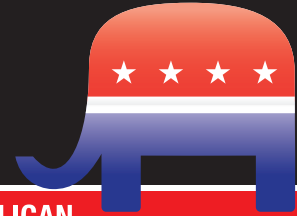


A Comparison of the 2008 Republican and Democratic Platforms



DEMOCRAT	KEY ISSUE	REPUBLICAN
<p>“The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and a woman’s right to choose a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay, and we oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right.” (Dem. Platform, p. 50)</p>	<p>Abortion</p>	<p>“Faithful to the first guarantee of the Declaration of Independence, we assert the inherent dignity and sanctity of all human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution, and we endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to unborn children.” (Rep. Platform, p. 52)</p> <p>“We oppose using public revenues to promote or perform abortion and will not fund organizations which advocate it.” (Rep. Platform, p. 52)</p>
<p>“We will repeal the global gag rule and reinstate funding to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).” (Dem. Platform, p. 36)</p>	<p>Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Abroad, Including Forced Abortion in China</p>	<p>“We assert the rights of families in all international programs and will not fund organizations involved in abortion. We strongly support the long-held policy of the Republican Party known as the Mexico City policy, which prohibits federal monies from being given to non-governmental organizations that provide abortions or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in other countries. We reject any treaty or agreement that would violate those values. That includes the UN convention on women’s rights, signed in the last months of the Carter Administration, and the UN convention on the rights of the child.” (Rep. Platform, p. 7-8)</p>
<p>“We support the appointment of judges who respect our system of checks and balances and the separation of power among the Executive Branch, Congress, and the Judiciary—and who understand that the Constitution protects not only the powerful, but also the disadvantaged and the powerless.” (Dem. Platform, p. 49-50)</p>	<p>Judges</p>	<p>“Judicial activism is a grave threat to the rule of law because unaccountable federal judges are usurping democracy, ignoring the Constitution and its separation of powers, and imposing their personal opinions upon the public. This must stop.” (Rep. Platform, p. 19)</p> <p>“We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity and dignity of innocent human life.” (Rep. Platform, p. 52)</p>
<p>“We will lift the current Administration's ban on using federal funding for embryonic stem cells—cells that would have otherwise have been discarded and lost forever—for research that could save lives.” (Dem. Platform, p. 16)</p>	<p>Embryonic Stem Cell Research</p>	<p>“We call for a major expansion of support for the stem-cell research that now shows amazing promise and offers the greatest hope for scores of diseases with adult stem cells, umbilical cord blood, and cells reprogrammed into pluripotent stem cells without the destruction of embryonic human life. We call for a ban on human cloning and a ban on the creation of or experimentation on human embryos for research purposes.” (Rep. Platform, p. 40)</p>
<p>“We oppose the Defense of Marriage Act and all attempts to use this issue to divide us.” (Dem. Platform, p. 47)</p>	<p>Gay Marriage</p>	<p>“Republicans have been at the forefront of protecting traditional marriage laws, both in the states and in Congress. A Republican Congress enacted the Defense of Marriage Act, affirming the right of states not to recognize same-sex marriages licensed in other states.... We also urge Congress to use its Article III, Section 2 power to prevent activist federal judges from imposing upon the rest of the nation the judicial activism in Massachusetts and California.” (Rep. Platform, p. 53)</p>

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