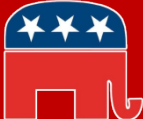



PARTY PLATFORM COMPARISON

2020

 REPUBLICAN	KEY ISSUE	DEMOCRAT 
<p>"We assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed."</p>	<p>LIFE</p>	<p>"We believe unequivocally that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive care services, including safe and legal abortion."</p>
<p>"Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one woman and one man, is the foundation of a free society."</p>	<p>FAMILY</p>	<p>No mention of marriage and family being the foundation of society. They do mention "gender" 50 times and "LGBTQ+" 32 times.</p>
<p>"We pledge to defend the religious beliefs and right of conscience of all Americans and to safeguard religious institutions against government control"; endorse legislation which bars government discrimination against individuals and businesses for acting on the belief of traditional marriage; support the right of people to conduct their businesses in accordance with their religious beliefs; support the public display of the Ten Commandments; affirm the rights of students to pray at public school events and to set membership standards for religious, private, service and youth organizations; churches, pastors and religious leaders should be able to preach and speak freely according to their faith.</p>	<p>RELIGIOUS LIBERTY</p>	<p>"Democrats believe that freedom of religion and the right to believe--or not to believe--are fundamental human rights. We will never use protection of that right as a cover for discrimination"; reject the politicization of religious freedom in American foreign policy.</p>
<p>"Parents have a right to direct their children's education, care and upbringing"; reject Common Core; support school choice and local control of schools; encourage the Bible to be offered as an elective in public schools; support sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence as the responsible and respected standard of behavior; oppose school-based clinics that provide referral for abortion or contraception; believe federal funds should not be used for universal mental health, psychiatric or socio-emotional screening programs in public schools.</p>	<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>Guarantee universal pre-K programs for 3 and 4-year olds; support K-12 instruction in civics and climate literacy; oppose private school vouchers; make public colleges and universities tuition-free for roughly 80% of students; make all community colleges and trade schools tuition-free for all students, including Dreamers; support "LGBTQ+ inclusive" sex education with a full range of family planning services.</p>
<p>Obviously the 2016 platform did not address the coronavirus pandemic, so the decision not to create a new platform means the issue was not included in 2020.</p>	<p>COVID-19 PANDEMIC</p>	<p>"President Trump's abject failure to respond forcefully and capably to the pandemic makes him responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans." "President Trump has repeatedly downplayed the threat of the coronavirus, bullied governors for enacting life-saving public health measures, and left our health care heroes without the equipment they need to protect themselves and the American people. Our essential workers have been deemed expendable by the President and his Administration." Will hire 100,000 contact tracers to contact everyone who tests positive for the virus and increase funding of the CDC.</p>
<p>Appoint judges who respect the Constitution and rule of law; denounce judicial activism; support judges who respect the traditional family and the sanctity of human life.</p>	<p>JUDGES</p>	<p>"The Republican Party has packed our federal courts with unqualified, partisan judges who consistently rule for corporations, the wealthy and Republican interests." Will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal</p>

		judges who... respect and enforce foundational precedents, including <i>Roe v. Wade</i> ; applaud the decision in <i>Bostock v. Clayton County</i> , which redefined the word “sex” in Title VII to include sexual orientation and gender identity.
Oppose Title IX being used to impose a social and cultural revolution ...by wrongly defining sex discrimination to include sexual orientation or other categories; oppose reshaping our schools-- and entire society-- to fit the mold of an ideology alien to America’s history and tradition; oppose Obama’s Title IX transgender bathroom edict.	LGBTQ+ RIGHTS	Guarantee LGBTQ+ people full access to needed health care and resources, including...gender confirmation surgery and hormone therapy; will fight to enact the Equality Act; ensure LGBTQ+ people are not discriminated against when seeking to adopt or foster children or give blood; guarantee transgender students access to facilities based on their gender identities; ban “conversion therapy” practices; make gender equality a key foreign policy priority; pass the GLOBE Act and appoint senior leaders for coordinating LGBTQ+ issues at the State Department, USAID and the National Security Council.
“We affirm the moral obligation to be good stewards of the God-given beauty and resources of our country.” Support the development of all forms of energy that are marketable in a free economy without subsidies, including coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear power and hydropower; oppose any carbon tax; ensure the listing of endangered species and habitats are based on sound science; reject the agendas of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement and demand a halt to the funding of the UN Convention of Climate Change and the Green Climate Fund.	ENVIRONMENT	“Climate Change is a global emergency. We believe we must embed environmental justice, economic justice, and climate justice at the heart of our policy and governing agenda.” Will rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement; achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; eliminate carbon pollution from power plants by 2035; install 500 million solar panels, and 60,000 wind turbines; create an environmental justice fund to make investments aimed at eliminating pollution; lead the effort to keep global warming to 1.5 Celsius; convene a new world summit...to reduce greenhouse gas pollution; recommit to the Green Climate Fund; restore funding to the Global Environment Facility and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; incorporate climate issues as key priorities at the Dept. of State, Dept. of Defense and in the Intelligence Community.
“Our highest priority must be to secure our borders and enforce our immigration laws.” Support building a wall along our southern border; support English as the official language; support stiffer penalties for any illegal alien who illegally re-enters our nation after being deported; “sanctuary cities” should not be eligible for federal funding; asylum should be limited to cases of political, ethnic or religious persecution; refugees must be vetted before entry.	IMMIGRATION	“Instead of pursuing a sensible, humane, and responsible approach to immigration that strengthens the U.S., the Trump Administration has been callous, cruel, and reckless in the extreme. President Trumps immigration policies include forcibly separating families and putting children in cages; banning people from traveling to the U.S. based on their faith or their country of origin; and turning away refugees and asylum seekers fleeing violence and persecution.” Will rescind funding from construction of an “unnecessary, wasteful, and ineffective wall on the southern border”; terminate travel and immigration bans that disproportionately impact Muslim, Arab, and African people; provide a roadmap to citizenship for the millions of undocumented workers, caregivers, students, and children; work to pave a path to citizenship for those who have been in the country for an extended period of time and built their lives in the US; end the freeze on green cards.

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