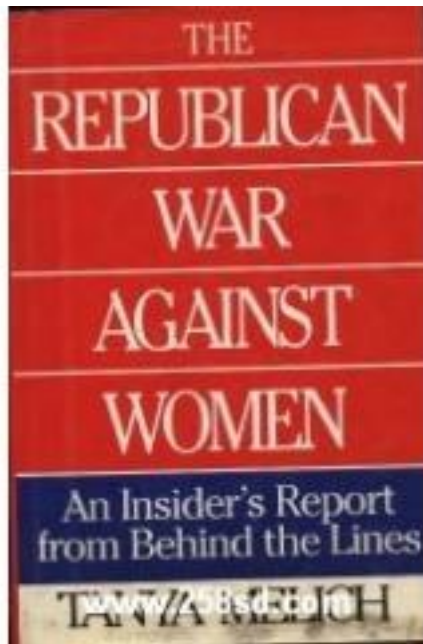


# The Republican War Against Women: An Insider's Report from Behind the Lines



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Amazon.com This is the story of one woman's struggle with and defection from the Republican party. It's the story of the transition and (in the author's view) subjugation of a political party to a small group of extremists. She shares the inside information from her more than 25 years of active membership. Melich contends that the "party of Lincoln," the party that promoted choice and freedom for all, is gone. --This text refers to the Paperback edition. From Library Journal Melich, who has spent most of her political life as a Republican feminist, recounts 23 years of party politics that, she postulates, has fought against the women's movement and issues important to

equal opportunity. She takes us through her struggles as a delegate to the Republican National Conventions of 1968 and 1992, describing in painstaking detail every platform, rule, and committee meeting that resulted in documents rejecting the Equal Rights Amendment and calling for a constitutional ban on abortions. Clearly, from what Melich outlines, the Republican party was completely out of sync with her views, leaving one to ask why it took so long for her to leave the party (as she finally did in 1992). Her reasoning after each defeat was that she thought it would get better and that it was better that the GOP feminists work with, rather than against, the party to see if some ground could be gained. Although the book's alarmist title may turn some potential readers off, the text is not hyperbole but a step-by-step account of how the religious right and conservatives have taken control of the Republican party. Recommended for general and academic political science collection.--Patricia Hatch, Emmanuel Coll. Lib., BostonCopyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. See all Editorial Reviews

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