



Awake America Ministries

2020 PARTY PLATFORM COMPARISON GUIDE



REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM



DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM

ON MATTERS OF LIFE

HUMAN LIFE

“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)

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

“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)

JUDGES

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

MARRIAGE

“We condemn the Supreme Court’s ruling in United States v. Windsor, which wrongly removed the ability of Congress to define marriage policy in federal law. We also condemn the Supreme Court’s lawless ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges ... In Obergefell, five unelected lawyers robbed 320 million Americans of their legitimate constitutional authority to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.” (p.11) “Foremost is the American family. It is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman.” (p.31)

MEDICAL RESEARCH

“We call for expanded support for the stem cell research that now offers the greatest hope for many afflictions - through adult stem cells, umbilical cord blood, and cells reprogrammed into pluripotent stem cells - *without the destruction of embryonic human life*. We urge a ban on human cloning for research or reproduction, and a ban on the creation of, or experimentation on, human embryos for research.” (p.37, 38)

SEX EDUCATION

“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)

HUMAN LIFE

“Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally ... that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion ... Democrats oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to reproductive health and rights. We will repeal the Hyde Amendment, and protect and codify the right to reproductive freedom.” (p.32)

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

JUDGES

“We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who ... are committed to the rule of law, ... and will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including Brown v. Board of Education and Roe v. Wade.” (p.39)

MARRIAGE

“We will restore the United States’ position of leadership on LGBTQ+ issues by passing the GLOBE Act and appointing senior leaders directly responsible for driving and coordinating LGBTQ+ issues at the State Department, USAID, and the National Security Council.” (p.83)

MEDICAL RESEARCH

“Democrats support increasing funding for research into health disparities by race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, geographic area, and socioeconomic status. (p.34) Democrats will protect the independence and intellectual freedom of scientists, whether they are employed by the federal government or receiving federal grants in support of their research, and take steps to shield our scientific research agencies from future political interference.” (p.35)

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. We are proud to be the party of the Affordable Care Act, which prohibits discrimination in health care on the basis of sex and requires insurers to cover prescription contraceptives at no cost.” (p.32)

ON MATTERS OF LIBERTY

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

“We value the right of America’s religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith. Republicans believe the federal government, specifically the IRS, is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs, and therefore we urge the repeal of the Johnson Amendment.” (p.11)

SECOND AMENDMENT

“We uphold the right of individuals to keep and bear arms, a natural inalienable right that predates the Constitution and is secured by the Second Amendment. Lawful gun ownership enables Americans to exercise their God-given right of self-defense for the safety of their homes, their loved ones, and their communities.” (p.12) “Democrats in Congress have likewise proposed bills that would limit religious liberty, undermine property rights, and eviscerate the Second Amendment.” (p.9)

STRONG MILITARY

“The Republican Party is committed to rebuilding the U.S. military into the strongest on earth, with vast superiority over any other nation or group of nations in the world. We face a dangerous world, and we believe in a resurgent America.” (p.41)

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

“Democrats celebrate America’s history of religious pluralism and tolerance, and recognize the countless acts of service of our faith communities, as well as the paramount importance of maintaining the separation between church and state enshrined in our Constitution.” (p.48)

SECOND AMENDMENT

“We will incentivize states to enact licensing requirements for owning firearms and extreme risk protection order laws that allow courts to temporarily remove guns from the possession of those who are a danger to themselves or others.” (p.48)

STRONG MILITARY

“We will reverse the Trump Administration’s hateful transgender ban, discriminatory exclusions in military health care, and policies that stigmatize and discriminate against people living with HIV and AIDS, and ensure that LGBTQ+ service members and families enjoy equal respect, benefits, and care.” (p.77)

SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

“We reaffirm America’s commitment to Israel’s security and will ensure that Israel maintains a qualitative military edge over any and all adversaries. We support Israel’s right and obligation to defend itself against terror attacks upon its people and against alternative forms of warfare being waged upon it legally, economically, culturally, and otherwise.” (p.47)

IMMIGRATION AND TRADE

“The greatest asset of the American economy is the American worker. Our immigration system must protect American working families and their wages, for citizens and legal immigrants alike, in a way that will improve the economy. Illegal immigration endangers everyone, exploits the taxpayers, and insults all who aspire to enter America legally.” (p.25)

“We need better negotiated trade agreements that put America first. When trade agreements have been carefully negotiated with friendly democracies, they have resulted in millions of new jobs here at home supported by our exports. When those agreements do not adequately protect U.S. interests, sovereignty, or when they are violated with impunity, they must be rejected.” (p.2)

