

Let's just say it: the Republican Party is split. The opposing views of the Republican Party can be roughly illustrated by the difference between Senators Rand Paul and John McCain. While they both have an R in front of their name, and both say they believe in principles like constitutionally limited government and fiscal restraint, they have a different understanding of the role of our government. These differences aren't usually evident to people outside the party, or to those who don't pay close attention to politics.

However, the split became evident to more people when it manifested itself here in Cherokee County. Many saw the Republican convention this month as a hostile takeover. Some saw it as another nail in the coffin of a dying party. And a small handful saw it for what it really was: a party struggling to identify itself.

This struggle for identity in the Republican Party is happening all over the country, in county conventions just like ours, and this struggle is one worth having. We are on the battlefield of ideas. While, we in the Cherokee County Republican Party may have our differences of opinion on small things, we agree on the big things. Things like power corrupts, the rule of law, choices have consequences, and the government works for us and not the other way around.

Unfortunately, our society believes celebrity and influence are virtues, might determines right, we can live without regard for consequences, and the government's job is to provide for us. These are lies that have been propagated by people in power since time immemorial. And these are lies the Republican Party is addressing, with challenging outcomes, such as a couple weeks ago, here, in Cherokee County. Come and engage with us on the battlefield of ideas.