

# FROM *THE COURAGE TO BE FREE*

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When I got elected in 2018, there were nearly 300,000 more registered Democrats than Republicans in the State of Florida. Before I became governor, Florida had never had more registered Republicans than Democrats. By October 2022, Florida had more than 300,000 more registered Republicans than Democrats – a registration shift toward Republicans that is unprecedented in modern political history.

We witnessed a great American exodus from blue states – with Florida as the promised land.

This is not some general validation of the Republican Party, much less of the Republican establishment. There are folks who largely feel unrepresented by GOP leaders in DC and have gravitated to Florida largely because we have led with an agenda that represents the values of people like them. Indeed, I think the character of the Florida migration is more emblematic of people wanting to see policies that reflect both the American tradition and basic common sense. This is especially true as the Democratic Party has transformed into what can only be described as a woke dumpster fire.

What Florida has done is establish a blueprint for governance that has produced tangible results while serving as a rebuke to the entrenched elites who have driven our nation into the ground. Florida is proof positive that we the people are not powerless in the face of these elites.

This excerpt has been taken from the flyleaf of the (hardcover) book.

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