

## Use this information to complete your Democrat vs Republican Comparison Chart



	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>Origin</b>	The <b>Democratic</b> Party traces its origins to the anti-federalist factions around the time of America's independence from British rule in 1824. These factions were organized into the Democrat – Republican party by Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and other influential opponents of the Federalists in 1792.	The <b>Republican</b> 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.
<b>Philosophy</b>	<b>Democrats</b> are on the "left" end of the political spectrum. A Democrat is typically known as a supporter of a broader range of social services in America. 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.	<b>Republicans</b> are considered on the "right" end of the political spectrum. Republicans are usually considered conservative (fiscally as well as socially). They see big governments as wasteful and an obstacle to getting things done. Republicans tend to favor a limited role for government in society and believe that such reliance on the private sector (businesses and individuals) can improve economic productivity and help achieve the larger goals of freedom and self-reliance
<b>Economic Ideas</b>	Supports higher tax rates for higher income brackets and more government regulations for minimum wages.	Taxes shouldn't be increased for anyone (including the wealthy) and the free market should set that all wages.
<b>Social and Human Ideas</b>	Based on community and social responsibility.	Based on individual rights and justice.
<b>Military Issues</b>	Prefer lower increases in military spending and are more reluctant to using military force.	Prefer increasing military spending and a higher tendency to deploy the military option.
<b>Death Penalty</b>	A large majority are opponents of the death penalty.	A large majority supports the death penalty.
<b>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>Government Regulation</b>	Government regulations are needed to protect consumers.	Government regulations hinder free market capitalism and job growth.
<b>Healthcare Policy</b>	Support universal healthcare; strong support of government involvement in healthcare, including Medicare and Medicaid.	Private companies can provide healthcare services more efficiently than government-run programs. Oppose universal healthcare provisions.

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<b>Gun Control Laws</b>	Favor more gun control laws e.g. oppose the right to carry concealed weapons in public places.	Oppose gun control laws and are strong supporters of the Second Amendment as well as the right to carry concealed weapons.
<b>Traditionally strong in states</b>	California, Massachusetts, New York	Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas
<b>Symbol</b>	Donkey	Elephant
<b>Color</b>	Blue	Red
<b>Famous Presidents</b>	Franklin Roosevelt (FDR), John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter, Barack Obama	Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Richard Nixon
<b>2016 Presidential Candidates</b>	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump
<b><u>Seats in the Senate</u> 2016</b>	Out of 100 Senators, 44 are Democrat	Out of 100 Senators, 54 are Republican
<b><u>Seats in the House of Representatives</u> 2016</b>	Out of 435 Member of Congress, 188 are Democrat	Out of 435 Member of Congress, 247 are Republican
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