and hope based on the sacred dignity of every living human being versus one steeped in death and despair based on the right of privacy and freedom of choice.

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