



TOPICS FOR CHRISTIANS IN THIS ELECTION





PARTY PLATFORM COMPARISON 2020



REPUBLICAN	ISSUE	DEMOCRAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “[P]roud to be the party that protects human life and offers real solutions for women” and “strongly oppose[s] infanticide,” including specific support for: the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act; a human life constitutional amendment; a ban on abortion at 20 weeks, when unborn babies can feel pain; a ban on abortion based on sex or disability; a ban on dismemberment abortion “in which unborn babies are literally torn apart limb from limb”; abortion clinic safety regulations; a ban on human cloning, and creating or experimenting upon human embryos, including three-parent embryos; a ban on any sale of body parts; and a ban on the “use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood.” 	<p>Sanctity of Human Life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports “repealing the Hyde Amendment” to allow the government to fund abortion. • Supports “codifying” the right to abortion. • “Democrats believe every woman should be able to access... reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortions.” • “[O]ppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to reproductive health and rights. • Opposes current FDA safety restrictions on chemical abortion pills. • Supports repealing President Trump’s changes to the Title X program that separate abortion from federal family planning grants.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The American family... is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman.” • Condemns the Supreme Court’s ruling in <i>Obergefell v. Hodges</i> and “urge[s] its reversal.” 	<p>Redefining Marriage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent on marriage and family being the foundation of society.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We “embrace the principle that all Americans should be treated with dignity and respect.” • “We support measures” barring “government discrimination because of [one’s] on marriage and family.” • Supports “the right of parents to determine the proper medical treatment and therapy for their minor children.” • Opposes Title IX being used “to impose a social and cultural revolution upon the American people by wrongly redefining sex discrimination to include sexual orientation or other categories.” • Opposes “reshap[ing] our schools — and our entire society — to fit the mold of an ideology alien to America’s history and traditions.” • Opposes President Obama’s Title IX transgender bathroom edict. It is “illegal, dangerous, and ignores privacy issues.” 	<p>LGBT Agenda, Transgender Bathrooms, and Women’s Sports in Schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We will fight to enact the Equality Act” – a bill that would alter our entire federal civil rights framework, gut religious liberty, and advance abortion. • Supports insurance coverage of “gender transition,” including “surgery and hormone therapy.” • “We will ensure that all transgender and non-binary people can procure official government identification documents that accurately reflect their gender identity.” • Supports banning practices aimed at assisting patients with unwanted same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria. • We will work to “guarantee transgender students’ access to facilities based on their gender identity.” • “We will protect the rights of transgender students.” • “We will fight to enact the Equality Act” – a bill that would allow biological men to play in women’s sports if they identify as transgender women.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes the federal government funding abortion overseas and supports restoring the Mexico City Policy, to prevent federal money from going to NGOs which “provide or promote abortion,” or are complicit in China’s one-child policy. • Condemns the Obama administration for “impos[ing] on foreign recipients, especially the peoples of Africa, its own radical social agenda while excluding faith-based groups.” 	<p>Abortion and the LGBT Agenda Internationally</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We believe...access to reproductive care and abortion services, are vital to the empowerment of women and girls.” • Supports for repealing President Trump’s expanded Mexico City Policy and the Helms Amendment which bar American funding for abortion abroad. • “We will restore the United States’ position of leadership on LGBTQ+ issues” and appoint “senior leaders directly responsible for driving...LGBTQ+ issues within the federal government.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “America’s healthcare professionals should not be forced to choose between following their faith and practicing their profession. We respect the rights of conscience of healthcare professionals, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and organizations, especially the faith-based groups which provide a major portion of care for the nation and the needy.” 	