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Senator Lowell P. Weicker says he'll leave the Republican party if it fails to change its image.

The Connecticut Republican said Thursday the GOP has "got to have the image of a party that is dedicated to the Constitution of this country, the political and governmental institutions of this country and to decency and honesty in government.

"That is an image that is lacking at the present time and I'm not going to be part of any program which leads to a negative image."

Weicker, one of former President Nixon's severest critics over the Watergate affair, said he is considering running for re-election in 1976 as an independent. He said he would not become a Democrat.

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