

Political Parties

Who votes Democratic?
(Broad generalizations)

- ❖ Women
- ❖ Higher educated
- ❖ Hispanic
- ❖ Immigrants
- ❖ Younger
- ❖ Poor / low income / less-well-off
- ❖ Minority ethnics (African Americans, Irish)
- ❖ Ideological minorities (Jews, Catholics)



Who votes Republican?
(Broad generalizations)

- ❖ Wealthy
- ❖ Whites
- ❖ Males
- ❖ Asians
- ❖ Business and bank interests
- ❖ More religious
- ❖ Lower educated
- ❖ Christian fundamentalists (Thump/MAGA)
- ❖ Older



Democrats

- Government can be as large as is necessary to improve society
- Government programs can be used to push people to good ends (spending on roads, education, etc)
- Higher taxes on the wealthy is ok
- Pro-child labor laws
- Pro-minimum wage
- Pro-regulations/oversight
- Generally in favor of faster wage growth to help all earners
 - ↳ Faster growth means more jobs and more pay, but risks overheating the economy
- Pro-union
- Willing to use “targeted taxes” to shape economic behavior
- Hold a rehabilitation and prevention approach toward crime
- In favor of gun control
- Willing to shrink the military (emphasize modern technology)
- Pro-higher education (college)
- Strong supporters of civil rights for all minority groups
- See’s the need to create opportunities to make up for past injustices/discrimination
- Pro-environment
- “Socially-liberal”
 - ↳ Pro-choice
 - ↳ Pro-feminist
 - ↳ Supportive of gay rights
 - ↳ Supportive of non-traditional families
- Strong defenders of free speech
- Pro-minority
- Separation of church and state

Republicans (traditional Reagan-era ideology; not Trump-era GOP)

- Free market conservatism – government should spend little and tax less
- People should work hard (no government safety net; no unemployment protections)
- Government should cut regulations/oversight of businesses
- Big on equal opportunity to succeed; uninterested in equal outcome
- Strongly opposed to affirmative action programs for women and minorities
- Business right to succeed is valued over workers' rights of high wages or strike ability'
- “Socially conservative”
 - ↪ Anti-environment (believe business rights is more important than environment)
 - ↪ Anti-gay rights (believe gays undermine traditional family values)
 - ↪ Pro-religion (Christian Bible-based faith is seen as the traditional strength of America)
 - ↪ Pro-family (their definition is 1 man, 1 woman, 2 kids, white picket fence)
 - ↪ Anti-feminism (believe that “extreme” women’s rights undermine traditional family)
- Pro-business / anti-union / against minimum wage
- Anti-tax
- Privatize social security
- Pro-state rights / anti-Federalist
- Support military and military spending
- Fixated on maintaining America’s superpower status
- Anti-gun control. Opposed to all handgun restrictions
- In support of individual liberties
- Willing to act unilaterally in global affairs
- Pro-police / law enforcement
- Anti-reproductive rights
- Pro-Israel
- Believes the Constitution is God-given
- Growth is slow and steady with minimal inflation
 - ↪ Great news for banks; does not necessarily create jobs

Republicans (Trump/MAGA ideology)

Same as Republicans, but...

- Believe in election fraud when the outcome is not what they anticipate
- Believe that their opponents are inherently criminal
- Believe in fast economic growth even if inflationary pressures increase
- Hostile toward topics of gays and women rights. Individual liberties only reserved for preferred groups
- Conspiracy minded

Libertarians

- Liberty is a core value
- Government should leave us alone
- Anti-tax
- Government should not attempt to regulate anyone's private lives
- Pro-isolationism
- Legalize all drugs
- Advocates for civil liberties and personal privacy
- Support small businesses, free markets and capitalism
- People should be able to marry whomever they want
- Government spending is largely wasteful
- Tolerance of others peaceful choices

“Sovereign Citizen” movement (a movement, not a political party)

A loose group of litigants, activists, tax protesters, financial scheme promoters, and conspiracy believers.

Some libertarians are part of this movement.

Considered a right-wing anarchist movement by the ADL

- Core belief: they do not recognize the value of any government and don't need to obey any law they don't want to.