

A Comparison of the Republican and Democratic Platforms

A non-partisan guide on issues of concern to the electorate
Quotes taken from platforms in effect 2020-2024

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

KEY ISSUE

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

“The Constitution’s guarantee that no one can “be deprived of life, liberty or property” deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence’s proclamation that “all” are “endowed by their Creator” with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth.” (p.13)

Human Life

“Democrats believe every woman should be able to access ... abortion. We oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to women’s reproductive health and rights, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment and protecting and codifying the right to reproductive freedom.” (p.42)

“We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare.” (p.13)

Planned Parenthood

“We will repeal the Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood” (p.32)

“We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.” (p.13)

Judges

“We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who look like America ... and will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including ... Roe v. Wade.”(p.39)

“We support options for learning, including home-schooling, career and technical education, private or parochial schools, magnet schools, charter schools, online learning, and early-college high schools. We especially support the innovative financing mechanisms that make options available to all children: education savings accounts (ESAs), vouchers, and tuition tax credits.” (p.34)

Education/ School Choice

“Democrats oppose private school vouchers and other policies that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from the public school system.” (p. 67)

“We renew our call for replacing “family planning” programs for teens with sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior.” (p.34)

Sex Education

“We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care; medically accurate, LGBTQ+ inclusive, age-appropriate sex education; and the full range of family planning services are all essential to ensuring that people can decide if, when, and how to start a family.” (p.32)

“The integrity of our country’s foreign assistance program has been compromised by the ...[Obama] Administration’s attempt to impose on foreign recipients, especially the peoples of Africa, its own radical social agenda while excluding faith-based groups — the sector with the best track record in promoting development — because they will not conform to that agenda. We pledge to reverse this course....” (p.52)

Foreign Assistance

“We will support the repeal of the global gag rule (also known as the Mexico City Policy) and measures like the Helms Amendment, which limit safe access to abortion. We will also restore and expand American contributions to the United Nations Population Fund” (pp. 82-83)

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