

American Political Parties Have Substantive Differences

Issues on Which a Majority of Democrats Are Opposed to a Majority of Republican in Recent Polling

On Income Inequality, Democrats (but not Republicans)

...believe wealth is not fairly distributed among Americans AND
...the federal government should fix this by increasing taxes on the wealthy.

On Climate Change, Democrats (but not Republicans)

... believe climate change is both real and man-made AND
...think government intervention is required to reverse it).
...support the Paris Climate Agreement
...oppose federal support for coal mining and

On Women's Health Issues, Democrats (but not Republicans)

...strongly support federal funding of Planned Parenthood

On Guns, Democrats (but not Republicans)

...feel gun laws should be stricter
...think more guns will *not* make us safer
...are more worried about being the victim of gun violence than of terrorism,
...think better gun regulation—not people carrying guns—would reduce mass shootings
...oppose allowing more teachers and school officials to carry guns in schools.

On Health Care Democrats (but not Republicans)

...overwhelmingly want to fix—not repeal-and-replace—the Affordable Care Act
...support government assistance for lower-income Americans buying health insurance through state and federal health insurance exchange
...favored a Medicare-for-all/single payer health insurance system.

On Marijuana Democrats (but not Republicans)

...support making it legal

On Immigration Democrats (but not Republicans)

...oppose building a wall on the southern border of the United States\
...any form of “Muslim ban”
...feel illegal immigration from Mexico has not hurt their way of life
...support Syrian refugees entering the United States (under stricter security clearance)

On Foreign Policy Democrats (but not Republicans)

...feel the United States should rarely or never use military force to promote policy

On LGBTQ+ Issues Democrats (but not Republicans)

...support allowing transgender people to serve in the military
...support same sex marriage
...oppose allowing businesses to refuse service to LGBTQ+ persons on religious grounds

On Civil Rights Democrats (but not Republicans)

...believe the Voting Rights Act is still necessary to protect ballot access.