



# TRADITIONAL VALUES COALITION

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### COMPARING THE 2012 PARTY PLATFORMS

<i>ISSUES AND POSITIONS</i>	<u>DEMOCRAT</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN</u>
<b>Abortion</b>	Affirmed taxpayer-subsidies for abortion and continued support for abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood	States that "the unborn child has a fundamental... right to life." Opposes all taxpayer funded subsidies for abortion; affirmed pro-life plank
<b>Conscience Protection</b>	Does not specifically mention conscience protections.	"We pledge to respect the religious beliefs and rights of conscience of all Americans and to safeguard the independence of their institutions from government..."
<b>Marriage</b>	Wants laws protecting same-sex marriage. Opposes state amendments protecting marriage; supports repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)	"Marriage is the union of one man and one woman." Supports a constitutional amendment protecting marriage; supports defending and enforcing DOMA in our courts.
<b>Jerusalem and Israel</b>	Disavowed Jerusalem as the capital of Israel (before rescinding on a questionable vote); supports the creation of a Palestinian state without preconditions.	Supports Israel's right to exist and "(e)nvvisions two democratic states, Israel with Jerusalem as its capital and Palestine."
<b>School Choice</b>	Fully supports public education. No mention of school choice.	Supports school choice options so that parents can decide the best education for their children.
<b>Pornography</b>	Omitted from Democratic platform.	Supports the vigorous enforcement of anti-pornography and obscenity laws that demean and objectify women. GOP platform "urges active prosecution against child pornography, which is closely linked to the horrors of child trafficking."
<b>Employee Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)</b>	Supports Employee Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) which includes transgendered teachers in public schools.	Does not address ENDA
<b>Faith in Public Life</b>	Removed God from the DNC platform; rescinded this omission after third vote on the floor of the convention.	"Reaffirm that our rights come from God, are protected by Government, and that the only just government is one that truly governs with the consent of the governed." Supports the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools; opposes efforts to silence military chaplains or ban the Bible from military facilities. Asks that students be allowed to engage in prayer at public school events.