



# November 2020 Party Platform Analysis

## ISSUE

### INCOMES AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

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### HOUSING

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### SOCIAL SECURITY

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### SYSTEM RACISM

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### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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### IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

## DEMOCRATIC POLICY PLATFORM

- Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15
  - Enable any type of worker to unionize without reprisal
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- Increase funding for rental housing construction
  - Increase first-time homebuyer assistance
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- Tax incomes above \$250k to strengthen Social Security
  - Expand coverage for “women who are widowed” or took time out of the workforce for family care purposes
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- Remove Confederate statues
  - “Fight systemic racism”
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- End mass incarceration
  - Increase police reporting and oversight
  - Abolish the death penalty
  - Close private prisons and detention centers
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- Update our immigration laws, which were designed for the 1960s, to address today’s realities
- Create a pathway to citizenship for people already living and working in the United States
- Address issues and problems with our detention and deportation policies

## REPUBLICAN POLICY PLATFORM

- Lower taxes for the wealthy and corporations
  - Establish a zero tax rate for multinational corporations’ global (non-US) profits
  - Diminish/dissolve unions
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- Remove federal government support for homeownership
  - Repeal anti-discrimination banking policies
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- Ensure Social Security for everybody who is 55+
  - Privatize Social Security for everyone under age 55
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- Eliminate affirmative action policies
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- Eliminate civil forfeiture system
  - Support the death penalty
  - Mandate minimum criminal sentences
  - Support victim compensation and sentencing involvement
  - Divert first time nonviolent offenders
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- Prevent pathway to citizenship
- Undo prior amnesties
- Eliminate immigrants being counted for Congressional apportionment
- Build a wall on the southern border
- Restrict asylum to political, ethnic & religious reasons
- Defund sanctuary cities
- Outlaw state vehicle licenses for undocumented immigrants



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### DEMOCRATIC POLICY PLATFORM

### REPUBLICAN POLICY PLATFORM

#### HEALTHCARE

- Develop state plans for universal healthcare access
- End surprise billing & excise tax on high cost plans
- Fight privatization of Medicare
- Push states to expand Medicaid
- Increase access to culturally competent care

- Privatize Medicare
- Limit/reduce access to Medicaid
- Defederalize Medicaid and give money to each state to use however it wants

#### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- Prioritize treatment and prevention over incarceration
- Decriminalize marijuana

- Limit Medicare and Medicaid clients to a single pharmacy
- Limit physician prescribing of opiates
- Fight drug trafficking

#### MENTAL HEALTH

- Require full coverage of mental health treatment
- Fund community-based treatment for mental health
- Develop and fund suicide prevention programs

- Remove the federal government from developing mental health treatment policy
- Give money directly to each state to use for mental health treatment any way they want

#### VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- Services for survivors
- Fair process for campus hearings
- Sexual violence prevention education programs

- Elimination of campus sexual assault procedures

#### LGBT PROTECTIONS

- Federal protections for LGBT civil rights/public accommodations
- Fighting state-level discrimination laws
- Provide housing for LGBT youth experiencing homelessness
- Encourage safer climate for LGBT youth in schools
- Care for LGBT seniors
- Pushing for international LGBT rights

- End marriage equality
- Allow adoption agencies to refuse LGBT couples
- Allow and encouraging public funding of agencies/schools that discriminate against LGBT people
- Dismantle transgender protections at local, state, and federal levels



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**REPRODUCTIVE  
HEALTH, RIGHTS,  
AND JUSTICE**

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**HIV & AIDS**

## **DEMOCRATIC POLICY PLATFORM**

- Protect access to abortion
- No-cost birth control
- Repeal Hyde Amendment, which prevents tax dollars being used for abortion
- Comprehensive sexual health education in schools
- Increase funding for adoption and family social services

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- Implement the National HIV/AIDS strategy
  - Fund AIDS research programs
  - Fund PrEP and harm reduction programs
  - Cap cost of HIV meds
  - Support for international AIDS relief

## **REPUBLICAN POLICY PLATFORM**

- Criminalize abortion incrementally or outright
- Ban insurance coverage for contraception and abortion
- Ban sex education except for abstinence-only education

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- Cutting funding for AIDS relief in Africa

