

# Thinking Biblically About Political Involvement (Part 2)

Selected Scripture

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A. Everyone has been uniquely created by God (Ps.139:13), in the image of God (Gen.1:27), to live in this world that is governed by God according to the will of God (Eph.1:11), for the glory of God (1Cor.10:31).

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B. Everyone possesses at least a basic understanding of God's existence (Rom.1:19-20) and God's moral standards revealed in Scripture (Rom.2:14-15).

- I. Why are all people held accountable to the same biblical standards?
  - C. Everyone will be judged by God according to these moral standards on the Day of Judgement (Acts 17:30-31; 1 Peter 4:4-5).

“This truth has significant implications for how Christians understand political questions that involve right and wrong. For example, if God says that murder is wrong (Ex. 20:13), and if it is determined that the command not to murder applies to preborn children and to those who are elderly or very ill, it clearly affects how one views laws regarding abortion and euthanasia.”

- Wayne Grudem

## XV. The Christian and the Social Order

“All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. . . . Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love.”

- The Baptist Faith & Message, 2000

“Many political debates do not leave room for a third alternative. Typically, we have to choose between two candidates, or two parties, or we have to vote ‘yes’ or ‘no’ on a proposition or bill.



Often neither alternative represents an ideal Christian choice, but often one alternative is distinctly better than the other, so that the Christian would be wise to be co-belligerent with one party or other.”

- John Frame

II. Why should Christians be involved in the political process in our country?

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A. God has always called His people to be involved in this world and exert Godly influence every way we can.

Daniel:

*Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.*

Jeremiah:

*Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare (Jer. 29:7).*

“The true ‘welfare’ of such a city will be advanced through governmental laws and policies that are consistent with God’s teaching in the Bible, not by those that are contrary to the Bible’s teachings.”

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Jesus:

We are to be like salt, preserving and flavoring our community (Mt.5:13).

We are to be like light, shining the light of God's truth on our community (Mt. 5:14-16).

### III. Where do Republican and Democratic Candidates stand on issues addressed in Scripture?



# 1. Abortion

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*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:13-14a)*

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*Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:4-5)*

## Issues

## Republican Party Platform

## Democratic Party Platform

Abortion

Supports the sanctity of human life and affirms that the “unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed.”

Opposes all federal and state laws that prohibit or restrict abortion.

## 2. Transgender Issues

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*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Gen.1:27)*

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## Democratic Party Platform

Trans-gender  
Support

Supports states that oppose including gender identity and sexual orientation under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

We will work to ensure LGBTQ+ people are not discriminated against when seeking to adopt or foster children, . . . and guarantee transgender students' access to facilities based on their gender identity.

### 3. Religious Liberty



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*Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor.6:9-10).*

### 3. Religious Liberty

*And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

*(1 Corinthians 6:11)*

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*Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (Gen.2:24)*

## Issues

## Republican Party Platform

## Democratic Party Platform

Religious  
Liberty/  
Freedom

Supports efforts to “defend the religious beliefs and rights of conscience of all Americans and to safeguard religious institutions against government control.”

Opposes “broad religious exemptions to allow businesses, medical providers, social service agencies, and others to discriminate.”

## Issues

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## Democratic Party Platform

Religious  
Liberty/  
Freedom

Opposes government discrimination against businesses or entities that decline to sell items or services to individuals for activities that go against their religious views about such activities.

Opposes “broad religious exemptions to allow businesses, medical providers, social service agencies, and others to discriminate.”

## 4. Traditional Marriage and Family.

## Issues

## Republican Party Platform

## Democratic Party Platform

Traditional  
Marriage  
and Family

Every child deserves a married mom and dad, and our laws and government regulations should actively promote married family life as the basis of a stable and prosperous society.

The platform has sections supporting many different groups found in American society – except the family.

“I try to base all my ideas, not only about theology, but about everything else, on the Scriptures. That includes politics. If I am to do ‘*all [things] for the glory of God*’ (1 Cor.10:31), that surely includes my voting behavior and my other efforts to improve the government of my country.”

- John Frame