

Republican Party Platform 2016

Constitution -- More than 90% of federal requirements are now imposed by regulatory agencies -this must stop

Criminal Justice-- Those in law enforcement are due our respect. Their job performance should never be politicized or second-guessed by federal officials.

Economy -- Government cannot create prosperity, though government can limit or destroy it.

Education -- We support school choice. We support the original meaning of Title IX. The federal gov't should not be in the business of originating student loan

Energy -- We support the development of all forms of energy that are marketable in a free economy without subsidies.

Federal Reserve -- bring transparency and accountability with an annual audit

Immigration -- Policy must serve the national interest of the US and the interests of the American workers

Judiciary -- Judicial activism that includes reliance on foreign law or unratified treaties undermines American sovereignty

Life -- We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations like Planned Parenthood.

Marriage -- Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman is the foundation for a free society.

Religious Liberty -- Pledge to defend the religious beliefs and rights of conscience of all Americans and safeguard religious institutions

Second Amendment -- We oppose federal licensing or registration of law-abiding citizens.

Taxes -- Tax rates should not penalize thrift or discourage investment, nor disincentive economic growth.

Democrat Party Platform 2016

Constitution -- We believe in protecting civil liberties, women's and workers' rights, LGBT rights.

Criminal Justice -- Close private prisons and detention centers; end racial profiling. DOJ must investigate all suspicious police-involved shootings. Remove marijuana from federal controlled substance list. Regulate its use.

Economy -- We need major federal investments in job-creating; we must make American manufacturing more competitive by making it the greenest in the world.

Education -- Every student should be able to go to college debt-free; guarantee universal preschool; federal government must play critical role in education.

Energy -- We will reduce methane emissions from all oil and gas productions and transportation by at least 40 to 45% below 2005 levels; take steps to power the federal gov't with 100 % clean electricity; no Keystone Pipeline.

Federal Reserve -- We will protect its independence against threats from new legislation.

Immigration -- create a path to citizenship for law-abiding families who are here. Implement DACA.

Judiciary -- We will appoint judges who defend the constitutional principles of liberty and equality for all, and will protect a woman's right to safe and legal abortion, curb billionaires' influence over elections.

Life -- We will oppose federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment.

Marriage -- We applaud last year's decision that gave LGBT people the right to marry the person they love.

Religious Liberty -- We support a progressive vision on religious freedom that respects pluralism and rejects the misuse of religion to discriminate.

Second Amendment -- expand background checks; repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

Taxes -- raise minimum wage to \$15 an hour; we will build on Dodd-Frank financial reform law; corporations must pay their fair share .