

# POLITICAL PARTY PLATFORM EXCERPTS

## DEMOCRAT

### ABORTION AND ABORTION FUNDING

"We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should have access to quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion..." (p. 37)

"We will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers," (p.27)

### MARRIAGE

"Democrats applaud last year's decision by the Supreme Court that recognized that LGBT people—like other Americans—have the right to marry the person they love." (p. 19)

### ISRAEL

"... ensure that Israel always has the ability to defend itself." (p. 43)

"A strong and secure Israel is vital to the United States because we share overarching strategic interests and the common values of democracy, equality, tolerance, and pluralism." (p. 49)

### GOD

Mentions "God-given potential" 3 times in the 2016 platform.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

"We support a progressive vision of religious freedom that respects pluralism and rejects the misuse of religion to discriminate." (p. 19)

### OBAMACARE

"Democrats have been fighting to secure universal health care for the American people for generations, and we are proud to be the party that passed Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)... We are going to fight to make sure every American has access to quality, affordable health care." (p. 34)

### ACTIVIST JUDGES

"We will appoint judges who defend the constitutional principles of liberty and equality for all, and will protect a woman's right to safe and legal abortion..." (p. 25)

### IMMIGRATION

"We reject attempts to impose a religious test to bar immigrants or refugees from entering the United States. It is un-American and runs counter to the founding principles of this country." (p. 18)

## REPUBLICAN

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"We...affirm the dignity of women by protecting the sanctity of human life." (p. 36)

"We are proud to be the party that protects human life and offers real solutions for women." (p. 14)

"We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood," (p. 13)

"We oppose school-based clinics that provide referral or counseling for abortion and contraception..." (p 34)

### MARRIAGE

"...the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman...Strong families, depending upon God and one another, advance the cause of liberty by lessening the need for government in their daily lives." (p. 31)

### ISRAEL

"...presidents of both parties had always prioritized America's national interests, the trust of friendly governments, and the security of Israel. That sound consensus was replaced with impotent grandstanding on the part of the current President [Obama] and his Secretaries of State. The results have been ruinous for all parties except Islamic terrorists and their Iranian and other sponsors." (p. 46)

### GOD

Mentions "God" 15 times in the 2016 platform. Mentions "worship God" once, and "depending upon God" once.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

"Our ranks include Americans from every faith and tradition, and we respect the right of each American to follow his or her deeply held beliefs." (p. 9)

### OBAMACARE

"We agree with the four dissenting judges of the Supreme Court: "In our view, the entire Act before us is invalid in its entirety." It must be removed and replaced with an approach based on genuine competition, patient choice, excellent care, wellness, and timely access to treatment." (p. 36)

### ACTIVIST JUDGES

"...a new Republican president will restore to the Court a strong conservative majority that will follow the text and original meaning of the Constitution and our laws..." (p. 10)

### IMMIGRATION

"...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)

These positions are taken verbatim from the 2016 platforms of the respective parties, which are in effect until re-issued in 2020, and do not necessarily represent the views of all candidates on all issues. We encourage you to inquire with individual candidates on whether they subscribe to the party platform, particularly on issues of interest to you.