






COMPARISON OF MAJOR PARTY PLATFORM 2018 POSITIONS

A Non-Partisan Review of Six Critical Issues Key to Faith-based Voters

PARTY			
	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRATIC	LIBERTARIAN
Life & Abortion	Appoint judges who'll support Sanctity of Life at all stages. Oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or subsidize health-care that includes abortion coverage. (pgs. 13-14)	Appoint judges who'll protect a woman's right to safe and legal abortion (pg. 25) Will continue to battle Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood (pg. 37)	Individual's life & liberty is foremost (pg. 2). Government should be kept out of "life decisions," leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration. (pg. 3)
Marriage	The foundation of society is the family - the union of one man and one woman. (pg. 11)	Same-sex "marriage" is accepted and embraced. LGBT rights will be defended and championed. (pg. 19)	Government should treat all personal relationships equally and not license or restrict them. (pg. 2-3)
Religious Freedom and Repeal of the Johnson Amendment	Full religious freedom at all times everywhere. Full repeal of the Johnson Amendment (pg. 11)	Will defend freedom of religion for "religious minorities" (groups in the Middle East), but no other mention of protections here in the states. (pg. 19)	Opposes government censorship/control of media. Favors freedom of religious expression as long as other's rights are also respected. (pg. 2)
2nd Amendment	Full 2nd Amendment support. Supports the repeal of bad legislation restricting gun rights (pgs. 12-13)	"Respects" rights of "responsible" gun owners but favors increasing legislation to curb gun violence. (pg. 39)	Full 2nd Amendment support. Opposes laws that restrict individuals rights to self-defense (pg. 3)
Support for Israel	"Unequivocal Support." Considered only country in the M.E. sharing essential US values of freedom of religion and speech. Committed to Israel's security; will ensure they have strong military edge over adversaries. Opposes BDS mvmt. (pg. 47)	Believes a strong Israel is vital to US interests. Will always support Israel's right to self-defense, and will ensure it has a strong military edge in region. Opposes BDS movement. (pgs. 49-50)	Would end international government intervention, and state, "We recognize the right of all people to resist tyranny and defend themselves and their rights." (pg. 6)
Climate Change & Use of US Energy Resources	Will analyze hard data on climate change. Sees UN efforts as political. Will reject agendas of Kyoto Protocol and Paris agreement. (pg. 22) Supports the enactment of policies to increase domestic energy production in order to reduce vulnerability to foreign influence. (pg. 20)	"Climate change is an urgent threat." 1st 100 days will convene US summit of all experts to solve climate crisis. America must run entirely on clean energy by mid-century and plan to have 50% of power from "clean energy sources" within 10 ys. (p.27)	Believes competitive free markets best way to solve climate issues. Supports private land ownership over government control. "Oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production." (pg. 4)