<p>Conscience Rights in Healthcare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the coercive HHS contraception mandate against faith-based groups like Little Sisters of the Poor. • Condemns the Trump administration’s regulation clarifying the definition of sex discrimination in the Affordable Care Act. This regulation allows doctors, hospitals, and insurance companies to practice medicine and operate in accordance with their conscience.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “[W]e strongly support the freedom of Americans to act in accordance with their religious beliefs, not only in their houses of worship, but also in their everyday lives.” • “Ongoing attempts to compel individuals, businesses, and institutions of faith to transgress their beliefs are part of a misguided effort to undermine religion and drive it from the public square.” • “We value the right of America’s religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith.” The government “is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs.” 	<p>Religious Liberty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrates, “[...] the paramount importance of maintaining the separation between church and state [...].” • Rejects “broad religious exemptions” for “businesses, medical providers, social service agencies, and others[...].” • “We will fight to enact the Equality Act” – a bill that would remove religious liberty protections and even force churches to violate the tenets of their faith. • “Religious freedom is a core American value and a core value of the Democratic Party. Democrats will protect the rights of each American for the free exercise of his or her own religion.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirms the importance of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. • Promises “A Republican administration will return the advocacy of religious liberty to a central place in its diplomacy, will quickly designate the systematic killing of religious and ethnic minorities a genocide, and will work with the leaders of other nations to condemn and combat genocidal acts.” 	<p>International Religious Liberty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “It will be the policy of the Democratic Administration to advocate for religious freedom throughout the world.” • Implies religious freedom is a “cover for discrimination.” • Asserts that there is “politicization” of religious freedom within U.S. foreign policy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “If God-given, natural, inalienable rights come in conflict with government, court, or human-granted rights, God-given, natural, inalienable rights always prevail.” • “We support the public display of the Ten Commandments as a reflection of our history and our country’s Judeo-Christian heritage.” • Entire platform mentions God 15 times. 	<p>God in Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent on the role of God in government. • Silent on the source of human rights. • Celebrates, “[...] the paramount importance of maintaining the separation between church and state enshrined in our Constitution.” • Entire platform mentions God one time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.” • Seeks to “enable courts to begin to reverse the long line of activist decisions—including <i>Roe</i>, <i>Obergefell</i>, and the <i>Obamacare</i> cases.” 	<p>The Courts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who [...] will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including [...] <i>Roe v. Wade</i>.” • “Applaud[s]” the decision in <i>Bostock v. Clayton County</i>, which redefined the word sex in Title VII to include sexual orientation and gender identity.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports “sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior.” 	<p>Sex Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports “LGBTQ+ inclusive” sex education with a full range of “family planning services.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will “fight for school choice” and “local control.” • Recognizes that “[P]arents,” not the government, “are a child’s first and foremost educators.” • Supports homeschooling, private schools, vouchers, and tuition tax credits. • Encourages teaching the Bible as an elective in public schools. 	<p>Education Choice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Democrats oppose private school vouchers and other policies that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from the public-school system, including the program at issue in the recent <i>Espinoza</i> decision.” • No mention of homeschooling.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We reject the use of the military as a platform for social experimentation and will not accept...attempts to undermine military priorities and mission readiness.” • Supports “the religious freedom of all military members, especially chaplains, and will not tolerate attempts to ban Bibles or religious symbols from military facilities.” • Opposes the “Selective Service registration of women for a possible future draft.” 	<p>Social Experimentation in the Military</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We will reverse the Trump Administration’s...ban [DOD policy on Gender Dysphoric individuals serving in the military].” • Silent on service members’ religious liberty rights. • Calls for VA medical benefits to include abortion and gender “transition” services.

SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR CHRISTIANS IN THIS ELECTION

Website for voters guides and more information www.Ivoterguide.com

Democratic Platform

<https://democrats.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/2020-Democratic-Party-Platform.pdf>

Republican Platform

https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/docs/Resolution_Platform_2020.pdf

Socialist Party Platform

https://70cf60ca-3001-416d-af98-7ea84644f715.filesusr.com/ugd/b7a8af_612d38eb218341c2801ed28c3191c3f9.pdf

Libertarian Party Platform

<https://www.lp.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020-LP-Platform-0720.pdf>

1. Christian Rights and Freedoms

1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; [2] For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

2. Our Polices on Morality

1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, [10] Nor thieves, nor

covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. [11] And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. [12] All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

3. Things that Affect the Family Unit

- Jobs
- Health Care
- What Our Children are Taught
- Parental Rights
- Abortion

4. Health and Health Care

Jeremiah 8:22 Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

5. Economic Conditions

2 Chronicles 14:7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the Lord our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So, they built and prospered.

6. Racial Justice and Harmony

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

7. America's Stand with Israel

Psalms 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

- Health Care
- What Our Children are Taught
- Parental Rights
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EQUALITY ACT

Summary: H.R.5-116th Congress (2019-2020) [All Information](#) (Except Text)

There are 3 summaries for H.R.5. Passed House (05/17/2019) Reported to House, Part I (05/10/2019) Introduced in House (03/13/2019)

[Bill summaries](#) are authored by [CRS](#).

Shown Here: Passed House (05/17/2019)

Equality Act

This bill prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in a wide variety of areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system. Specifically, the bill defines and includes sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity among the prohibited categories of discrimination or segregation.

The bill expands the definition of public accommodations to include places or establishments that provide (1) exhibitions, recreation, exercise, amusement, gatherings, or displays; (2) goods, services, or programs; and (3) transportation services.

The bill allows the Department of Justice to intervene in equal protection actions in federal court on account of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Protections against discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin shall include protections against discrimination based on (1) an association with another person who is a member of such a protected class; or (2) a perception or belief, even if inaccurate, that an individual is a member of such a protected class. The bill prohibits the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 from providing a claim, defense, or basis for challenging such protections.

The bill prohibits an individual from being denied access to a shared facility, including a restroom, a locker room, and a dressing room, that is in accordance with the individual's gender identity.

5 Things Every Christian Should Know About the Equality Act

Veiled schemes against morality are often neatly packaged with a bow made of nice-sounding names. Abortion is packaged as “pro-choice” or “health care,” the steering away from righteousness is “progressive,” and promoting homosexuality is “tolerance.”

A new and neatly packaged evil has emerged on the scene using a similar word we all consider to be good— “equality.” But make no mistake, the “Equality Act” is anything but good. It is both radical and highly controversial, and is the greatest threat to your religious freedoms of all time. As you review the items included, it becomes clear that this legislation is less about promoting equality and more about punishing dissenters.

What is the Equality Act?

Here are five things every Christian should know about the [Equality Act, H.R. 5—116th Congress \(2019-2020\)](#).

1. The Equality Act Would Amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to Include Sexual Orientation

The Equality Act falsely equates one’s sexual conduct with immutable characteristics like skin color and ethnicity—and openly contradicts the scriptural mandates we were given for our good ([1 Thess. 4:3-8](#)). It aims to cover sexual orientation or gender identity for the purposes of employment, housing, public accommodations, jury service, education and federal programs, and to punish those who do not comply.

2. The Equality Act Is the Greatest Threat to Religious Freedom Ever Proposed in America

The Equality Act would invade every area of American life and is the greatest threat to religious freedom ever proposed in America. Here is just a sampling of who would be affected and targeted for discrimination:

- Teachers can be fired for refusing to use a student's "preferred pronoun."
- Shelters for women who have been abused by men will be forced to admit any man who "identifies as female."
- Parents and foster parents can be forced to help a child "transition" to another gender.
- Teachers could be forced to teach the LGBTQ+ lifestyle as a healthy and legitimate option.

College students would be forbidden from using their federal tuition assistance at schools that "discriminate" on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

3. The Equality Act Would Change Who Churches Can Hire

Under its changes to the employment nondiscrimination provisions in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, some houses of worship would be barred from ensuring their leaders and other employees abide by their beliefs about marriage, sexual behavior and the distinction between the sexes.

4. The Equality Act Would Harm Faith-Based Adoption Agencies

Faith-based organizations in the adoption and foster care system generally receive government funding to help them carry out their work. This funding would be threatened if they did not comply with the Equality Act, including adopting children to homosexual couples, promoting gender transition treatments, and affirming these lifestyles.

5. The Equality Act Would Threaten Religious Employers

Ministries and other faith-based organizations could be forced to offer insurance coverage for hormone therapy, sex reassignment surgery or other procedures that violate their consciences and, more importantly, the Bible.

These are only some of the sobering truths about the Equality Act and its threats to our religious freedoms. When you go to the polls in 2020, it is imperative that you consider who you are selecting to represent you as a Christian. Every Democrat in the House of Representatives voted IN FAVOR of this bill, and almost every Democrat in the Senate is expected to do the same. On the other hand, nearly every Republican has and is expected to OPPOSE it. What can you do? Think. Pray. VOTE. And do so knowing what those you vote for really represent.