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1. Every woman should be able to access legal abortion.

“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 . . .” (2020 Democratic Party Platform, 42)

2. Religious leaders should have the fundamental right to speak freely.

“We value the right of America’s religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith. 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.” (Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 11)

3. Government cannot create prosperity. People do.

“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. It is also the foundation for our nation’s global leadership, for it is the vigor of our economy which makes possible our military strength and our national security.” (Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 1)

4. Climate change is a global emergency.

“Climate change is a global emergency. . . . As Democrats, we believe the scientists: the window for unprecedented and necessary action is closing, and closing fast.” (2020 Democratic Party Platform, 49)



5. The Constitution is not a flexible document but an enduring covenant.

“We believe in the Constitution as our founding document. We believe the Constitution was written not as a flexible document, but as our enduring covenant.” (Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, Preamble, i)

6. Government should impose pro-active anti-discrimination detection and enforcement.

“[R]ace-neutral policies are not a sufficient response to race-based disparities. We need proactive anti-discrimination detection and enforcement. On day one, we are committed to taking anti-racist actions for equity across our institutions, including in the areas of education, climate change, criminal justice, immigration, and health care, among others.” (Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force Recommendations, 63)

7. Parents have the right to direct their children’s education.

“Parents are a child’s first and foremost educators, and have primary responsibility for the education of their children. 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 such as the United Nations. We reject a one-size-fits-all approach to education and support a broad range of choices for parents and children at the state and local level.” (Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 33)



8. The unborn child has a fundamental right to life.

“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. 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.” (Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 13)

9. Individuals, not government, are the best stewards of God-given resources.

“We believe that people are the ultimate resource — and that the people, not the government, are the best stewards of our country’s God-given natural resources.” (Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, Preamble, i)

10. We should not legally redefine sex to fit new social and cultural ideologies.

“[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 (Republican Party Platform 2020, 35)

11. The government should ensure universal health care as a right for all through government insurance programs.

“Democrats have fought to achieve universal health care for a century. We are proud to be the party of Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act. . . . [W]e fundamentally believe health care is a right for all . . .” (2020 Democratic Party Platform, 26-27)



12. We should be able to choose healthcare that is consistent with moral convictions.

“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.” (Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 37)

13. The interests of equally-qualified American workers must be prioritized over the claims of foreign nationals seeking the same job.

“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. . . . America’s immigration policy must serve the national interest of the United States, and the interests of American workers must be protected over the claims of foreign nationals seeking the same jobs.” (Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 25)

14. The loss of faith and family life leads to greater dependence on government.

“Strong families, depending upon God and one another, advance the cause of liberty by lessening the need for government in their daily lives. 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, from taxation to education, from healthcare to welfare, with attention to the needs and strengths of the family.” (Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 31)



15. Family is the foundation of civil society and marriage is the union of one man and one woman.

“Foremost among those institutions is the American family. It is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman.”

(Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 31)

16. We should nominate judges who protect abortion and Roe v. Wade.

“We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who . . . will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including . . . Roe v. Wade.” (2020 Democratic Party Platform, 39)

17. Gender reassignment surgery and hormonal therapy should be federally funded.

“We will also take action to guarantee that LGBTQ+ people have full access to needed health care and resources, including by requiring that federal health plans provide coverage for . . . gender confirmation surgery, and hormone therapy.” (2020 Democratic Party Platform, 42)

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