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GOD IN GOVERNMENT

Government was instituted by God, and ordained for its officials to act in a ministerial role over their constituents. [Rom. 13; 1 Peter. 2; 1 Timothy 2]

The role of the government is to institute righteous laws in society, to punish evil and reward good. It cannot properly fulfill its job without the church being the voice of conscience to the culture [Prov 29:2; Heb. 13:17].

It is important to be a good steward of our government, by being informed and not taking for granted our ability to elect, hold accountable, and influence our government leaders [Matt. 25:14-30].

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<p>SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE</p>	<p>“We proudly stand for families and Life. We believe that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees that no person can be denied Life or Liberty without Due Process, and that the States are, therefore, free to pass Laws protecting those Rights. After 51 years, because of us, that power has been given to the States and to a vote of the People.” “We will oppose Late Term Abortion, while supporting mothers and policies that advance Prenatal Care, access to Birth Control, and IVF (fertility treatments).”</p>	<p>God is the author of life. Humanity has inherent value as beings made in His image. This value extends from conception to natural death. [Isa. 42:5; Job 12:10, 33:4; Psalm 139:13-16; Jer. 1:5; Gen. 1:26-28; Gen. 2:7; Gen. 4:9-10; Gen. 9:6]</p>	<p>“Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion.” “We will repeal the Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood...” “Democrats oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to reproductive health and rights.” “We will repeal the Hyde Amendment, and protect and codify the right to reproductive freedom.” “Democrats oppose restrictions on medication abortion care...”</p>

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MARRIAGE, FAMILY, & HUMAN SEXUALITY

“Republicans will promote a Culture that values the Sanctity of Marriage, the blessings of childhood, the foundational role of families, and supports working parents. We will end policies that punish families.”

“Conversely, as we have learned over the last five decades, the loss of faith and family life leads to greater dependence upon government. That is why Republicans formulate public policy [...] with attention to the needs and strengths of the family. It is also why everyone should be concerned about the state of the American family today, not because of ideology or doctrine, but because of the overwhelming evidence of experience, social science, and common sense.”

“Moreover, marriage remains the greatest antidote to child poverty.”

“We invite all who care about children to join us in this proposal to ensure that all federal programs, in the words of President Kennedy, “stress the integrity and preservation of the family unit.”

“We renew our call for replacing “family planning” programs for teens with sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior.
“We oppose school-based clinics that provide referral or counseling for abortion and contraception ...”

Family is the first institution created by God and consequently of sacred importance and value. The nuclear family unit is the single most stabilizing factor of society.

God’s design is the joining of one man and one woman for life as the perfect complementary pair to make and raise the next generation.

[Gen. 1:27-28, 2:24; Mark 10:6-9; 1 Cor. 7:2; Lev. 20:13; Rom. 1:25-28; Gen. 2:21-24]

“We condemn the Trump Administration’s discriminatory actions against the LGBTQ+ community, including the dangerous and unethical regulations allowing doctors, hospitals, and insurance companies to discriminate against patients based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.”

“We will also take action to guarantee that LGBTQ+ people and those living with HIV/ AIDS have full access to needed health care and resources, including [...] gender confirmation surgery, and hormone therapy.”

“We will work to ensure LGBTQ+ people are not discriminated against when seeking to adopt or foster children [...] and guarantee transgender students’ access to facilities based on their gender identity.”

“Democrats will [...] ban harmful “conversion therapy.”

“We will ensure that all transgender and non-binary people can procure official government identification documents that accurately reflect their gender identity. “

“We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care; medically accurate, LGBTQ+ inclusive, age-appropriate sex education and the full range of family planning services are all essential to ensuring that people can decide if, when, and how to start a family.”

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CONSCIENCE RIGHTS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

“America’s healthcare professionals should not be forced to choose between following their faith and practicing their profession.”

“We respect the rights of conscience of healthcare professionals, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and organizations, especially the faith-based groups which provide a major portion of care for the nation and the needy.”

“We support the ability of all organizations to provide, purchase, or enroll in healthcare coverage consistent with their religious, moral, or ethical convictions without discrimination or penalty.”

“The Bill of Rights lists religious liberty, with its rights of conscience, as the first freedom to be protected. Religious freedom in the Bill of Rights protects the right of the people to practice their faith in their everyday lives”

“Republicans believe the federal government, specifically the IRS, is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs...”

“We pledge to defend the religious beliefs and rights of conscience of all Americans and to safeguard religious institutions against government control.”

“...we 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.”

“We support the public display of the Ten Commandments as a reflection of our history and our country’s Judeo-Christian heritage and further affirm the rights of religious students to engage in voluntary prayer at public school events and to have equal access to school facilities.”

Men ought to strive to keep their conscience clear before God, holding fast to their sincere faith and beliefs.

[Heb. 10:22, 13:18; 1 Pet. 3:16; Acts 4:18-20; Acts 5:27-29]

Our faith in God is paramount to the way we ought to live. It is vital that we live for God, rather than man, in all aspects of life. Hold fast to the Lord and keep your conscience clear with Him above bowing to the expectations of man.

[Acts 5:29; Josh. 24:15;]

“Democrats will protect the rights of all people to make personal health care decisions, and will reject the Trump Administration’s use of broad exemptions to allow medical providers, employers, and others to discriminate.”

“We will reject the Trump Administration’s use of broad religious exemptions to allow businesses, medical providers, social service agencies, and others to discriminate.”

“Democrats will increase funding and support for security investments and protection at houses of worship, because everyone should be able to pray without fear.”

“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.”

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EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT

“Education is much more than schooling. It is the whole range of activities by which families and communities transmit to a younger generation, not just knowledge and skills, but ethical and behavioral norms and traditions. It is the handing over of a cultural identity. That is why American education has, for the last several decades, been the focus of constant controversy, as centralizing forces from outside the family and community have sought to remake education in order to remake America. They have done immense damage.”

“[E]ducation reform movement calls for choice-based, parent-driven accountability at every stage of schooling. It affirms higher expectations for all students and rejects the crippling bigotry of low expectations.”

“A good understanding of the Bible being indispensable for the development of an educated citizenry, we encourage state legislatures to offer the Bible in a literature curriculum as an elective in America’s high schools.”

All responses were taken from the [2020](#) (which re-adopted the 2016 platform) and [2024](#) Republican Party Platform.

The education and protection of children should not be taken for granted; it is primarily the family’s responsibility, and the means by which the next generation is trained to fear God and live peaceably in society.

[Education: Deut. 6:1-7; Psalm 78:4,6-7; Prov. 22:6; Isa. 54:13-14]

[Government: Psalm 22:28; Prov. 8:15-16; Acts 17:26; Rom. 13:1]

“Democrats believe that education is a public good and should not be saddled with a private profit motive, which is why we will we will ban for-profit private charter businesses from receiving federal funding.”

“Democrats oppose private school vouchers and other policies that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from the public school system,...”

“We will protect the rights of transgender students.”

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