SECURE BORDERS

“Our highest priority, therefore, must be to secure our borders and all ports of entry and to enforce our immigration laws. That is why we support building a wall along our southern border and protecting all ports of entry.” (p.26)

VETTING REFUGEES

“To ensure our national security, refugees who cannot be carefully vetted cannot be admitted to the country, especially those whose homelands have been the breeding grounds for terrorism.” (p.26) “To keep our people safe, we must secure our borders, enforce our immigration laws, and properly screen refugees and other immigrants entering from any country. We must apply special scrutiny to those foreign nationals seeking to enter the United States from terror-sponsoring countries or from regions associated with Islamic terrorism.” (p.42)

PRINCIPLED VALUES

“We reaffirm the Constitution’s fundamental principles: limited government, separation of powers, individual liberty, and the rule of law. We support the public display of the Ten Commandments as a reflection of our history and our country’s Judea-Christian heritage and further affirm the rights of religious students to engage in voluntary prayer at public school events and to have equal access to school facilities.” (p.9, 12)

SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

“Democrats believe a strong, secure, and democratic Israel is vital to the interests of the United States. Our commitment to Israel’s security, its qualitative military edge, its right to defend itself, and the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding is ironclad. Democrats recognize the worth of every Israeli and every Palestinian ... Democrats will restore U.S.-Palestinian diplomatic ties and critical assistance to the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza, consistent with U.S. law.” (p.91)

IMMIGRATION AND TRADE

“Democrats will end the Trump Administration’s freeze on green cards for new immigrants and instead pursue a meaningful reform agenda. Democrats support policies and programs to make it easier for qualified immigrants and their families to become full and equal citizens, including increasing funding for culturally appropriate immigrant inclusion and citizenship services, legal support, English classes and bilingual education, workforce development, and adult education.” (p.64)

SECURE BORDERS

“Democrats will rescind President Trump’s fabricated ‘National Emergency’ ... to construct an unnecessary, wasteful, and ineffective wall on the southern border.” (p.61)

VETTING REFUGEES

“We will significantly raise the annual global refugee admissions target, and work with Congress to create a minimum annual number for refugee admissions, while expanding and identifying new pathways for refugees to seek safe havens.” (p.84, 85)

PRINCIPLED VALUES

“Democrats believe that we can only be strong in the world when we are strong and united at home. We believe that a healthy democracy, just society, and inclusive economy are essential prerequisites for effective American leadership abroad. And we believe that the ultimate measure—and purpose—of our foreign policy is whether it protects and advances America’s security, prosperity and values—and delivers results for all Americans.” (p.72)

ON MATTERS OF THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

CLIMATE CHANGE

“We firmly believe environmental problems are best solved by giving incentives for human ingenuity and the development of new technologies, not through top-down, command-and-control regulations that stifle economic growth and cost thousands of jobs.” (p.22)

OBAMACARE

“Any honest agenda for improving healthcare must start with repeal of the dishonestly named Affordable Care Act of 2010: Obamacare To simplify the system for both patients and providers, we will reduce mandates and enable insurers and providers of care to increase healthcare options and contain costs.” (p.36)

NATURAL RESOURCES

“Our country has greater energy resources than any other place on earth. Our engineers and miners, the men and women whose labor taps the forces of nature, are the best in the world.” (p.19) “Government should not play favorites among energy producers. We 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 hydro power. American energy producers should be free to export their product to foreign markets.” (p.20)

CLIMATE CHANGE

“We will incorporate climate issues as key priorities at the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and in the Intelligence Community.” (p.80)

“And we believe the implications of climate change for national security and the Department of Defense can no longer be an afterthought, but must be at the core of all policy and operational plans to secure our vital interests.” (p.77)

OBAMACARE

“We will re-open the Affordable Care Act marketplaces ... and expand subsidies. Democrats will also make available on the marketplace a public option administered through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) which includes a platinum-level choice, with low fees and no deductibles. Low-income Americans will be automatically enrolled in the public option at zero cost to them, though they may choose to opt out at any time.” (p.9)

NATURAL RESOURCES

“We believe that the world’s richest nation should have the world’s best infrastructure system. That’s why we will invest in resilient, sustainable, and inclusive infrastructure. Democrats will launch a clean energy revolution through historic investments in clean energy, clean transportation, energy efficiency, and advanced manufacturing.” (p.16)

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“an agenda based on values”



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“the contest of conviction”



PERSONALITY
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