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President Ronald Reagan (1982):

“We recognize the right of the Puerto Rican people to self-determination... this administration will accept whatever choice is made by a majority... In statehood, the language and culture of the island – rich in history and tradition – would be respected, for in the United States the cultures of the world live together with pride.”

President George H.W. Bush:

(1989): “I’ve long believed that the people of Puerto Rico should have the right to determine their own political future. Personally, I strongly favor statehood. But I urge the Congress to take the necessary steps to allow the people to decide in a referendum.”

(2007): “Puerto Ricans have fought bravely in all of America’s wars in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. This patriotic service and sacrifice of Americans from Puerto Rico touched me all the more deeply for the very fact that they have served with such devotion even while denied a vote for the president and members of Congress who determine when, where, and how they are asked to defend our freedoms.”

Report by the “Task Force” of President George W. Bush on the Status of Puerto Rico:

“As American citizens, the people of Puerto Rico have improved American society and culture. Among their many contributions, they have been recognized for their service and sacrifice in the Armed Forces of the United States ... The democratic will of the people of Puerto Rico, to determine the future status of the territory ... must begin with an expression of the people ... on whether they want to maintain the current territorial status or establish a permanent non-territorial status ...”

After 500 years of colonialism, Puerto Rico finally confronts her political destiny. On November 6, we have the unique opportunity to steer our future to Statehood or Independence. The end of the colony approaches.

Do not waste this opportunity to end 500 years without sovereignty. Vote in favor of Puerto Rico political status change on the first question and then vote for statehood on the second.

— REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PUERTO RICO —

We are coming to the decisive moment when you express with your vote the future you want for Puerto Rico. You're not electing candidates. You'll be choosing between two paths. In one, Puerto Rico is increasingly alienated from the United States until we reach total separation, leaving the island to drift ... The other way brings Puerto Rico into a safe harbor with the mainland, achieving true and permanent union with the United States: Statehood.

If you are persuaded to vote against your best interests by grudges and personal hatreds, or by the selfish interests of political parties and leaders who want to exercise their power over you... it will be too late to rectify.

So I ask you, the voters, to go to the polls and give your vote now to Statehood. Statehood is the only way that guarantees equality, dignity, prosperity and security.

The fate of your people and your children is in your hands!—

DON LUIS A. FERRE — 1967



José Celso Barbosa, Founder of the Republican Party of Puerto Rico:

We are American by conviction, because we love Puerto Rico and want her happiness; in gratitude; because since the stars and stripes have flown in Puerto Rico the island has begun to enjoy freedoms that very few people in the world enjoy.”

Rafael Martínez Nadal, Leader of the Statehood Movement:

“It is unworthy to ask for the chains of slavery, when you can and should ask for equality.” While Puerto Ricans love “with all the force of their spirit their customs, traditions, religion and language, there is no fear of our losing our characteristics and personality.”

Declaration of Presidential Candidate Governor Mitt Romney (2012):

“I’m looking forward to the time when the people of Puerto Rico make their decision about becoming a state... I expect the people of Puerto Rico will decide that they want to become a state and I can tell you that I will work with Gov. Luis Fortuno to make sure that if that vote comes out in favor of statehood, that we will go through the process in Washington to provide statehood to Puerto Rico.”

Platform of the Republican Party of the United States 2012

“We support the right of the United States citizens of Puerto Rico to be admitted to the Union as a fully sovereign state if they freely so determine. We recognize that Congress has the final authority to define the constitutionally valid options for Puerto Ricans to achieve a permanent non-territorial status with government by consent and full enfranchisement. As long as Puerto Rico is not a State, however, the will of its people regarding their political status should be ascertained by means of a general right of referendum or specific referenda sponsored by the U.S.”



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