



## 60+ Contrasts That Tip the Scales of Justice\*

*Historical, Constitutional, and Moral Contrasts of the Two Major Parties*

Those with Judeo-Christian beliefs have a **written platform on which to stand**: It is the Bible. Adhering to its non-negotiable moral values sets you on the path to becoming a Biblical Voter.

Biblical Voters have developed a clear-cut moral and ethical worldview based on biblical principles and know the values of the Party with which they vote. A Biblical Voter aligns with the party that most represents their Judeo-Christian values and makes a sincere effort to investigate the issues and voting records of candidates and how they compare with God's non-negotiable moral values.

Politics and elections are about right vs left. Pulpits and Biblical Voters are about right vs wrong. Align your vote to do what is right in the Lord's sight.

*Proverbs 29:2 (NKJV) When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.*

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## PARTY PLATFORM CONTRAST\*

The next POTUS (President of the United States), and most state-wide candidates, will be elected from one of two political parties; the one to the right, the other to the left.

If you can't conscientiously vote for the PERSON, vote for their POSITION, not their personality.

The Republicans (R) and Democrats (D) have published Party Platforms. The power of Party Platforms is that Congressional members vote in line with their party platforms 89% (R) and 74% (D) of the time, respectively.

Reading these Party Platforms, we discovered some amazing CONTRASTS:

- One mentions **Bible**, the other doesn't.
- One mentions **Divine**, the other doesn't.
- One mentions **Creator**, the other doesn't.
- One mentions **Prayer**, the other doesn't.
- One mentions **Sing**, the other doesn't.
- One mentions **Praise**, the other doesn't.
- One mentions **Pastors**, the other doesn't.
- One mentions **Catholic**, the other doesn't.
- One mentions **Preaching**, the other doesn't.
- One mentions **Bipartisan**, the other doesn't.
- One mentions **Fathers**, the other doesn't.

One mentions **Morality**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions **Strong Families**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions **Religious Liberty**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions **Traditional Family**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions **Inalienable Rights**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions **Traditional Marriage**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions **Sanctity of Human Life**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions **Traditional Family Values**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions **Traditional Religious Beliefs**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions our **Judeo-Christian heritage**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions the **Declaration of Independence**, the other doesn't.  
One mentions **God Bless America**, the other doesn't.

One mentions **Christian 8x** & Muslim 1x;  
the other mentions **Christian 1x** & Muslim 8x.

One mentions **Praise 2x** and Protest 0x;  
the other mentions **Protest 4x** and Praise 0x.

One mentions **God 15x** and LGBT 0x;  
the other mentions **God 1x** and LGBT 26x.

One mentions **Bible 3x**, the other 0x.  
One mentions **Pastors 3x**, the other 0x.  
One mentions **Fathers 6x**, the other 0x.  
One mentions **Preaching 2x**, the other 0x.  
One mentions **Bipartisan 8x**, the other 0x.  
One mentions **Religious Liberty 6x**, the other 0x.  
One mentions **Inalienable Rights 10x**, the other 0x.  
One mentions **Rights of Conscience 6x**, the other 0x.  
One mentions **Declaration of Independence 4x**, the other 0x.

One affirms that "**The Bill of Rights** lists religious liberty, with its rights of conscience, as the first freedom to be protected"; the other doesn't even mention the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights.

One mentions that Thomas Jefferson declared, "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the **rights of conscience** against the enterprises of the civil authority," and affirms our "rights of conscience" 6x; the other makes no mention of rights of conscience at all.

One mentions **Faith 26x**, the other 11x.  
One mentions **Church 4x**, the other 1x.

One affirms that our **First Amendment rights** are not given to us by the government but are rights we inherently possess; the other doesn't.

One affirms that government cannot use subsequent amendments to limit **First Amendment rights**; the other doesn't.

One affirms the Free Exercise Clause is both an individual and a collective liberty **protecting a right to worship God** according to the dictates of conscience; the other doesn't.

One affirms the right of **Prayer at public school events**; the other doesn't.

One affirms that every time we sing, "**God Bless America**," we are asking for Divine help so that our country can fulfill its promises; the other never asks for Divine help.

One Party Platform acknowledges the Bill of Rights lists **religious liberty as the first freedom** protected; the other does not.

One Party Platform quotes that **George Washington** taught, "Religion and morality are indispensable supports" to a free society; the other does not.

One Party Platform promises a "pledge to **safeguard religious institutions** against government control"; the other doesn't, and threatens religious freedom by pledging, "We will reverse discriminatory bans and policies that deny protection to groups based on their religion or sexual orientation."

One Party Platform supports the **appointment of judges** who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life; the other does not. (The next President of the United States [POTUS] will likely appoint a third new Supreme Court Justice, and maybe a fourth.)

One Party Platform says **strong families depending upon God** and one another advance the cause of liberty and lessen the need for government in our daily lives; the other does not.

One Party Platform defines **marriage exclusively as joining one man with one woman**, does not accept the Supreme Court's redefinition of marriage, and urges its reversal; the other does not.

One Party Platform "**endorses legislation that will bar government discrimination** against individuals and businesses **for acting on the belief that marriage is the union of one man and one woman**"; the other says, "We will reject the ... use of broad religious exemptions to allow businesses, medical providers, social-service agencies, and others to discriminate." Alarming, the "AND OTHERS" will include churches.

One Party Platform proclaims, "We value the right of America's **churches, pastors and religious leaders to preach and speak freely** according to their faith"; the other declares they "believe that freedom of religion is a fundamental human right, and we will never use protection of that right as a cover for discrimination."

One Party Platform states they "believe the federal government, specifically the **IRS, is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring the speech of America's churches**,

**pastors and religious leaders**"; the other warns, "We support a progressive vision of religious freedom that respects pluralism and rejects the misuse of religion to discriminate."

Let's take a closer look:

Both Party Platforms mention "**Bill of Rights**" 3x - while one is referring to the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights; the other refers to a Homeowner and Renter Bill of Rights, Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights, Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights, yet never refers to the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights.

Let's take another closer look:

Both Party Platforms mention "Convictions" 2x - while one mentions **Religious Convictions & Ethical Convictions**; the other mentions challenging Prisoner Convictions & expunging Criminal Convictions.

One Party Platform believes in sanctity of life, that **we should not use government funds to abort, and mentions adoption 6x**; the other believes abortion should be available for the full nine months, that we should use taxpayer funds to put pressure on other nations to also provide abortion, and mentions adoption just 1x.

One Party Platform believes that **sanctity of life is an inalienable right**, opposes euthanasia, and assisted suicide; the other doesn't.

Let's take yet another closer look:

The Party Platform mentioning "**inalienable rights**" 10x says the Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that all are endowed by their Creator with an "inalienable right to life." It adds, "Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed"; the other does not mention inalienable rights at all in the new 2020 platform.

In the previous 2016 platform, the only mention of an inalienable right in the other Party's Platform is a so-called "inalienable right to vote."

**CONCLUSION:** One Party Platform values VOTES over LIFE.

Which party best represents our biblical values??

Ecclesiastes 10:2

"A WISE man's heart is at his RIGHT hand; but a FOOL'S heart at his LEFT."

**Bottom Line:** We are not for the donkey, we are not for the elephant, we are for the LAMB. We call ourselves Christ-O-Crats!

*\*Party Platform Contrast is courtesy of Bishop Art Hodges, Superintendent of So. Cal District of United Pentecostal Church International and Senior Pastor of South Bay Pentecostal Church and Board Member of The Salt & Light Council.*