

US Political Parties and Their Platforms

DEMOCRATS

HEALTHCARE:

- Everyone should have some basic security in health care.
- **Support and want to preserve Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).**



IMMIGRATION:

- Want to pass a comprehensive immigration reform bill centered around the principles that the federal government has a responsibility to secure our borders and undocumented workers who are in good standing must admit that they broke the law, pay taxes and a penalty, learn English, and comply with the law before they can get in line to earn their citizenship.

ECONOMY:

- Grow an economy that strengthens the country and middle-class families in the long run.
- Commit to spurring job creation, rebuilding America's infrastructure, investing in clean-energy technologies and small businesses, and restoring fairness and opportunity to the economy.

ENVIRONMENT:

- Invest in clean-energy to protect the ecosystems in order to pave the way to a more sustainable America.
- Commit to curbing effects of climate change and protecting America's natural resources.
- Want sustainable solutions to protect the environment and want to ensure the quality of air, water, and land for future generations.

REPUBLICANS

HEALTHCARE:

- Believe we need a fresh start.
- Oppose government-run health care.
- Believe patients and their doctors, not Washington, should make health care decisions.
- Support health care reforms that will lower costs, ensure care, and end lawsuit abuse.

IMMIGRATION:

- Feel the current system is broken.
- **Seek policies that secure the border and boost the economy.**



ECONOMY:

- Believe we need to grow local jobs instead of Washington's jobs.
- Less government control of American industries.
- Use pro-growth policies and regulation to help private companies innovate and create jobs.
- Believe the best anti-poverty program is a job, so the focus should be on creating opportunity, not dependency.

ENVIRONMENT:

- Believe responsible production of America's natural resources is necessary to achieve energy independence from foreign suppliers.
- Support domestic energy production of clean coal and hydropower, as well as solar, wind, geothermal, and nuclear power.
- Support drilling for oil and natural gas in an environmentally responsible way.
- Support the Keystone Pipeline.

INDEPENDENTS

HEALTHCARE:

- Favor a gradual phasing out of Social Security, health care, and welfare.
- Favor free enterprise and competition between practitioners and health care providers.
- Support the people's right to choose any modality of health care.

IMMIGRATION:

- Believe it's a constitutional requirement that the federal government protect the states from foreign invasion, both military and of illegal immigrants.

ECONOMY:

- Taxation should be limited to those methods provided for in the traditional Constitution, and the nation must not spend beyond its means except for in times of (justified) war or emergency.
- Work to eliminate national debt.
- Repeal the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 and allow America's free market system to flourish based on natural laws of supply and demand.

ENVIRONMENT:

- Areas mined or explored should be restored to their original condition.
- Preserve forests through replanting efforts, healthy management, and the use and development of alternative materials.
- Favor all federal government and international interference in state environmental and land matters.
- **Favor the development of safe and inexpensive alternative energy sources and support use of other natural resources for the production of power and synthetic fuels.**



LIBERTARIANS

HEALTHCARE:

- Establish medical saving accounts.
- Deregulate the healthcare industry by repealing all government policies that increase health costs and decrease the availability of medical services.
- Remove barriers to safe, affordable medicines.

IMMIGRATION:

- For those workers already in the United States illegally, "amnesty" can be avoided while still offering a pathway out of the underground economy.
- Newly legalized workers can be assessed fines and back taxes and serve probation befitting the misdemeanor they've committed. They can be required to take their place at the back of the line should they eventually apply for permanent residency.

ECONOMY:

- The family budget is more important than the Federal budget.
- No more expensive "boondoggle" projects.
- No more "special interest" favors at the expense of American taxpayers.
- **Will stop the "waste" in government by decreasing its size and power.**



ENVIRONMENT:

- Abolish sovereign immunity.
- Protect the environment and save endangered species by encouraging private ownership of both land and animals.