



COMPARISON OF MAJOR PARTY PLATFORM 2020-2024 POSITIONS

A Non-Partisan Review of Seven Critical Issues Key to Faith-based Voters

| PARTY | REPUBLICAN | DEMOCRATIC |
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| KEY ISSUE | | |
| Life & Abortion | “...we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed.” Will Appoint Judges who’ll support Sanctity of Life at all stages. Opposes use of public funds to “...perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood.” (pgs. 13-14) | “...committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice [so that] every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion. We will ... restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood.” (pg. 32) |
| Marriage, Family and Society | (Words “LGBTQ+, gay, or homosexual” not mentioned in 2020 platform.) “Foremost among those institutions 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.” “The data and the facts lead to an inescapable conclusion: Every child deserves a married mom and dad.” (pg. 31) | (Marriage/Traditional Family) not mentioned in 2020 platform) “...will advance the ability of all persons to live with dignity, security, and respect, regardless of who they are or who they love... will restore [US] leadership on LGBTQ+ issues by passing the GLOBE Act and appointing senior leaders ... coordinating LGBTQ+ issues” (pg. 19) |
| Education | “We will continue our fight for school choice until all parents can find good, safe schools for their children.” (pg. 32) “Parents are a child’s first and foremost educators, and have primary responsibility for the education of their children. Parents have a right to direct their children’s education, care, and upbringing.” (pg. 33) | “believe that education is a critical public good not a commodity, and that it is the government’s responsibility to ensure that every child, everywhere, is able to receive a world-class education that enables them to lead meaningful lives, no matter their race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability status, language status, immigration or citizenship status, household income or ZIP code.” (pg. 64) |
| 2nd 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 2nd Amendment. Lawful gun ownership enables Americans to exercise their God-given right of self-defense.” Supports the repeal of bad legislation that restricting gun rights (pgs. 12-13) | “...will enact universal background checks, end online sales of guns and ammunition, ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons...” “Democrats believe that gun companies should be held responsible for their products and will prioritize repealing the law that shields gun manufacturers from civil liability.” (pgs. 47-48) |
| Support for Israel | “Unequivocal Support” Considered only country in the M.E. sharing essential US values of freedom of religion and speech. Committed to Israel’s security; will ensure they have strong military edge over adversaries; Against BDS mvt. Recognizes Jerusalem as Capital. (pg. 47) | Believes a strong Israel is vital to US interests; Will always support Israel’s right to defend itself and will ensure they have a strong military edge in region; opposes BDS movement. Recognizes Jerusalem as Capital. Supports a negotiated 2-state solution for Israel and Palestine. (pg. 91) |
| Climate Change & Environmental Policy | Will analyze hard data on climate change; Sees UN efforts as political, will reject agendas of Kyoto Protocol and Paris agreement. Supports the enactment of policies to increase domestic energy production in order to reduce vulnerability to foreign influence. “The environment is too important to be left to radical environmentalists... their approach is based on shoddy science, scare tactics, and centralized command-and-control regulation.” (Pgs 20-22) | “Climate change is a global emergency.” Wants to reverse all Trump Admin. rollbacks on environmental protections... believe we must embed environmental justice, economic justice, and climate justice at the heart of our policy and governing agenda. Dem’s agree ... that the United States and the world must achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, and no later than 2050. (pgs. 49-51) |
| Religious Freedom and Repeal of the Johnson Amendment | Full religious freedom at all times everywhere; Full repeal of the Johnson Amendment. “We pledge to defend the religious beliefs and rights of conscience of all Americans and to safeguard religious institutions against government control.” We endorse the First Amendment Defense Act, ... legislation ... which will bar discrimination against [those who] act on their beliefs... [regarding] marriage...” (pg. 11) | “Religious freedom is a core American value and a core value of the Democratic Party... will protect the rights of each American for the free exercise of his or her own Religion... and will ... advocate for religious freedom throughout the world. Democrats ...recognize the paramount importance of maintaining the separation between church and state enshrined in our Constitution.” (pg. 48) |

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