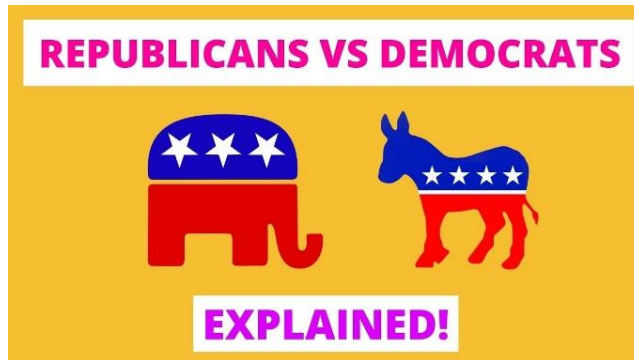


## The Differences between Democrats and Republicans



**A Republican is someone who favors or supports the principles of the republic. |  
A Republican believes in economic equity.**

**A Democrat is someone who favors the principles of the democracy,  
thus believes in the power of the majority.  
A Democrat believes in class equity.**

Below are some of the **general differences** between registered Democrats and Republicans. There may be regional differences but for the most part, the items shown below offer unique comparisons.

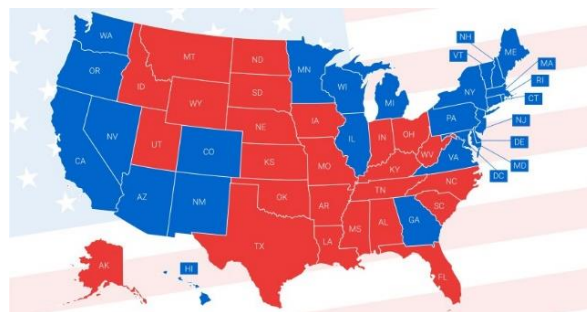
Most of the General Statistics below are based on 2020 figures.

Democrats	Republicans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 46.3% of Registered Voters (this is currently on the increase from 45.1%)</li> <li>• Women represent 45% of the Party</li> <li>• Men represent 38% of the Party</li> <li>• Mostly Baby Boomers and Young Adults</li> <li>• Lower Income Ranges</li> <li>• 29% have incomes under \$25,000</li> <li>• 20% have incomes over \$100,000</li> <li>• Public High School Teachers, Clinical Social Workers, Computer Programmers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24% of Registered Voters (this is currently declining from 27.1%)</li> <li>• Women represent 36% of the Party</li> <li>• Men represent 38% of the Party</li> <li>• Mostly Middle Aged and Elderly</li> <li>• Higher Income Ranges</li> <li>• 13% have incomes under \$25,000</li> <li>• 26% have incomes over \$100,000</li> <li>• Medical Professionals (doctors, dentists etc.), Professional contractors (Masons, Roofers), Bankers and Financial Managers.</li> </ul>



## Political Differences

Democrats	Republicans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government should regulate the economy.</li> <li>• Economic policies benefit low-income and middle-income families.</li> <li>• Reducing income equality leads to economic growth. People will then spend rather than save.</li> <li>• Believe the economic theory of John Milton Keynes where the government should spend its way out of a recession. (Keynesian Economics).</li> <li>• Democrats want graduated tax rates, a progressive system of taxation that provides more services and reduce inequality. The wealthiest pay the highest tax rates.</li> <li>• Health Care and Social Security should be covered by the government and be for everyone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There must be limited government involvement.</li> <li>• Economic policies benefit high-income families and business owners.</li> <li>• Republicans believe in supply-side economics where lower taxes and less government regulation of business brings growth.</li> <li>• Believe that tax cuts for businesses allow them to hire more workers, increasing demand and growth.</li> <li>• Republicans believe private spending is better than government spending and they oppose graduated tax rates.</li> <li>• Most Republicans believe that Health Care should not be the government's responsibility.</li> </ul>



## **Key social issues and differences between the two parties in America today.**

### **Crime and Gun Control**

Democrats are more focused on gun control, especially illegal weapons in the major cities. Republicans receive a great deal of political donations and support from gun companies and the NRA (National Rifle Association). Because of this, Republicans focus more on crime, especially within the cities to object to Democratic policies.

### **Poverty**

Democrats strongly believe that there should be government aid for the poor. To pay for these services, the Democrats want to raise the taxes for the rich and lower the taxes for the poor. Republicans want to solve the issue by using private sources such as charities and donations from wealthy individuals and major corporations.

### **Immigration**

The Democratic Party believes that American needs to include everyone and they embrace new immigrants who fill the many vacant jobs in the country. They also believe that the immigration system needs major change and reform due to the high number of immigrants wanting to enter the country. Republicans however believe that we should take care of the people already in the country before we take care of the ones coming from outside. The Republican Party strongly advocates for a wall between the United States and Mexico but so far they have not completed this goal.

### **Abortion**

Democrats believe that abortion should be legal, especially if it endangers the life of the woman. Republicans are pro life and strongly encourage women to keep their newborn children or use adoption services.

### **Environment**

The two parties have different ideas about the future of the planet. Democrats see that human activities have created global warming and the subsequent dangers to the planet. The Democrats are pushing for a much greater use in cleaner and renewal energy sources. This transition will also create many new and better paying jobs. The Republican Party are backed by businesses and corporations in the fossil fuel industry, such as the coal and oil industries. They do not see the same urgency as the Democrats towards the environment which causes stalemates in discussions and political actions.

