

Mike's Party Platform Highlights

"Overall, Democrats in Congress voted for positions that matched their platforms 74 percent of the time in the past 30 years, while Republicans did so 89 percent of the time."¹

You are not voting for a person, but a party.

From my perspective, these three things are most important:

1. **Abortion**, because murder should not be legal, and the slaughter of unborn children is by far our nation's greatest existential threat (Psalm 139:13–16; Exodus 21:23; Revelation 6:10).
2. **Free Speech/Religious Liberty**, because it should be legal to promote the message and moral requirements of Jesus Christ (Acts 5:29).
3. **Developments in the Sexual/Gender revolution**, because this is the front line in the war on religious liberty (Romans 1:26–27).

Therefore I will highlight only these positions.

Democratic Party²

Health

- Opposes all federal and state laws that prohibit or restrict **abortion**.
- Supports restoring taxpayer funding of **Planned Parenthood**.
- Supports the repeal of the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funds from being used for **abortion** services.
- Opposes restrictions on medication (i.e., non-surgical) **abortions** that are "inconsistent with the most recent medical and scientific evidence and that do not protect public health."
- Supports "**medically accurate, LGBTQ+ inclusive, age-appropriate sex education**." In other words, this you can count on public schools teaching kids at a very early age that gay, transgender, non-binary sexuality is totally acceptable and should be celebrated.
- Opposes conscience-based exemptions that would allow medical providers, employers, and others to refuse to provide contraceptives and **abortifacients**.

LGBT Issues

- Supports measures to improve training and education for judges, corrections officers, prosecutors, public defenders, and police officers to "**ensure transgender and gender non-conforming people**" receive fair and equitable treatment in the criminal justice system. Look where this goes: in CA, it means that convicts are put in prisons according to their preferred gender.
- Supports passage of the **Equality Act**: among other things, this law would make it **ILLEGAL** to call a person a pronoun other than his/her preferred pronoun. In other words, government

¹ Stein, Jeff. "We Asked 8 Political Scientists If Party Platforms Matter. Here's What We Learned." Vox, July 12, 2016. <https://www.vox.com/2016/7/12/12060358/political-science-of-platforms>. Accessed Oct 11, 2020.

² "2020 Democratic Party Platform" <https://www.demconvention.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-07-31-Democratic-Party-Platform-For-Distribution.pdf>. Accessed Oct 11, 2020.

employees in particular would have to call Bob (formerly Sally) “he” “his” “him”. This goes directly against the Bible. The Bible says, “God made them male and female.” And it says, “²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness...” In other words it will be very bad for you personally if you engage in habitual lying about what is reality.

- Supports allowing “**all transgender and non-binary people**” the ability to procure official government identification documents that “**accurately reflect their gender identity.**”

Religious Liberty

- Opposes “**broad religious exemptions** to allow businesses, medical providers, social service agencies, and others to discriminate.” In other words, the goal is to shut down Christian adoption agencies & other groups (e.g. Little Sisters of the Poor³), medical providers who refuse to perform abortions and sex-change operations.

Republican Party⁴

Health

- Supports the sanctity of human life and affirms that the “**unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed.**”
- Supports a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that **the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth.**
- Opposes **taxpayer funding of abortion.** Calls for a permanent ban on federal funding and subsidies for abortion and health-care plans that include abortion coverage. Opposes the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they “provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare.”
- Supports codifying the Hyde Amendment and its application across the government.
- Supports a ban on human cloning for research or reproduction, and a ban on the creation of, or experimentation on, **human embryos for research.**
- Opposes infanticide and calls on Congress to pass a federal Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Acts **prohibiting abortion after 20 weeks**, the “point at which current medical research shows that unborn babies can feel excruciating pain during abortions.”
- Supports state and federal efforts “**against the cruelest forms of abortion**, especially dismemberment abortion procedures, in which unborn babies are literally torn apart limb from limb.”
- Supports a federal **ban on sex-selection abortions and abortions based on disabilities.** Opposes embryonic stem-cell research and federal funding of such research. Supports adult stem-cell research and urges the restoration of the national placental stem-cell bank.

³ Ashley McGuire, “Obama’s War on the Little Sisters of the Poor,” Real Clear Politics, November 11, 2015: https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2015/11/11/obamas_war_on_the_little_sisters_of_the_poor_128691.html. Accessed Oct 11, 2020.

⁴ Republican Platform 2020, https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/docs/Resolution_Platform_2020.pdf. Accessed Oct 11, 2020.

Education

- Supports state legislatures **offering the Bible** in a literature curriculum as an elective in America's high schools.

Marriage and Family Issues

- Supports **traditional marriage and family, based on one man and one woman**. "Every child deserves a married mom and dad, and our laws and government regulations should actively promote married family life as the basis of a stable and prosperous society."

Religious Liberty

- Opposes **government discrimination** against businesses or entities that decline to sell items or services to individuals for activities that go against their religious views about such activities.
- Opposes any efforts to **tax religious organizations**.
- Supports the right of **"America's religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith."** Says that the federal government, specifically the IRS, is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs, and "therefore we urge the repeal of the Johnson Amendment."
- Supports efforts to **"defend the religious beliefs and rights of conscience** of all Americans and to safeguard religious institutions against government control."
- Supports the **First Amendment Defense Act**, legislation in the House and Senate that would bar government discrimination against individuals and businesses for acting on the belief that marriage is the union of one man and one woman: "This Act would protect the non-profit tax status of faith-based adoption agencies, the accreditation of religious educational institutions, the grants and contracts of faith-based charities and small businesses, and the licensing of religious professions—all of which are under assault by elements of the Democratic Party."
- Supports every state to pass similar legislation to the First Amendment Defense Act.
- Supports the freedom of Americans to act in accordance with their religious beliefs, not only in their houses of worship, but also in their everyday lives.
- Supports the right of the people to **conduct their businesses in accordance with their religious beliefs** and condemns public officials who have proposed boycotts against businesses that support traditional marriage, and pledges to protect those business owners who have been "subjected to hate campaigns, threats of violence, and other attempts to deny their civil rights."
- Supports the rights of **religious students to engage in voluntary prayer** at public school events and to have equal access to school facilities.
- Supports the First Amendment right of freedom of association for religious, private, service, and youth organizations to set their own membership standards.
- Supports the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and calls for the United States to "stand with leaders" who has protect the rights of Coptic Christians in Egypt, and calls on other leaders across the region to ensure that all religious minorities, "whether Yazidi, Bahai, Orthodox, Catholic, or Protestant Christians" are free to practice their religion without fear of persecution.
- Supports restoring "advocacy of religious liberty" to its "central place" in diplomacy.