



The Truth

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“As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife.” (Proverbs 26:21)

“Partisan politics is part of our American republican form of government. It has been from the start, much to the angst of the Father of Our Country George Washington. The two-party system was in place when we began as a nation, but the ideological divide has never been greater than today.” –Dave



The two party conventions these past two weeks was a

display of political partisanship of the likes I've not seen in my lifetime. Is this a good thing or a bad thing? It depends on your perspective. Here at Aletheia Group we are dedicated to getting the truth out about the founding of our nation and the relationship of politics and religion.

What role does religion play today and did at our founding towards shaping to the major political parties? That's the question we're going to look at in this week's The Truth Newsletter. Are Republicrats no different than the Demicans, or are there obvious differences between the two major political parties.

To find the real answer, it is important to look at the Democrat and Republican Party platforms, because that is where they set their course and define their values.

Let's take the most important moral and political issue of our nation's existence: abortion. What stance do both parties take? The Democrat Party [platform](#) says:

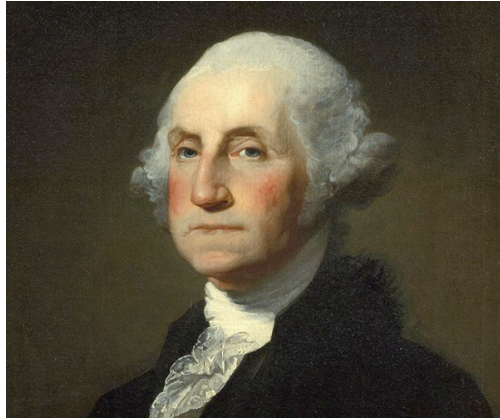
“The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports *Roe v. Wade* and a woman's right to make decisions regarding her pregnancy, including a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay.”

So the Democrats support abortion and the tax-payer funding of it. The [Republicans](#)?

“Faithful to the ‘self-evident’ truths enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.”

So clearly the two parties differ on the most important issue facing our nation: the right of the unborn to be safe inside the womb. Now, if we could just get the Republican Party to actually defend that acknowledged right.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



President Washington in his farewell [address](#) warned against political factions and their effects on good governance and citizenship.

"There is an opinion that parties in free countries are useful checks upon the administration of the government and serve to keep alive the spirit of liberty. This within certain limits is probably true; and in governments of a monarchical cast, patriotism may look with indulgence, if not with favor, upon the spirit of party. But in those of the popular character, in governments purely elective, it is a spirit not to be encouraged. From their natural tendency, it is certain there will always be enough of that spirit for every salutary purpose. And there being constant danger of excess, the effort ought to be by force of public opinion, to mitigate and assuage it. A fire not to be quenched, it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting into a flame, lest, instead of warming, it should consume."
George Washington, *First President of the United States, his farewell speech.*

George Washington was pretty much above party politics; at least he did not allow his hands to get dirty. He had Alexander Hamilton to do most of his dirty work. Hamilton was the revolutionary equivalent of James Carville, but not as disgusting and annoying.

Our nation was always destined to be a political system of two major political parties, beginning with the Federalist Party and the anti-Federalists Democratic-Republican Party, which later became the modern-day Democratic Party. While both original parties had many similar beliefs, the role of government was the dividing line for both.

Today's two major party are split on clear ideological lines. We've seen the differences of the two parties on the issue of abortion. But the Democrat Party supports gay marriage, higher taxes and government intrusion, while the Republican Party support traditional marriage, include a federal marriage amendment, lower taxes and limited government spending and encroachment in Americans' every day lives.

Supporters of both parties no doubt wish that their chosen parties were more ideological in their governance as compared to their stated positions.

FROM THE PULPIT

“Our presidential campaigns are political pageants and electoral dynamos. But, as any honest thoughtful observer will understand, our elections are also great worldview exercises. We reveal our worldview by our vote...The worldview clash could hardly be more dramatic. The Republicans frame the issue in terms of the unborn child’s “fundamental individual right to life.” The Democrats frame the issue as “a woman’s right to make decisions” — including the explicit right to decide to kill the baby in her womb. These are two contradictory moral claims.” Dr. Albert Mohler, “The Great American Worldview Test — The 2012 Election,” [Albert Mohler Blog.com](#), September 6, 2012.

Dr. Mohler is one of my spiritual heroes. I don’t always agree with him, however when it comes to stating and supporting a biblical worldview, Dr. Mohler is as solid as they come.

This great theologian has put his finger on the absolute, aletheia truth of what this and all elections are about. It is the purpose of why I teach Sunday School and stand a stand on biblical principles. It is all about your worldview. A worldview determines your convictions.

As my buddy [Steve Deace](#) always says, I want to know what a person’s convictions are, not their position. It is his convictions that will determine if he or she will stand on righteousness. It is a person’s positions that will cause them to take the politically expedient path of least resistance.

This is the dichotomy of the Republican Party. While their platform embraces a biblical and constitutionally sound worldview, too many elected Republican official are men and women of political positions instead of principled convictions. We must purge the party of these people if ever it is to implement its party platform.

For too long we’ve been told to vote for the person with the “R” behind their name because they represent the party that best represents our values. That is true, however, as Black Americans have been taken for granted by the Democrat Party, so it is true of how the Republican Party has treated values voters. This must stop with this election.

On the next page we’re going to look at how each of us as voters who not only vote with the ballot, but also with our monies and time, can turn the tide of the moral compromise that has sadly been the story of the Republican Party for the last 24 years.

TO THE STREETS

WE the People are responsible for the type of government we have today. Some of us are responsible by never voting. Some of us are responsible by being voluntarily dependent upon the government for support. Some of us are responsible by not holding our elected officials accountable for their governance. Some of us are guilty of all of the above. Wherever you may fit in the voter responsibility paradigm, it is now time to break free of it and return our nation back to one of limited government and constitutional sanity. Here are some ways:

1. Read both party platforms. If you think there is no difference between the two, then you most certainly need to read them. It may take you a couple of hours, but isn't our future worth it?
2. Learn what are the convictions of the candidates. Find out what drives their worldview. Do they believe are nation was found on Judeo-Christian principles or to they embrace a secular humanist view.
3. If you feel compelled to give money during this election cycle, do not give it to any Republican Party organization at any level. Do not give it to any organization for that matter. Find a candidate you can support and send him or her your hard earned dollars. And you don't have to support just your representatives. There are many key races in the all-important battleground states to support. If you are interested in supporting someone, might I suggest [Todd Akin](#)?
4. Learn as much as you can about the issues of our day. Be sure you understand what is constitutionally allowed when it comes to government policy and legislation. Politicians are very savvy at selling you a bill of goods that looks pretty on the outside but is a clear violation of our Constitution. Most of them don't even use that as a barometer. WE the People have to teach them!

This election is more than just Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney.

It is about convictions vs. positions. It is about right vs. wrong.

It is about truth...aletheia truth.

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