

Comparison Chart- Democrat/ Republican

	Democrat	Republican
Philosophy	Liberal , left-leaning .	Conservative , right-leaning .
Economic Ideas	Minimum wages and progressive taxation , i.e., higher tax rates for higher income brackets. Born out of anti-federalist 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.
Social and human ideas	Based on community and social responsibility	Based on individual rights and justice
Stance on Military issues	Decreased spending	Increased spending
Stance on Gay Marriage	Support (some Democrats disagree)	Oppose (some Republicans disagree)
Stance on Abortion	Should remain legal; support Roe v. Wade	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 capitalism and job growth.

Healthcare Policy	Support universal healthcare; strong support of government involvement in healthcare, including Medicare and Medicaid . 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.
Stance on Immigration	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.
Traditionally strong in states	California, Massachusetts, New York	Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas
Symbol	Donkey	Elephant
Color	Blue	Red
Founded in	1824	1854
Website	www.democrats.org	www.gop.com
Famous Presidents	Franklin Roosevelt (FDR), John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter, Barack Obama	Abraham Lincoln , Teddy Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Richard Nixon