

# U.S. Politics Simplified

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Topic	Subtopic	Democrats	Trump-era Republicans
Expenditures	Healthcare	Cover everyone	Everyone for themselves
	Public education	Free college for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No government subsidizes</li> <li>Use public money to subsidize private schools (vouchers)</li> </ul>
	Social security program	Preserve	Reduce
	Medicare program	Preserve	Reduce
	Military expansion	against	for
	Foreign policy		Believes in an active US role overseas – economically, militarily, and diplomatically.
	EPA/environment	for	against
	Regulation of Wall Street	for	against
	Immigration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build border wall</li> <li>Believes that a system needs to be in place to ensure that immigrants who enter this country illegally are not provided with the same benefits that legal citizens are. This includes their children.</li> </ul>
	Reduce national debt	Both parties ignore the national debt. This will lead to inflation.	
Revenues	Income taxes	Progressive (favors poor)	Reduce + Flat rate (favors wealthy)
Miscellaneous	Free trade	Supports free trade. This causes job loss, but reduces the cost of goods.	Do not support free trade (America first!)
	Religion		Against atheism Against Muslims
	Science	Darwinism	Creationism
	Believes in Global warming?	yes	Most Republicans DO believe in global warming, but they just won't let that stand in the way of appeasing their big donors in the energy industry.
	Green energy	Supports wind and solar	Supports oil, gas, and coal. Trump administration intends to open nearly all U.S. offshore waters to drilling (January 4, 2018) ... except for Florida ... which is where he has an estate.  Trump slaps huge tariff on imported solar panels. This is a huge blow to renewable energy.
	Support LBGQT issues?	Yes	No (against same-sex marriage)
	Stimulus policies		Growth is good
	Affirmative action	for	against
	Abortion	for	against
	Planned Parenthood	for	against
	Gun control	yes	no
	Electoral reform	yes	No (used gerrymandering to gain political advantage in recent elections)
	Drug laws		Strict enforcement
	National Parks		Trump's budget cuts \$ 300M from the National Parks Service and triples entrance fees . Yosemite and Grand Canyon will now cost \$70/vehicle. Daily fees are a regressive tax.
	Internet neutrality	for	against
United Nations (U.N.)	for	Against (wants to defund it)	
Israel	Both parties give Israel \$ 3.8/year in military aid.		

<b>The future of the U.S.--&gt;</b>	<b>Hopeful</b>	<b>Dystopia</b>
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“Dystopia” means a society characterized by human misery (squalor, oppression, disease, and overcrowding).

The rich will get richer; the poor will become poorer. Quality education will only be available to the rich. Jobs will move offshore more than ever, because no one will hire our undereducated and crime-bent masses. Overpopulation will make traffic worse. Environmental issues will ensue. The poor won't be able to afford healthcare, so illnesses will follow and our life spans will go down. Crime will increase. The rich had better spend their money on guns, because guns will be needed. More prisons will be needed. Lastly, we'll be at war with the rest of the world, because of our arrogance. Of course, the poor will be expected to fight those wars. If that's the future you want, vote Republican.

## **What has happened to the Republican Party?**

The current Trump-era Republican Party is not the Republican Party of Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, and Dwight Eisenhower. Those presidents gave honor to the Republican Party ... truly establish it as the GOP ... “Grand Old Party” with the emphasis on the word “Grand”. They cared about people ... rich and poor. They cared about the environment. They cared about the country.

To be blunt, the Trump-era Republican Party is a bunch of con artists who have hijacked the grand image of the GOP and used it serve special interests.

In a similar manner, Trump-era Republicans have hijacked the good image of the Christian religion and used it for the same selfish reasons.

Using tools such as Fox News, they have successfully duped millions of voters. Fox News is nothing more than a propaganda machine to extol the con-artists and belittle their opposition. My message to those voters is: “Wake up. You have been conned.”