

Michael Tanner on Ignoring the Culture Warriors Instead of pandering to the Republicans' more radical tendencies, the GOP should focus on what the suburbanites and independents care about: reducing the influence of big government and all the baggage that comes with it. The National Review contributor [believes](#) that now is the time to change the tone of the debate and rally the already "fired-up" base in favor of pursuing jobs, economic growth, and limited government. "The polls are overwhelming," he notes. "Those are the issues that voters care about, not whether two men in California get married."