



# POLITICAL PARTY PLATFORM EXCERPTS

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## REPUBLICAN

### ABORTION

“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.” (p. 13)

### MARRIAGE

“...the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman.”  
“Our laws and our government’s regulations should recognize marriage as the union of one man and one woman...” (p. 31)

### ISRAEL

“We recognize Jerusalem as the eternal and indivisible capital of the Jewish state and call for the American embassy to be moved there in fulfillment of U.S. law.” (p. 47)

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

“Ongoing attempts to compel individuals, businesses, and institutions of faith to transgress their beliefs are part of a misguided effort to undermine religion and drive it from the public square.”  
“...we urge the repeal of the Johnson Amendment.” (p. 11)

### VOTER IDENTIFICATION

“...we support legislation to require proof of citizenship when registering to vote and secure photo ID when voting.” (p.16)

### PUBLIC RESTROOMS / SHOWERS

“Their (The Democrats) edict to the states concerning restrooms, locker rooms, and other facilities is at once illegal, dangerous, and ignores privacy issues. We salute the several states which have filed suit against it.” (p. 35)

## DEMOCRAT

### ABORTION

“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—regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or how she is insured.” (p. 37)

### 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

“...we will always support Israel’s right to defend itself...”  
“While Jerusalem is a matter for final status negotiations, it should remain the capital of Israel, an undivided city accessible to people of all faiths.” (p. 49-50)

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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

### VOTER IDENTIFICATION

“...we will continue to fight against discriminatory voter identification laws, which disproportionately burden young voters, diverse communities, people of color, low income families, people with disabilities, the elderly, and women.” (p. 24)

### PUBLIC RESTROOMS / SHOWERS

“We will oppose all state efforts to discriminate against LGBT individuals, including legislation that restricts the right to access public spaces.” (p. 19)

These positions are taken verbatim from the 2016 platforms of the respective parties 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.

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