

2010 DEMOCRAT and REPUBLICAN PARTY of TEXAS PLATFORMS - An OBJECTIVE COMPARISON

Policy Issue	Democrat	Republican
Economic Policy	Calls for "fair distribution" of taxes and for business to serve a "common good."	Urges State and federal governments to reduce spending and balance budgets and reduce taxes.
Family Policy	Supports end to "discriminatory laws and policies" against transgenders, gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. Would support repeal of anti-sodomy laws.	Calls for marriage amendment to U.S. Constitution to limit marriage as between a natural man and a natural woman.
Gun Control	Falls to mention the right to bear arms.	Supports right to bear arms and repeal of all laws that infringe upon that right.
Education Policy	Supports multi-language instruction, emphasis on contributions of racial and ethnic minorities. Opposes school vouchers.	Supports traditional curricula based upon founding documents and Judeo-Christian heritage. Supports state funding of education at the individual child level rather than school districts to provide maximum choice for parents.
Sex Education	Supports comprehensive sex education.	Would require parental consent. No sex education other than abstinence until heterosexual marriage.
Abortion	Supports the right of women to choose whether to have an abortion. Supports public funding for "family planning."	Supports the fundamental rights of the unborn child. Affirms support for a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution. Opposes public funds for abortions.
Jobs	Wants to extend unemployment benefits and increase federal involvement stimulus spending.	Emphasizes that free enterprise unencumbered by government interference is what creates jobs.
Illegal Immigration	"We are a nation of immigrants. Here in Texas we honor those immigrants." Rejects inciting "fear for partisan gain." Recognizes the "economic necessity" of illegal immigration. Supports establishing a path to citizenship "to become part of our national community." Declares that "Texas will not become Arizona."	Supports securing America's borders and vigorous enforcement of immigration laws. Wants to eliminate government benefits for illegal immigrants. Recognizes that illegal immigration breeds crime and terrorist threats.
Gay Rights	Strong support of gay, lesbian, transgender, and bisexual rights.	Supports disqualification of homosexuals from military service. Accepts that homosexuality affronts fundamental unchanging truths ordained by God.
Health Care And Publicly Funded Reproductive Services	Wants government to ensure health care for all. Supports comprehensive, universal health care for all, including full reproductive services (abortions) and mental health services.	Health care reform requires an open, market-based and transparent system with tort reform and portable health insurance.
Pornography	No mention.	Government should enforce laws against all forms of pornography and adopt more stringent laws regarding sexually-oriented businesses
Crime	Focuses on support for assuring the "integrity of convictions" and early release programs	Focuses on protecting society and punishment of offenders
Afghanistan and Iraq	Calls for withdrawal of support from U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.	Supports no timetable on withdrawal - to avoid tyranny & provide stabilization of Mid East. Upholds human rights including freedom of religion.
Foreign Aid	Wants the United States to assist the economic development of others.	Demands an end to funding the IMF and international financing agencies.
Human Cloning	No mention.	Opposes human cloning. Supports vigorous criminal penalties to prohibit cloning.
Welfare Reform	No mention.	Require welfare recipients to work, learn, train, and remain substance abuse free in exchange for receiving benefits not to exceed 2 years.
Judicial Activism	Emphasize judicial diversity. No mention of the danger of activist judges.	Government leaders should exercise legitimate powers to restrain activist judges.
American Heritage and Faith	Argues that we are a collection of diverse interest. Recognizes that different people have different gods.	Encourage partnerships with faith-based institutions. Emphasizes American freedom given to us by God.