

# Democrat vs Republican

This article is about the Democratic and Republican parties in the United States. *Democratic Party vs Republican Party* redirects here.

American [politics](#) is dominated primarily by the Democratic and the Republican parties. They both differ largely in their philosophies and ideals.

## Comparison chart

	Democrat	Republican
	Rating: <b>3.8</b> /5 (2011 votes)	Rating: <b>3.8</b> /5 (1922 votes)
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Debbie Wasserman Schultz	Reince Priebus
<b>Famous Presidents:</b>	Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter	Teddy Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Abraham Lincoln, Richard Nixon
<b>Symbol:</b>	Donkey	Elephant
<b>Economic Ideas:</b>	Favor minimum wages and progressive taxation i.e. higher tax rates for higher income brackets.	Believe taxes shouldn't be increased for anyone (including the wealthy) and that wages should reflect free market.
<b>Stand on Death penalty:</b>	Support for the death penalty is strong among democrats but opponents are a substantial fraction.	A large majority of Republicans support the death penalty.
<b>Stand on abortion:</b>	Should not be made illegal; support Roe v. Wade (some Democrats disagree)	Should not be legal; oppose Roe v. Wade (some Republicans disagree)
<b>Stand on Military issues:</b>	Decreased spending	Increased spending
<b>Traditionally strong in states:</b>	California, Massachusetts	Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas
<b>Social and human ideas:</b>	Community and social responsibility based	Individual rights and justice based
<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>
<b>Stand on gay marriage:</b>	Support (some Democrats disagree)	Oppose (some Republicans disagree)
<b>Senate Leader:</b>	Harry Reid	Mitch McConnell
<b>About:</b>	A Democrat may be one who votes or supports the American Democratic political party, aligns with their leadership and donates, volunteers or participates in the party for purposes of governing the society.	A Republican may be one who votes for the American Republican political Party, aligns with their leadership and donates, volunteers or participates in the party for purposes of governing society
<b>Philosophy:</b>	Liberal	Conservative

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## Origin of the Democratic and Republican parties

The [Democratic Party](#) traces its origins to the Anti federalist factions before America's independence from British rule. These factions were organized into the [Democrat – Republican party](#) by [Thomas Jefferson](#), [James Madison](#), and other influential opponents of the Federalists in 1792.

The [Republican party](#) is the younger of the two parties. Founded in 1854 by anti-slavery expansion activists and modernizers, the Republican Party rose to prominence with the election of Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president.

## History

Since the division of the Republican Party in the election of 1912, the Democratic party has consistently positioned itself to the left of the Republican Party in economic as well as social matters. The economically left-leaning activist [philosophy](#) of [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#), which has strongly influenced American liberalism, has shaped much of the party's economic agenda since 1932. Roosevelt's New Deal coalition usually controlled the national government until 1964. The civil rights movement of the 1960s, championed by the party despite opposition at the time from its Southern wing, has continued to [inspire](#) the party's liberal principles.

The Republican Party was founded in 1854 by anti-slavery expansion activists and modernizers, it rose to prominence with the election of [Abraham Lincoln](#), the first Republican president. The party presided over the [American Civil War](#) and Reconstruction and was harried by internal factions and scandals towards the end of the 19th century. Today, the Republican Party supports a pro-[business](#) platform, with [further](#) foundations in economic libertarianism and a brand of social conservatism increasingly based on the viewpoints of the Religious Right.

## Differences in Philosophy

While there may be several differences in opinion between individual [Democrats](#) and [Republicans](#) on certain issues, what follows is a generalization of their stand on several of these issues. A Democrat is typically known as a supporter of a broader range of social services in America [than](#) those advocated by Republicans. Republican philosophy is based on a limited influence of government and a dominant foreign policy.

Republicans are considered on the "right" end of the political spectrum while Democrats are on the "left." The far right generally is pro-[religion](#), anti-bureaucracy, pro-military, pro-business and pro-personal responsibility.

Republicans, are usually considered [conservative](#) (fiscally as well as socially), maybe a little pious, pro-business and against the bureaucracy often associated with big government. They see big governments as wasteful and an obstacle to getting things done. Their approach is Darwinian in that the strong shall survive, cream rises to the top, etc.

To the far left of the spectrum are the extreme liberal, or the most extreme democrats. Democrats are considered more [liberal](#). Democrats tend to favor an active role for government in society and believe that such involvement – be it environmental regulations against polluting or anti-discrimination laws – can improve the quality of people's lives and help achieve the larger goals of opportunity and equality. On the other hand, Republicans tend to favor a limited role for government in society and believe that such reliance on the private sector (businesses and individuals) – be it avoiding unnecessary environmental regulations or heavy-handed anti-discrimination laws – can improve economic productivity and help achieve the larger goals of freedom and self-reliance

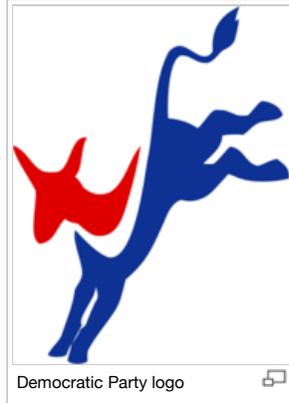
## Individual and Community

While the Republican policy aims more towards Individual responsibility and they believe in individual rights and justice, the Democrats are more for community responsibility and community and social justice.

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## Logos of the Democratic and Republican parties



## Democratic vs Republican stand on controversial ideas

The Democrats and Republicans have varying ideas on many issues, some of which are listed below.

