

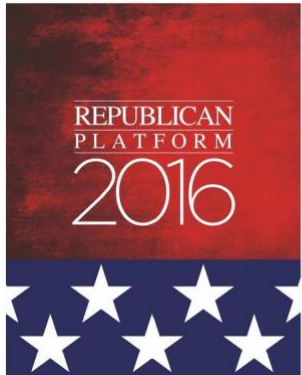


## GLC Weekly

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### ***Republican National Platforms: Troubling Changes from 2016 to 2024***

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**2024 GOP PLATFORM  
MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!**  
(adopted 9 July 2024)

There are substantial troubling changes in the national Republican Platform 2024, adopted yesterday, 9 July 2024, by the Republican National Committee. The 2016 Platform (also quoted below) was strong in support of the sanctity of human life, religious freedom, rights of conscience, marriage, family, and opposition to abortion, tax-payer funding of Planned Parenthood, and stem cell research using aborted baby

tissues and cells. The 2024 Platform is much shorter, speaks little on some of these topics, recognizes state authority regarding abortion policy, but only says, “We will oppose Late Term Abortion” – leaving the door open for supporting abortion nationally in the first and second trimester. It appears to me that these changes are for the idolatrous purpose of gaining power and control of the federal government by abandoning fundamental beliefs and principles that have defined Republicans from the launching of the Party in the mid-1800s. Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president, would be shocked and deeply grieved, as I am this day.

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#### **Republican Platform 2024** (adopted 9 July 2024 ):

##### **CHAPTER SEVEN: CULTIVATE GREAT K-12 SCHOOLS LEADING TO GREAT JOBS AND GREAT LIVES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**8. Freedom to Pray.** Republicans will champion the First Amendment Right to Pray and Read the Bible in school, and stand up to those who violate the Religious Freedoms of American students.

##### **CHAPTER NINE: GOVERNMENT OF, BY, AND FOR THE PEOPLE**

**3. Republicans Will Defend Religious Liberty.** We are the defenders of the First Amendment Right to Religious Liberty. It protects the Right not only to Worship according to the dictates of Conscience, but also to act in accordance with those Beliefs, not just in places of Worship, but in everyday life. Our ranks include men and women from every Faith and Tradition, and we respect the Right of every American to follow his or her deeply held Beliefs. To protect Religious Liberty, Republicans support a new Federal Task Force on Fighting Anti-Christian Bias that will

investigate all forms of illegal discrimination, harassment, and persecution against Christians in America.

**4. Republicans Will Protect and Defend a Vote of the People, from within the States, on the Issue of Life.** We proudly stand for families and Life. We believe that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees that no person can be denied Life or Liberty without Due Process, and that the States are, therefore, free to pass Laws protecting those Rights. After 51 years, because of us, that power has been given to the States and to a vote of the People. We will oppose Late Term Abortion, while supporting mothers and policies that advance Prenatal Care, access to Birth Control, and IVF (fertility treatments).

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## **Republican Platform 2016**

**Defending Marriage Against an Activist Judiciary.** Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman, is the foundation for a free society and has for millennia been entrusted with rearing children and instilling cultural values.

**The First Amendment: Religious Liberty.** The Bill of Rights lists religious liberty, with its rights of conscience, as the first freedom to be protected. Religious freedom in the Bill of Rights protects the right of the people to practice their faith in their everyday lives. As George Washington taught, "religion and morality are indispensable supports" to a free society. Similarly, Thomas Jefferson declared that "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of the civil authority." 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 pledge to defend the religious beliefs and rights of conscience of all Americans and to safeguard religious institutions against government control.

**The Second Amendment: Our Right to Keep and Bear Arms.** We uphold the right of individuals to keep and bear arms, a natural inalienable right that predates the Constitution and is secured by the Second Amendment. Lawful gun ownership enables Americans to exercise their God-given right of self-defense for the safety of their homes, their loved ones, and their communities.

**The Fifth Amendment: Protecting Human Life.** The Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that "all" are "endowed by their Creator" with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth.

We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare. We urge all states and Congress to make it a crime to acquire, transfer, or sell fetal tissues from elective abortions for research, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on any sale of fetal body parts. In the meantime, we call on Congress to ban the practice of misleading women on so-called fetal harvesting consent forms, a fact revealed by a 2015 investigation. We will not fund or subsidize healthcare that includes abortion coverage.

We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from individuals with disabilities, newborns, the elderly, or the infirm, just as we oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

We affirm our moral obligation to assist, rather than penalize, women who face an unplanned pregnancy. In order to encourage women who face an unplanned pregnancy to choose life, we support legislation that requires financial responsibility for the child be equally borne by both the mother and father upon conception until the child reaches adulthood. Failure to require a father to be equally responsible for a child places an inequitable burden on the mother, creating a financial and social hardship on both mother and child. We celebrate the millions of Americans who open their hearts, homes, and churches to mothers in need and women fleeing abuse. We thank and encourage providers of counseling, medical services, and adoption assistance for empowering women experiencing an unintended pregnancy to choose life. We support funding for ultrasounds and adoption assistance. We salute the many states that now protect women and girls through laws requiring informed consent, parental consent, waiting periods, and clinic regulation.

**Marriage, Family, and Society.** Foremost among those institutions is the American family. It is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman. Its daily lessons - cooperation, patience, mutual respect, responsibility, self-reliance - are fundamental to the order and progress of our Republic. Strong families, depending upon God and one another, advance the cause of liberty by lessening the need for government in their daily lives. . . . The data and the facts lead to an inescapable conclusion: Every child deserves a married mom and dad. . . . Families formed or enlarged by adoption strengthen our communities and ennoble our nation.

**Protecting Individual Conscience in Healthcare.** 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. We support the ability of all organizations to provide, purchase, or enroll in healthcare coverage consistent with their religious, moral, or ethical convictions without discrimination or penalty. We support the right of parents to determine the proper medical treatment and therapy for their minor children. We support the right of parents to consent to

medical treatment for their minor children and urge enactment of legislation that would require parental consent for their daughter to be transported across state lines for abortion. Providers should not be permitted to unilaterally withhold services because a patient's life is deemed not worth living. American taxpayers should not be forced to fund abortion. As Democrats abandon this four decade-old bipartisan consensus, we call for codification of the Hyde Amendment and its application across the government, including Obamacare. We call for a permanent ban on federal funding and subsidies for abortion and healthcare plans that include abortion coverage.

**Advancing Research and Development in Healthcare.** . . . We call for expanded support for the stem cell research that now offers the greatest hope for many afflictions - through adult stem cells, umbilical cord blood, and cells reprogrammed into pluripotent stem cells - without the destruction of embryonic human life. We urge a ban on human cloning for research or reproduction, and a ban on the creation of, or experimentation on, human embryos for research. We applaud Congress' ban on the FDA approval of research involving three-parent embryos. We believe the FDA's approval of Mifeprex, a dangerous abortifacient formerly known as RU-486, threatens women's health, as does the agency's endorsement of over-the-counter sales of powerful contraceptives without a physician's recommendation. We support cutting federal and state funding for entities that endanger women's health by performing abortions in a manner inconsistent with federal or state law.

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**PRAY** that we will stop abandoning our core beliefs and principles, and have the opportunity to rebuild our nation by rebuilding its foundations on reverence for God, sacred respect for human life, truth, righteousness, and justice.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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