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On Tuesday You Will be Voting for a Party – NOT for a Person

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REPUBLICAN	ISSUE	DEMOCRAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Proud to be the party that protects human life and offers real solutions for women" and "strongly oppose[s] infanticide." Supports the following: the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act; a human life constitutional amendment; a ban on abortion at 20 weeks, when unborn babies can feel pain; a ban on abortion based on sex or disability; a ban on dismemberment abortion "in which unborn babies are literally torn apart limb from limb"; abortion clinic safety regulations; a ban on human cloning, and on creating and experimenting upon human embryos, including three-parent embryos; a ban on any sale of fetal body parts; and a ban on the "use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood." 	<p>Sanctity of Human Life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls for government funded abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy, by "repealing the Hyde Amendment", which bars federal money for elective abortion. • Will "overturn—federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion." • "We will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood."
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The American family... is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman." • "We condemn the Supreme Court's ruling in ...<i>Obergefell v. Hodges</i>" and "we urge its reversal, whether through judicial reconsideration or a constitutional amendment returning control over marriage to the states." 	<p>Redefining Marriage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the redefinition of marriage through the Court's judicial activism in <i>Obergefell</i> "that recognized LGBT people ... have the right to marry the person they love."

Although many Americans don't know that they exist, party platforms matter. Every four years both parties convene to draft their respective party platforms. These platforms define what each party believes, and lays out the policies that party members holding public office are pledged to execute. Why is this important? Because a large majority of elected officials from both parties vote with their party's platform: 74% of Democrats and 89% of Republicans do so.

What is at stake on November 8?

- The Federal Court System for the next 40 years
- Military Readiness
- Homeland Security
- America's standing in the world, both with our allies and our enemies
- Religious Liberty

Based on their platforms, where do the two major political parties – and their candidates – stand on these critical issues? (Words within quotation marks are direct quotes. Other words are paraphrases of the platforms. We encourage you to read each party's entire platform.)

Freedom of Religion

DEMOCRATS: Are silent on the right of Americans to live according to their beliefs outside their places of worship.

REPUBLICANS: Affirm the rights of conscience. They pledge to “protect religious freedom of military members”. They are committed to repeal the Johnson Amendment (which silenced churches from speaking on political issues).

Lives of Unborn Children

DEMOCRATS: Want to continue to force taxpayers to fund elective abortions. Their platform says, “We believe unequivocally that every woman should have access to... safe and legal abortion.” They also plan to repeal the Hyde Amendment, which forbids the use of certain federal funds to pay for abortion except to save the life of the mother, or if the pregnancy arises from incest or rape.

REPUBLICANS: “We strongly oppose infanticide.” “We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion.” The Republican Party supports a human life amendment to the Constitution



The Sanctity of Marriage

DEMOCRATS: Embrace a redefinition of marriage. “LGBT people...have the right to marry the person they love.”

REPUBLICANS: “The American family is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage.” They believe natural marriage is the union of one man and one woman.

The Supreme Court

DEMOCRATS: Have pledged to “Appoint judges who... protect a woman's right to abortion...and see the Constitution as a blueprint for progress.” They will push an agenda in which LGBT rights supersede religious liberty.

REPUBLICANS: “Support judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.” Will enable courts to “reverse...” activist decisions like “Roe, Obergefell, and the Obamacare cases.”

Military Readiness and our National Defense

DEMOCRATS: Believe “our military is strongest” when it includes “people of all...sexual orientations and gender identities.” Have promised to include elective abortions in military and veteran’s benefits.

REPUBLICANS: Reject “the use of the military as a platform for social experimentation.” “Support the religious freedom of all military members, especially chaplains.”

Fighting Terrorism

DEMOCRATS: Support “defeating terrorism and combatting climate change.”

REPUBLICANS: “Radical Islamic Terrorism poses an existential threat to personal freedom and peace around the world.” “We oppose its brutal assault on all human beings, all of whom have inherent dignity.”

Spending and the National Budget

DEMOCRATS: Want to raise taxes and spend more to pay for “ambitious progressive” programs

REPUBLICANS: “The Federal Government spends too much...” and the National Debt is a burden on the economy and families. “We must impose firm caps on future debt.” We should “accelerate the repayment of the trillions we now owe.”

Education and School Choice

DEMOCRATS: Offers no support for families that want private, faith-based schooling for their children.

REPUBLICANS: Support “home-schooling... private or parochial schools... and vouchers.”

As you read through these comparisons of the party platforms, ask yourself, “What kind of America do I want to live in and raise my children in?” If your vision of America is that of Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin - a Socialist “paradise” where the government takes care of you from cradle to grave and controls everything you do - the Democrat platform should give you great joy. Vote for every Democrat on the ticket on Tuesday.

But if your vision of America is that of the Founding Fathers – freedom, liberty, self-determination, and the ability to worship God in the way that you choose – the Republican Party is your home. Vote for Republicans unless the Lord has told you specifically to vote for a non-Republican candidate in a certain race.

Remember that no office is too small or insignificant to deserve your prayerful consideration. Today’s local official is tomorrow’s state-wide official. Serving on a school board or town council is how people get the experience and name recognition to run for



the state legislature. By the same token, state officials are usually the “farm teams” from which national candidates are drawn.

No party is perfect – far from it. But the members of the two major parties stand for vastly different ideals and have greatly differing goals. In a nutshell, the Democrat party stands for government control of all aspects of life, and is generally hostile towards Christianity and the traditional family. The Republican Party stands for limited government, religious liberty – not just for Muslims, but for ALL religions – and has pledged to support God’s definition of marriage and to protect the most defenseless among us: the unborn.

The party a candidate belongs to MATTERS! On November 8, please remember that you’re not just voting for one person, but an entire agenda that will shape the future of America.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The research for this article was provided by LTG. (Ret) William “Jerry” Boykin. It is part of the material he is presenting every night on the Crying Out for America webinars and conference calls. These are being presented every evening on the last five nights before Election Day (Thursday, Nov. 3 through Monday, Nov.7 at 9PM Eastern Time). On these 30 minute calls General Boykin will lay out the serious needs of our nation with regard to the coming election, and Pastor Dix Winston will lead attendees from all over the nation in prayer.

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INTERNET RESOURCES:

[Family Research Council Brief Comparison of Party Platforms](#)

[2016 Republican Party Platform](#)

[2016 Democrat Party Platform](#)

