

PARTY PLATFORMS

DEMOCRAT

ABORTION AND ABORTION FUNDING

“The Democratic Party stands behind the right of every woman to choose, consistent with Roe v. Wade, and regardless of ability to pay...”

JUDGES ON ABORTION

“This year’s Supreme Court rulings show to us all that eliminating a woman’s right to choose is only one justice away.”

HOMOSEXUALITY

“We lead the fight to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.” “We support full inclusion of gay and lesbian families in the life of the nation...including equitable alignment of benefits.”

MARRIAGE

“Ensure the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people... to equal legal recognition of their committed relationships.”

BOY SCOUTS

Silent.

HOMOSEXUALITY TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS

“Encourage intensified educational efforts early in school to promote acceptance.”

HOMOSEXUALS IN ARMED FORCES

“Ensure rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people to serve in the armed forces without restriction.”

HOMOSEXUAL ADOPTION

“Affirm the right to become adoptive parents...”

MEDIA

“We call for an end to media attacks that devalues and negatively stereotypes...gay/lesbian families.”

RELIGIOUS SPEECH

Silent.

RESPONSIBLE ENTERTAINMENT

“The entertainment industry must accept more responsibility and exercise more self-restraint, by strictly enforcing movie ratings, by taking a close look at violence in its own advertising...and allowing too many children to be exposed to violence and cruelty.”

SEX EDUCATION

“We support contraceptive research, family planning, comprehensive family life education...”

SCHOOL-BASED CLINICS

“Provide confidential reproductive health care services...in public schools.” [Confidential means no parental knowledge - ed.]

SCHOOL VOUCHERS

“What America needs are public schools that compete with one another and are held accountable for results, not private school vouchers...”

VOLUNTARY STUDENT PRAYER

Silent.

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Silent.

REPUBLICAN

ABORTION

“The unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed...we oppose using public revenues for abortion and will not fund organizations which advocate it.”

JUDGES ON ABORTION

“We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.”

HOMOSEXUALITY

“We do not believe that sexual preference should be given special legal protection or standing in law.”

MARRIAGE

“We support the traditional definition of ‘marriage’ as the legal union of one man and one woman.” “We believe that federal judges and bureaucrats should not force states to recognize other living arrangements as marriages [one man and one woman].”

BOY SCOUTS

“We support the First Amendment right of freedom of association and stand united with private organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America, and support their positions.”

INTERNET PORN

“Require schools and libraries to secure their computers against on-line porn and predators if they accept federal subsidies to connect to the Internet.”

MEDIA

“We call on the media to reconsider their role in fostering bias through negative stereotyping of religious citizens.”

RELIGIOUS SPEECH

“We assert the right of religious leaders to speak out on public issues and will not allow the EEOC or any other arm of government to regulate or ban religious symbols from the workplace.”

ABSTINENCE SEX EDUCATION

“We renew our call for replacing family planning programs for teens with increased funding for abstinence education, which teaches abstinence until marriage as the responsible and expected standard of behavior.”

SCHOOL –BASED CLINICS

“We oppose school-based clinics that provide referrals, counseling and related services for contraception and abortion. We urge states to enforce laws against statutory rape, which accounts for an enormous portion of teen pregnancy.”

SCHOOL VOUCHERS

“We advocate choice in education.”

VOLUNTARY STUDENT PRAYER

“We strongly support student-initiative prayer in school. We strongly disagree with the Supreme Court’s recent ruling...”

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

“Republican Congress mandated charitable choice in the welfare reform law of 1996, allowing states to contract with faith-based providers for welfare services. [Former administrations have done their] utmost to block the implementation of that provision, insisting that all symbols of religion must be removed or covered over - precisely what the 1996 provisions set out to prevent.”