

# Politics: Republican Vs Democrat

**Matching:** Use the following terms to complete the definitions

**Obamacare**

**GOP**

**Political Spectrum**

**Progressive Taxation**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – gives a general idea of the party's main philosophies.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ – a federally funded health care program started by Barack Obama that ensured all citizens with access to affordable health care.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ – the rich should pay a higher tax rate
4. \_\_\_\_\_ - Grand Old Party

## **Fill-in-the-blank:**

1. The farther left you go on the political spectrum, the \_\_\_\_\_ government control, the farther right you go, the \_\_\_\_\_ government control.
2. Republicans stand for \_\_\_\_\_ while Democrats stand for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Traditionally Democrats fall on the \_\_\_\_\_ side with more control, and Republicans fall on the \_\_\_\_\_ side with less control.
4. Democrats believe government should play a \_\_\_\_\_ role, more regulations and spend more money on social programs such as Medicaid, food stamps, and housing assistance.
5. Republicans believe in a \_\_\_\_\_ government, playing less of a role in American's lives; protection of social values such as making abortion illegal & restricting marriage to only be between man and woman.
6. Democrats support a \_\_\_\_\_ for workers and often seek to raise it. Republicans believe taxes should \_\_\_\_\_ raised for anyone, keeping government small will require less money.
7. Republicans also believe that an employee's wages should be set by their \_\_\_\_\_ and that a strong \_\_\_\_\_ is needed to protect Americans and our way of life.
8. Republicans believe life begins at \_\_\_\_\_ and that the child's life matters \_\_\_\_\_ than the woman's right to choose.
9. The first Republican president was \_\_\_\_\_. Under his leadership the union was preserved and \_\_\_\_\_ was abolished.
10. There have been \_\_\_\_\_ Republican presidents in American history, the most of any political party, including Donald Trump.
11. The modern-day Democratic party was founded around 1828 by supporters of \_\_\_\_\_, making it the oldest active political party.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Democrats have served as president of the United States, including Barack Obama.

# Democrat or Republican?

## Logos:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Elephant ("Seeing the Elephant")
- \_\_\_\_\_: Donkey (strong-willed animal)

## Ideals:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Government has a more progressive approach to helping citizens of the United States. They are typically more liberal in their views on the rights of citizens.
- \_\_\_\_\_: push for a more limited and less controlling government. They take a more conservative approach to most rights of citizens. They promote citizen's individual rights to choose.

## Economy:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Progressive Taxation on citizens (the higher the income, the higher the taxes)
- \_\_\_\_\_: Support cutting taxes (whenever possible) and the nation's debt; every American has the right to own, invest, build, and prosper.

## Healthcare:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Keep health care private, (citizens can choose the health care provider they want)
- \_\_\_\_\_: Federally funded health care programs

## Military:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Reduce budget for military defense; Safeguard nuclear weapons worldwide; believe peace is achieved through worldwide relationship building with other nations.
- \_\_\_\_\_: The key to protecting America is maintaining a strong military with a comprehensive defense system; believe that strengthening the military will build a safer world and better guarantee for peace.

## Gun Control:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Restrictions on gun control; oppose the right to carry concealed weapons in public places.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Limit restrictions on gun control; Strongly support the Second Amendment, the Right to Bear Arms as well as the right to carry concealed weapons in public places.

## Marriage:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Strongly against Same-Sex marriage; support marriage between man and woman only
- \_\_\_\_\_: Most support Same-Sex marriage

## Abortion:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Pro-Life (human rights of the child come before the woman's choice); support alternatives to abortion such as adoption.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Pro-Choice (allows women to make their own choice)

## Immigration:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Strict Immigration Restrictions (support closed or tight borders and regulating the amount of immigrants moving to the United States)
- \_\_\_\_\_: Less restrictions allow for immigrants from other countries to move to the United States