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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Strongly support[s] the freedom of Americans to act in accordance with their religious beliefs, not only in their houses of worship, but also in their everyday lives.”</li> <li>• “Ongoing attempts to compel individuals, businesses, and institutions of faith to transgress their beliefs are part of a misguided effort to undermine religion and drive it from the public square.”</li> <li>• “We value the right of America’s religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith.” The government “is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs.”</li> </ul>	<p><b>Religious Liberty</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Religious freedom is a core American value and a core value of the Democratic Party. Democrats will protect the rights of each American for the free exercise of his or her own religion.”</li> <li>• Celebrates “the paramount importance of maintaining the separation between church and state.”</li> <li>• Rejects “broad religious exemptions” for “businesses, medical providers, social service agencies, and others.”</li> <li>• “We will fight to enact the Equality Act”—a bill that would remove religious liberty protections and even force churches to violate the tenets of their faith.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affirms the importance of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.</li> <li>• Promises “a Republican administration will return the advocacy of religious liberty to a central place in its diplomacy.”</li> </ul>	<p><b>International Religious Liberty</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “It will be the policy of the Democratic Administration to advocate for religious freedom throughout the world.”</li> <li>• Implies religious freedom is a “cover for discrimination.”</li> <li>• Asserts that there is “politicization” of religious freedom within U.S. foreign policy.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “If God-given, natural, inalienable rights come in conflict with government, court, or human-granted rights, God-given, natural, inalienable rights always prevail.”</li> <li>• “We support the public display of the Ten Commandments as a reflection of our history and our country’s Judeo-Christian heritage.”</li> <li>• Entire platform mentions God 15 times.</li> </ul>	<p><b>God in Government</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silent on the role of God in government.</li> <li>• Silent on the source of human rights.</li> <li>• Celebrates “the paramount importance of maintaining the separation between church and state.”</li> <li>• Entire platform mentions God one time.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.”</li> <li>• Seeks to “enable courts to begin to reverse the long line of activist decisions—including <i>Roe</i>, <i>Obergefell</i>, and the Obamacare cases.”</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Courts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who...will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including... <i>Roe v. Wade</i>.”</li> <li>• “Applaud[s]” the decision in <i>Bostock v. Clayton County</i>, which redefined the word sex in Title VII to include sexual orientation and gender identity.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports “sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior.”</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sex Education</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports “LGBTQ+ inclusive” sex education with a full range of “family planning services.”</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will “fight for school choice” and “local control.”</li> <li>• Recognizes that “parents,” not the government, “are a child’s first and foremost educators.”</li> <li>• Supports homeschooling, private schools, vouchers, and tuition tax credits.</li> <li>• Encourages teaching the Bible as an elective in public schools.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Education Choice</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Democrats oppose private school vouchers and other policies that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from the public-school system, including the program at issue in the recent <i>Espinoza</i> decision.”</li> <li>• No mention of homeschooling.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “We reject the use of the military as a platform for social experimentation and will not accept...attempts to undermine military priorities and mission readiness.”</li> <li>• “Support[s] the religious freedom of all military members, especially chaplains, and will not tolerate attempts to ban Bibles or religious symbols from military facilities.”</li> <li>• Opposes the “Selective Service registration of women for a possible future draft.”</li> </ul>	<p><b>Social Experimentation in the Military</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “We will reverse the Trump Administration’s...ban [DOD policy on Gender Dysphoric individuals serving in the military].”</li> <li>• Silent on service members’ religious liberty rights.</li> <li>• Calls for VA medical benefits to include abortion and gender “transition” services.</li> </ul>

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