### Military

Democrats: Prefer decreasing military spending. Republicans: Prefer increasing military spending.

### Gun control Laws

Democrats: Want more [gun control laws](#). Republicans: Oppose gun control laws.

### Abortion

Democrats: It is the woman's right to decide this and hence it is [legal](#). Republicans: It shouldn't be made legal and [Roe v. Wade](#) should be overturned.

### Gay rights

Democrats: Say that it's every individual's civil right to choose what they want and hence are in for Gay rights.

Republicans: Believe that [marriage](#) should be between people of opposite sex and hence do not encourage gay rights as such.

### Death Penalty

Democrats: Do not think of it as mandatory as a measure to control crime. Republicans: Consider it necessary to curb crime.

### Taxes

Democrats: Support an increase taxes on the wealthy to pay for public programs Republicans: support a cut in taxes for everyone (rich and poor)

### Minimum Wage

Democrats: Favor increase in the minimum wage to help workers. Republicans: Oppose raising the minimum wage because it hurts businesses

## Red states and Blue states list

Due to the TV coverage during some of the presidential elections in the past, the color Red has become associated with the Republicans (as in Red states – the states where the Republican presidential nominee wins) and Blue is associated with the Democrats.

The Democratic Party, once dominant in the Southeastern United States, is now strongest in the Northeast (Mid-Atlantic and New England), Great Lakes Region, as well as along the Pacific Coast (especially Coastal California), including Hawaii. The Democrats are also strongest in major [cities](#). Recently, Democratic candidates have been faring better in some southern states, such as Virginia, Arkansas, and Florida, and in the Rocky Mountain states, especially Colorado, Montana, Nevada, and New Mexico.

Since 1980, geographically the Republican "base" ("red states") is strongest in the South and West, and weakest in the Northeast and the Pacific Coast. The Republican Party's strongest focus of political influence lies in the Great Plains states, particularly Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska, and in the western states of Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah.

## Famous Presidents

Republicans have controlled the [White House](#) for 26 of the last 38 years. Famous Democrat Presidents have been Franklin Roosevelt, who pioneered the New Deal in America and stood for 4 terms, [John F. Kennedy](#), who was assassinated in

Office, and [Bill Clinton](#), whose wife is also a current candidate for President by the Democrats.

Famous Republican Presidents include Teddy Roosevelt, known for the Panama Canal, [Ronald Reagan](#), credited for ending the Cold War with [Gorbachev](#), and the two Bush family Presidents of recent times. The Republican President Richard Nixon was forced to resign over the [Watergate scandal](#) in America.

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174.130.40.146 on 2011-10-24 16:56:33< to you that wants a car and is 17 the amount of money they take out of your check will never buy you a car so instead of blaming it on the taxes taken out blame it on how YOU spend your money. I understand part of America is becoming lazy and want someone else to make them rich or do the work for them, I know some people that is on welfare does not need welfare and is able to work. Its not the people on welfare it is the people signing them up for the welfare that has made it a MESS!!!!!!!

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We have completely lost sight of what entitlement is. I have read that if I pay social security while I work, I should get it back when I retire. Guess what? That was never the idea of social security. Your paycheck (if you get one) says SSI. Social Security Insurance. Insurance for what do you say? I case you lived to be older than the normal life expectancy and ran out of retirement nestegg. Social Security was given to somebody when they turned 65 because that was the life expectancy when it was established. So it was designed to be taken out of your paycheck and you would never see it again unless you lived long. Now, take that money that Uncle Sam takes out of your paycheck every month and put it into a 401k. Your retirement will be much better than SSI, I guarantee you. Welfare is buying votes, that is all it is. But once you start a freebie, you cannot take it away. Taxes are not a method of leveling the playing field. They are another way to buy votes. Think about it long and hard and tell me why it is fair to have a rich man give away half of his money but a poor man cannot. And dont level the playing field, it may work in a college classroom but it does not work in life. If I go to school for 8 years to become a doctor, I deserve to be paid more. But liberals want to balance it out so that the doctor makes the same as the crossing guard. Sounds good on paper, but why would I spend 8 years in college if all I have to do is drop out of high school and make the same. Communism fell because man figured out that a doctor does not want to make the same as a crossing guard. If they are paid the same, I have no incentive to do more than a crack whore on welfare. Capitalism creates incentive to do more because there is a reward for hard work. Your dog figured that out. Lower taxes across the board and get rid of some of the useless departments in our federal government. Should we keep the department of education? Nope. Can you honestly tell me that kids are smarter today than a generation ago. How about the Office of National Drug Control? Yea.... that really has done a lot of good, so see ya. Department of Energy? What do they really do other than come up with another regulation that cannot be met? Conservatives like a strong military because getting our ass kicked is not something we really like to do. If you like to get your ass kicked every generation, learn to speak French and go visit Paris the next time germany decides the frogs are getting too pushy. We are a world power and the rest of the world should get over it and join in. If the US was not the superpower, who do we want to be a superpower? China, North Korea, Russia, Iran? I will keep my 12 aircraft carriers and you can go learn to speak Cantonese.

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Everyone who receives unemployment has paid into it already, often for decades, it is an insurance policy. There cannot be a pure capitalist society, nor a pure socialist one. The challenge is to find the right mix. Services such as Education, Health Care, sewer, water, electricity, Insurance- car, house, life, etc should be nonprofit and not part of stock market.