

2020 PARTY PLATFORMS SUMMARY*

A Nonpartisan Party Platform Comparison Summary

ISSUES	DEMOCRAT	LIBERTARIAN	REPUBLICAN
LIFE & ABORTION	"...every woman should have access to...safe and legal abortion. We will repeal the Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood. We will repeal the Hyde Amendment, and protect and codify the right to reproductive freedom."	"...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..."
MARRIAGE & SEXUALITY	"Democrats applaud this year's U.S. Supreme Court decision that made clear that employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity violates the law. We will ensure that all transgender and non-binary people can procure official government identification documents that accurately reflect their gender identity."	"Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the government's treatment of individuals. 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. [We oppose the imposition of] a social and cultural revolution upon the American people by wrongly redefining sex discrimination...reshap[ing]... our entire society – to fit the mold of an ideology alien to America's history and traditions."
ISRAEL & FOREIGN POLICY	"Democrats recognize the worth of every Israeli and every Palestinian. We support a negotiated two-state solution that ensures Israel's future as a Jewish and democratic state with recognized borders and upholds the right of Palestinians."	<i>No comment on Israel...</i> "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."
HEALTHCARE	"We must guarantee health care not as a privilege for some, but as a right for every single American. For a century, Democrats have fought to secure universal health care."	"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."
IMMIGRATION & BORDERS	"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. ...it is long past time to provide a roadmap to citizenship for the millions of undocumented..."	"Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement... across national borders."	"Our party is the natural home for those who come in search of freedom and justice. 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. Our highest priority must be...to secure our borders and ports of entry and to enforce our immigration laws."
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM	"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."	"We favor the freedom to engage in or abstain from any religious activities that do not violate the rights of others. We oppose government actions which either aid or attack any religion."	"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..."
ENVIRONMENT	"Climate change is a global emergency. We have no time to waste in taking action to protect Americans' lives and futures. Democrats believe we must embed environmental justice, economic justice, and climate justice at the heart of our policy and governing agenda."	"Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of... responsibilities regarding... land, water, air..."	"As the pioneer of environmentalism a century ago, [we affirm] the moral obligation to be good stewards of the God-given natural beauty and resources... [P]rivate ownership has been the best guarantee of conscientious stewardship.. some of the worst instances of degradation have occurred under government control."

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*This non-partisan information contains direct quotes from respective 2020 Party Platforms. You are encouraged to do independent research.