



# FROM IDEAS TO IMPACT:

## *Advancing American Values*

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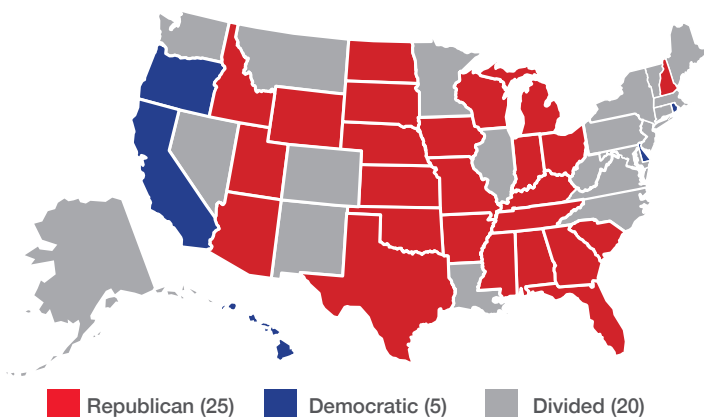
This Presidents Day we honor all American Presidents, especially the Father of our Country. George Washington's leadership and unwavering commitment to the Constitution established separation of Federal powers and decentralized state government as cornerstones of our new Republic. With this resilient foundation for liberty, America has persevered and flourished well into a third century. In this Brief, Bradley explores ways to reinforce our constitutional foundation and advance government's proper role.

## THE TIME IS NOW FOR CONSERVATIVE ACTION

We have entered a new era of opportunity for the conservative movement. With renewed confidence, humility, and a sense of compelling urgency, we can take advantage of this two-year window of Republican presidency and guaranteed Republican legislative majority.

### Strongest Republican Position since the 1920s

Republicans hold the Presidency and U.S. Congress, with 33 Republican state governors and control of 32 state legislatures. In 25 states, Republicans have a "trifecta" of both houses and the governorships.



Together, we can advance conservative policies that will counter the Federal overreach of the past eight years, rebuild trust in our government, and put our country back on track for a vibrant future, including:

- Reducing Federal regulations and reforming the tax code to encourage entrepreneurialism and growth of businesses of all size;

- Repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act to reduce government involvement and provide greater choice and value in healthcare;
- Transforming public education to give all people choices in K-12 education; and
- Effectively shifting foreign policy and global trade to put America in a strong leadership position commensurate with our power, influence and responsibilities.

Since 1985, the Bradley Foundation has been recognized as one of our nation's preeminent conservative foundations. We invest strategically in people and organizations that fight for conservative values, principles and policies, even when the political landscape is unfavorable. Now that the winds have shifted in Washington, D.C. and in the majority of states, we have a tremendous opportunity and obligation to restore American ideals. Through the Bradley Impact Fund, we invite fellow conservatives to join us in making the greatest positive impact with philanthropic investments.

“The Constitution is the guide which I never will abandon.”

— George Washington



## RECOMMITTING TO OUR CONSTITUTION

To create lasting, conservative policy shifts, we must build national consensus, as President Reagan did with the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Believing deeply in our Constitution, Bradley has long supported organizations that foster understanding of and commitment to our Founding Principles.



Bradley invests in Georgetown Law's Center for the Constitution to bring an unparalleled focus on constitutional law and theory to some of our nation's brightest minds. Founded in 2012 by Bradley Prize recipient Randy Barnett, the Center leads a variety of programs, including lectures, debates and continuing legal education courses, all of which emphasize how best to remain faithful to the Constitution's text. With Bradley support, the Center also offers a week-long "Boot Camp" on originalism in theory and practice that is open to students from all law schools.

Bradley also invests in The Federalist Society, a Washington, D.C. group with chapters nationwide dedicated to advancing the principles of freedom and separation of governmental powers. The Society helps to keep national commitment to the Constitution strong, and ensures that judges are paid to interpret the laws, not make them. The importance of this commitment is particularly relevant today with the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court. A Federalist Society member, Judge Gorsuch is widely recognized as a brilliant jurist with strong reverence for the Constitution. He has clearly and consistently emphasized the importance of separation of powers between the judicial, legislative and executive branches of government.

## REVITALIZING THE AMERICAN DREAM

The American Dream reflects our nation's ideals in action, championing the opportunity for all citizens to achieve prosperity, success and upward social mobility through their own hard work in our capitalist economic system. However, it is stifled by our current Federal welfare state and the culture of dependence it creates. In this new era, we must advance policies that reduce regulatory burdens on businesses and promote democratic capitalism so individuals, families and future generations have the opportunity to pursue work as the path to purpose, self-worth and financial independence.

Bradley invests in an array of highly effective grantees working at the national, state and local levels to revitalize the American Dream. This includes the MacIver Institute, a Wisconsin think tank promoting free markets, individual freedom, personal responsibility and limited government, and the Washington, D.C.-based



Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI). CEI is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the principles of limited government, free enterprise, and individual liberty. CEI is currently leading the charge for regulatory reform. Scholarly research and policy analysis make it clear that many federal regulations harm health and safety. President Trump's executive order requiring "agencies to revoke two regulations for every new rule they want to issue" is a positive step, but just a start to ensuring overregulation no longer stifles economic and job growth across our country.

## SUPPORTING AMERICAN IDEALS

The first donor-advised fund in the nation to be affiliated with a private foundation, the Bradley Impact Fund stands ready to help conservative donors optimize their philanthropy with confidence during this unique window of opportunity. We invite you to contact us to discuss how we can help you maximize your philanthropy.