



2016 - 2020 PARTY PLATFORM COMPARISON



ISSUE	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	SCRIPTURE
Sanctity of Human Life	"Protects human life and offers real solutions for women." "Strongly opposes infanticide." Supports the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act; a human life Constitutional amendment; a ban on abortion at 20 weeks; a ban on abortion based on sex or disability; a ban on dismemberment abortion; abortion clinic safety regulations; a ban on human cloning, and on creating and experimenting upon human embryos; a ban on any sale of fetal body parts; and a ban on the "use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood."	Calls for government funded abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy. "Repeal the Hyde Amendment", which bars federal money for elective abortion. "Overturn federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion." "Continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood."	SANCTITY OF LIFE AND FAMILY Isaiah 42:5 God the Lord...gives breath to everyone who walks the earth. Job 12:10 For the life of every living thing is in his hand, and the breath of every human being... 33:4 For the Spirit of God has made me, and the Breath of the Almighty gives me life. Psalm 139:13-16 ¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
Redefining Marriage	"The American family... is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman." "Condemns the Supreme Court's ruling in ... Obergefell v. Hodges" and "urges its reversal."	Supports the redefinition of marriage through the <i>Obergefell ruling</i> "that recognized LGBT people ... have the right to marry the person they love."	Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart...
International Abortion and LGBT Agenda	Oppose the federal government funding abortion overseas and calls for restoring the Mexico City Policy. (Bar federal money from going to foreign organizations which "provide or promote abortion".) Condemns "impos[ing] on foreign recipients, especially the peoples of Africa, a radical social agenda while excluding faith-based groups."	Calls for funding abortion on demand overseas by repealing the Helms Amendment, which bars U.S. foreign money for abortion. Will "ensure America's foreign policy is inclusive of LGBT people around the world ... including combating efforts by any nation to infringe on LGBT rights or ignore abuse."	Deuteronomy 27:25 Cursed is anyone who accepts payment to kill an innocent person. And all the people will reply, 'Amen.' Genesis 1:27-28 ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it...2:24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.
Religious Liberty vs. LGBT Agenda	"Supports the freedom of Americans to act in accordance with their religious beliefs, in their houses of worship and in their everyday lives." "Values the right of America's religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith. Believes the federal government, specifically the IRS, is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs. Urges the repeal of the Johnson Amendment."	LGBT rights supersede religious freedom. "Reject[s] the misuse of religion to discriminate." Punish faith-based organizations that contract with the government. Pull the tax exempt status of religious universities without transgender bathrooms and showers through imposing "federal non-discrimination protections for all LGBT Americans" on the basis of "gender, sexual orientation, gender identity."	Mark 10:6-9 ⁶ "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' ⁷ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." 1 Corinthians 7:2 ...But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.
Supreme Court	"Supports the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life." Seek to "enable courts to begin to reverse the past activist decisions—including <i>Roe</i> , <i>Obergefell</i> , and <i>Obamacare</i> ."	"Appoint judges who will protect a woman's right to choose" and agenda of "equality for all" in which LGBT rights supersede religious liberty.	Leviticus 20:13 If a man practices homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman, both men have committed a detestable act. They must both be put to death, for they are guilty of a capital offense.
Conscience Rights in Healthcare	Supports the rights of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and health care plans to not participate in morally objectionable services. Supports "the right of parents to determine the proper medical treatment and therapy for their minor children."	Supports the HHS contraception mandate against faith-based groups (Little Sisters of the Poor). Supports redefinition of "sex discrimination" to include abortion and sex change operations.	Romans 1:25-28 ²⁵ They traded the truth about God for a lie... ²⁶ That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. ²⁷ And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. ²⁸ Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.
Social Experiments In the Military	"Rejects the use of the military as a platform for social experimentation. Will not accept attempts to undermine military priorities and mission readiness." "Support religious freedom of all military members, especially chaplains. Will not tolerate attempts to ban Bibles or religious symbols from military facilities." Oppose the "Selective Service registration of women for a possible future draft."	Supports the "repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell." "Our military is strongest" when it includes "people of all ... sexual orientations and gender identities," such as paying for transgender sex change operations and allowing people with gender dysphoria to use any shower, barrack, or bathrooms. Include elective abortion coverage in military and veterans benefits.	EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT Deuteronomy 6:1a,7 ^{1a} These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you... ⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.
Transgender Bathrooms in Schools	Opposes Title IX transgender bathroom edict, since it is "at once illegal, dangerous, and ignores privacy issues," and "impose[s] a social and cultural revolution upon the American people by wrongly redefining sex discrimination."	Supports the Obama administration's redefinition of "sex discrimination" in Title IX to mandate transgender bathrooms and showers in public schools and universities through "the continued development of sex discrimination law to cover LGBT people."	Psalm 78:4, 6-7 ⁴ We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD... ⁶ so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children. ⁷ So each generation should set its hope anew on God...
Sex Education	Supports "sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior."	Promotes condom-based sex education.	Proverbs 9:10 Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment...22:6 Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.
Education	"School choice" and "local school control." "Parents," not the government, "are a child's first and foremost educators. Opposes Common Core." Support home-schooling, private or parochial schools, vouchers, and tuition tax credits, etc. Encourage teaching the Bible as an elective in public schools.	Nothing stated on school choice. "Believes a strong public education system is an anchor of our democracy" for "all children."	Isaiah 54:13-14 ¹³ I will teach all your children, and they will enjoy great peace. ¹⁴ You will be secure under a government that is just and fair. Your enemies will stay far away. You will live in peace, and terror will not come near. 2 Timothy 3:15-16 ¹⁵ You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.
God in Government	"If God-given, natural, inalienable rights come in conflict with government, court, or human-granted rights, God-given, natural, inalienable rights prevail." "Supports the public display of the Ten Commandments as a reflection of our history and our country's Judeo-Christian heritage." "Fights for school choice" and "local school control."	Nothing stated on the place or role of including God in government.	Psalm 22:28 For royal power belongs to the LORD. He rules all the nations. Proverbs 8:15-16 ¹⁵ Because of me, kings reign, and rulers make just decrees. ¹⁶ Rulers lead with my help, and nobles make righteous judgments.
On Terrorism	"Radical Islamic terrorism poses an existential threat to personal freedom and peace around the world. We oppose its brutal assault on all human beings, all of whom have inherent dignity."	Believes in "defeating terrorism and combatting climate change."	Acts 17:26 From one man he created all the nations throughout the earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.



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