

## DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

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**MARRIAGE & SEXUALITY:** We will fight to enact the Equality Act and work to ensure LGBTQ+ people are not discriminated against... and guarantee transgender students' access to facilities based on their gender identity... Democrats will... ban harmful 'conversion therapy' practices. [This disallows parents, counselors, or pastors to help those who feel in bondage to same-sex attractions.]

**JUDGES:** We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who... will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including... *Roe v. Wade*... Democrats believe every woman should be able to access high quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion. We oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to women's reproductive health and rights...

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:** "Democrats celebrate America's history of religious pluralism and tolerance, and recognize the countless acts of service of our faith communities, as well as the paramount importance of maintaining the separation between church and state enshrined in our Constitution."

**2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT:** "Democrats will enact universal background checks, end online sales of guns and ammunition, close dangerous loopholes that currently allow stalkers and some individuals convicted of assault or battery to buy and possess firearms, and adequately fund the federal background check system."

**EDUCATION:** 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, ZIP code, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or household income..."

## BIBLE

Ex 20:13 Thou shalt not murder.

Ps 139:13-15 For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

Lu 1:43 But why am I so favored, that [you, pregnant Mary,] the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

Jer 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations

Mat 19:5 Jesus said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'

1 Cor 6:9 Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Th 4:3 This is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each of you should know how to control his own body in sanctification and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in passion of lust, like those who do not know God.

2 Sam 23:3 He who rules over men *must be* just, Ruling in the fear of God.

Ps 18:25 To those who are faithful [to their oath to uphold and defend the Constitution], You [LORD] show Yourself faithful... <sup>26</sup> and with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.

1Tim 2:2 ...prayers... for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Lu 22:36 He that hath no sword, let him...buy one.

Dt 6:6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children; Dt 4:9 and to your children's children

Eph 6:4 Fathers, raise up your children with the Lord's kind of discipline and guidance.

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**LIFE & ABORTION:** The Constitution guarantees that no one can 'be deprived of life, liberty or property,' deliberately echoing 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. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth."

**MARRIAGE & SEXUALITY:** 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 oppose the imposition of] a social and cultural revolution upon the American people by wrongly redefining sex discrimination...reshap[ing]... our entire society—to fit the mold of an ideology alien to America's history and traditions.

**JUDGES:** We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We condemn attempts by activist judges at any level of government to seize the power from the people's elected representatives

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:** "We value the right of America's religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith. Republicans pledge to defend the religious beliefs and rights of conscience of all Americans and to safeguard religious institutions against government control... [W]e strongly support the freedom of Americans to act in accordance with their religious beliefs, not only in their houses of worship, but also in their everyday lives."

**2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT:** "We uphold the right of individuals to keep and bear arms,

**EDUCATION:** Parents have a right to direct their children's education, care, and upbringing. We support a constitutional amendment to protect that right from interference by states, the federal government, or international bodies.

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**ENVIRONMENT:** "Climate change is a global emergency. We have no time to waste in taking action to protect Americans' lives and futures we believe the scientists: the window for unprecedented and necessary action is closing, and closing fast... We will use federal resources and authorities across all agencies to deploy proven clean energy solutions;

**ISRAEL:** We support a negotiated two-state solution that ensures Israel's future as a Jewish and democratic state with recognized borders and upholds the right of Palestinians to live in freedom and security in a viable state of their own. Democrats oppose any unilateral steps by either side—including annexation—that undermine prospects for two states. [Protects the right to boycott Israel, while opposing the Boycott, Divestment, & Sanctions movement.]

**IMMIGRATION:** Democrats support policies and programs to make it easier for qualified immigrants and their families to become full and equal citizens, including increasing funding for culturally appropriate immigrant inclusion and citizenship services, legal support, English classes and bilingual education, workforce development, and adult education. Democrats believe it is long past time to provide a roadmap to citizenship for the millions of undocumented workers, caregivers, students, and children

**ECONOMY:** Democrats will forge a new social and economic contract with the American people—a contract that creates millions of new jobs and promotes shared prosperity, closes racial gaps in income and wealth, guarantees the right to join or form a union, raises wages and ensures equal pay for women and paid family leave for all, and safeguards a secure and dignified retirement.

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## BIBLE

Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.  
Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth

Ps 122:6-9 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.  
Joel 3:2 I will gather all the nations and ...enter into judgment with them on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land,

Ac 17:26 From one man [God] made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

Ro 13:1 The [governing] authorities that exist have been established by God [and have a right to protect their boundaries].

[The Old Testament throughout distinguished between "countrymen" (children of Israel), "sojourners" (non-Israelis who had converted to the worship and obedience of Yahveh), and "foreigners" (non-Israelis who didn't give up their old gods). Each category had different rights and privileges.]  
Ruth 1:16-17 is how Ruth converted from foreigner to sojourner in Israel, and became an ancestor of Jesus.

2 Th 3:10 The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.

1 Tim 5:8 Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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**ENVIRONMENT:** We reaffirm the moral obligation to be good stewards of the God-given natural beauty and resources of our country. We assert that private ownership has been the best guarantee of conscientious stewardship, while some of the worst instances of degradation have occurred under government control."

**ISRAEL:** Support for Israel is an expression of Americanism, and it is the responsibility of our government to advance policies that reflect Americans' strong desire for a relationship with no daylight between America and Israel... We oppose any measures intended to impose an agreement or to dictate borders or other terms, and we call for the immediate termination of all U.S. funding of any entity that attempts to do so. Our party is proud to stand with Israel now and always. We reject the false notion that Israel is an occupier, and decry the BDS movement as a form of warfare against Israel

**IMMIGRATION:** Our party is the natural home for those who come in search of freedom and justice. We welcome all to the Great Opportunity Party. The greatest asset of the American economy is the American worker. Our immigration system must protect American working families and their wages, for citizens and legal immigrants alike, in a way that will improve the economy.

**ECONOMY:** Government cannot create prosperity, though government can limit or destroy it. Prosperity is the product of self-discipline, enterprise, saving and investment by individuals, but it is not an end in itself. Prosperity provides the means by which citizens and their families can maintain their independence from government, raise their children by their own values, practice their faith, and build communities of cooperation and mutual respect.

Scriptures selected from several translations by Dr. Steve Kobernik, Pastor of Prayer, Rock Church and World Outreach Center [www.rock.church](http://www.rock.church)