

# Democrat and Republican Comparison Chart

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<b>Philosophy</b>	<u>Liberal, left-leaning.</u>	<u>Conservative, right-leaning.</u>
<b>Economic Ideas</b>	Minimum wages and progressive <u>taxation</u> , i.e., higher tax rates for higher income brackets. Born out of <u>anti-federalist</u> ideals but evolved over time to favor more government regulation.	Believe taxes shouldn't be increased for anyone (including the wealthy) and that wages should be set by the free market.
<b>Social and human ideas</b>	Based on community and social responsibility	Based on individual rights and justice
<b>Stance on Military issues</b>	Decreased spending	Increased spending
<b>Stance on Gay Marriage</b>	Support (some Democrats disagree)	Oppose (some Republicans disagree)
<b>Stance on Abortion</b>	Should remain legal; support <u>Roe v. Wade</u>	Should not be legal (with some exceptions); oppose Roe v. Wade
<b>Stance on Death Penalty</b>	While support for the death penalty is strong among Democrats, opponents of the death penalty are a substantial fraction of the Democratic base.	A large majority of Republicans support the death penalty.
<b>Stance on Taxes</b>	Progressive (high income earners should be taxed at a higher rate). Generally not opposed to raising taxes to fund government.	Tend to favor a "flat tax" (same tax rate regardless of income). Generally opposed to raising taxes.
<b>Stance on Government Regulation</b>	Government regulations are needed to protect consumers.	Government regulations hinder free market <u>capitalism</u> and job growth.
<b>Healthcare Policy</b>	Support universal healthcare; strong support of government involvement in healthcare, including <u>Medicare and Medicaid</u> . Generally support Obamacare.	Private companies can provide healthcare services more efficiently than government-run programs. Oppose Obamacare provisions like (1) requirement for individuals to buy health insurance or pay a fine, (2) required coverage of contraceptives.
<b>Stance on Immigration</b>	There is greater overall support in the Democratic party for a moratorium on deporting - or offering a pathway to citizenship to - certain undocumented immigrants. e.g. those with no criminal record, who have lived in the U.S. for 5+ years.	Republicans are generally against amnesty for any undocumented immigrants. They also oppose President Obama's executive order that put a moratorium on deporting certain workers. Republicans also fund stronger enforcement actions at the border.
<b>Traditionally strong in states</b>	California, Massachusetts, New York	Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas
<b>Symbol</b>	Donkey	Elephant
<b>Color</b>	Blue	Red
<b>Founded in</b>	1824	1854
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.democrats.org">www.democrats.org</a>	<a href="http://www.gop.com">www.gop.com</a>

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<b>Senate Leader</b>	Harry Reid	Mitch McConnell
<b>Chairperson</b>	Donna Brazile	Reince Priebus
<b>Famous Presidents</b>	Franklin Roosevelt (FDR), John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter, Barack Obama	<u>Abraham Lincoln</u> , Teddy Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Richard Nixon
<b>Seats in the Senate</b>	44/100	54/100
<b>Seats in the House of Representatives</b>	188/435	245/435
<b>Governorships</b>	18/50	31/50
<b>Membership</b>	43.1 million (as of 2012)	30.7 million (as of 2012)
<b>2016 Presidential Candidates</b>	<u>Hillary Clinton</u> , Bernie Sanders, Martin O'Malley	<u>Donald Trump</u> , Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, others.