

Party Platforms Summary¹

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For Christians, the Bible's views are the only criteria we can use for selecting leaders...

ISSUES	Democrat	Green	Libertarian	Republican
Abortion & Public Funding of Abortion	"...every woman should have access to... safe and legal abortion—regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes...believe that safe abortion must be... included as part of America's global health programming."	"It is essential that the option of a safe, legal abortion remains available... regardless of age or marital status."	"...government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration."	"'all' are 'endowed by their Creator' with the inalienable right to life...we assert the sanctity of human life and...that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution..."
Definition of Marriage	"Democrats applaud last year's decision by the Supreme Court that recognized that LGBT people...have the right to marry the person they love."	"We call for...ending governmental use of the doctrines of specific religions to define... marriage... between consenting adults."	"Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships."	"the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman"
Israel / Foreign Policy	"We will continue to work toward a two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict...that guarantees Israel's future as a secure...democratic Jewish state"	"...support popular movements for peace and demilitarization in Israel-Palestine..."	<i>No comment on</i> Israel. "Our foreign policy should emphasize defense against attack... end... military and economic aid."	"We reaffirm America's commitment to Israel's security and will ensure that Israel maintains a qualitative military edge over any and all adversaries."
Health Care	"Democrats believe that health care is a right, not a privilege...we took a critically important step toward the goal of universal health care by passing the Affordable Care Act [Obamacare]."	"Green Party supports single-payer universal health care and preventive care for all. We believe that health care is a right, not a privilege."	We favor a free-market health care system... freedom of individuals to determine the level of health insurance they want... including end-of-life decisions"	"Any honest agenda for improving healthcare must start with repeal of the dishonestly named Affordable Care Act of 2010: Obamacare."
Budget	"We will stop Republican efforts to hamstring our regulators through budget cuts...We must end waste in the defense budget..."	"The United States government must reduce our defense budget to half of its current size."	"We support the passage of a 'Balanced Budget Amendment' to the US Constitution...by cutting expenditures"	"The Republican path to fiscal sanity and economic expansion begins with a constitutional requirement for a federal balanced budget."
Immigration / Borders	<i>No comment on securing US borders...</i> "We continue to fight for comprehensive immigration reform...will work to ensure that all Americans—regardless of immigration status—have access to quality health care."	"Green Party stands firmly for social justice for all those living in this country regardless of their immigration status...immediate dismantling of the border wall."	"Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement... across national borders. However, we support control over the entry into our country of foreign nationals who pose a ...threat"	"To keep our people safe, we must secure our [US] borders, enforce our immigration laws, and properly screen refugees and other immigrants entering from any country..."
Taxes	"The wealthiest Americans and largest corporations must pay their fair share of taxes...We will then use the revenue raised from fixing the corporate tax code to reinvest in rebuilding America."	"Simplify the tax code. Make it ... resistant to the machinations of powerful corporate and wealthy interests."	"We call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the IRS and all federal programs...not required under the U.S. Constitution."	"Republicans consider the establishment of a pro-growth tax code a moral imperative...Getting our tax system right will be the most important factor in driving the entire economy back to prosperity."
Environment	"Climate change is an urgent threat and a defining challenge of our time...pursuing a global economic agenda that promotes rising wages and invests in quality public services, workers' rights, and environmental protections."	"Support, enforce and strengthen the National Environmental Policy Act."	"Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of... responsibilities regarding... land, water, air"	"We believe states can best promote economic growth while protecting the environment...environmental problems are best solved by giving incentives for human ingenuity and the development of new technologies."
Source of Quotes:	democrats.org/where-we-stand/party-platform	gp.org/platform	lp.org/platform	gop.com/platform

¹This *non-partisan* information is based on the 2016 National Platforms for these major political parties. **You are encouraged to do independent research.**