

### Democrat versus Republican comparison chart

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>Philosophy</b>	<a href="#">Liberal</a> , <a href="#">left-leaning</a> .	<a href="#">Conservative</a> , <a href="#">right-leaning</a> .
<b>Economic Ideas</b>	Minimum wages and progressive <a href="#">taxation</a> , i.e., higher tax rates for higher income brackets. Born out of <a href="#">anti-federalist</a> 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)

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Stance on Abortion	Should remain legal; support <a href="#">Roe v. Wade</a>	Should not be legal (with some exceptions); oppose Roe v. Wade
Stance on Death Penalty	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.
Stance on Taxes	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.
Stance on Government Regulation	Government regulations are needed to protect consumers.	Government regulations hinder free market <a href="#">capitalism</a> and job growth.
Healthcare Policy	Support universal healthcare; strong support of government involvement in healthcare, including <a href="#">Medicare and Medicaid</a> . 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.

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<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

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<b>Senate Leader</b>	Chuck Schumer	Mitch McConnell
<b>Chairperson</b>	Tom Perez	Ronna Romney McDaniel
<b>Famous Presidents</b>	Franklin Roosevelt (FDR), John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter, Barack Obama	<a href="#"><u>Abraham Lincoln</u></a> , Teddy Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Richard Nixon
<b>Seats in the Senate</b>	45/100 (not including 2 independent Senators who caucus with the Democratic Party)	53/100
<b>Governorships</b>	23/50	27/50
<b>Membership</b>	44.7 million (as of 2017)	32.8 million (as of 2017)