

| Republicans believe... | Democrats believe... |
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| <p>...that the United States were founded on the fundamental principle that individuals have certain rights and freedoms which cannot be infringed upon and may be restricted only to the degree necessary to preserve the rights of others.</p> | <p>...that our Founding Fathers did not really mean what they said when they guaranteed certain constitutional rights such as the right to freedom of religious expression, the right to keep and bear arms, and the right to retain the use of private property.</p> |
| <p>...the money you earn is yours and that government in a free society has the right to take only as much as is needed to perform those limited functions, which are appropriate to it.</p> | <p>...government has a right to use your money as it sees fit to redistribute wealth, establish new spending programs in times of budget surpluses, and to return to you only that portion of your money which is politically expedient.</p> |
| <p>...the traditional family and the values it fosters are the foundation of American society and their preservation is essential to our Nation's continued success.</p> | <p>...American society must redefine its values and the role of the family to fit new lifestyle concepts, which have resulted from the 60's counter-culture movement and an attitude that promotes an abrogation of individual responsibility.</p> |
| <p>...parents have the right to determine the values with which their children will be raised and to have the widest possible choice among public, private and religious schools and that competition will improve public education.</p> | <p>...the federal government has the right to determine the values which will be taught in public schools and parents' choice of schools must be limited to avoid exposing public schools to competitive forces which would encourage reform and increase accountability.</p> |
| <p>...that the free enterprise system is the most effective engine of economic progress.</p> | <p>...that government regulation and federal control of economic activity can better distribute wealth and services to the American people.</p> |
| <p>...high taxes, runaway government spending, and over-regulation of business and farming punish initiative and stifle economic growth.</p> | <p>...penalizing achievement with higher taxes and increased government bureaucracy and spending will not stifle economic growth but instead guarantee prosperity for everyone.</p> |
| <p>...that with freedom comes responsibility and that individuals must take personal responsibility for their own actions and our criminal</p> | <p>...individual behavior, including criminal behavior, can be blamed on "society" and that spending on social welfare programs and improvements in prison living conditions can combat crime.</p> |

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| <p>justice system must be based on this idea.</p> | |
| <p>...that your property is yours and you have the basic right to make use of it without unreasonable government restrictions.</p> | <p>...the government has the right to regulate the use of private property in accordance with narrow special interests without giving just compensation to owners.</p> |
| <p>...the preservation of our rights and freedoms must be entrusted to a strong national defense and of the ability of the United States to negotiate with other nations from a position of strength.</p> | <p>...we can afford to drastically weaken our military despite the threats present in an unstable, post-Cold War international environment and the United States must subjugate its interests to those of the United Nations.</p> |
| <p>...it is imperative today to re-affirm the traditional freedoms and values of America to preserve our great Republic.</p> | <p>...that America must adopt a politically correct, multi-cultural set of values which denies common American heritage and will further divide American society.</p> |
| <p>...there can be differences of opinion and that such differences such result in opponents, not enemies.</p> | <p>...that all whom oppose them are to be treated as enemies.</p> |
| <p>...that all of America's citizens can enjoy the rights and freedoms of our country without diminishing the rights of others.</p> | <p>...that some must give up a portion of their rights and freedoms that others may enjoy those same rights and freedoms.</p> |
| <p>...that public servants, particularly those whom we elect to office, must be held accountable to the highest standards of ethical conduct.</p> <p>"If a man cannot be trusted with the government of himself, can he be trusted with the government of others?" [Thomas Jefferson]</p> | <p>...that loyalty to a discredited leader is a virtue and if other office holders have committed indiscretions, a sitting office holder should not be criticized for failing to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct.</p> |

In Order to be a Liberal

1. You have to be against capital punishment, but support abortion on demand.
2. You have to believe that corporations create oppression and governments create prosperity. (This one is really important)
3. You have to believe that guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens are more of a threat than nuclear weapons technology in the hands of Chinese and North Korean communists or Islamic fundamentalists.
4. You have to believe that there was no art before government funding.
5. You have to believe that global temperatures are less affected by cyclical documented changes in the earth's climate and more affected by soccer moms driving SUV's.
6. You have to believe that gender roles are artificial but being homosexual is natural.
7. You have to believe that the AIDS virus is spread by a lack of government funding.
8. You have to believe that the same teacher who can't teach 4th-graders how to read is somehow qualified to teach those same kids about sex.
9. You have to believe that outdoorsmen don't care about nature, but loony activists who have never been outside of San Francisco do.
10. You have to believe that self-esteem is more important than actually doing something to earn it.
11. You have to believe that Mel Gibson spent \$25 million of his own money to make *The Passion Of The Christ* for financial gain only.
12. You have to believe the NRA is bad because it supports certain parts of the Constitution, while the ACLU is good because it supports certain parts of the Constitution.
13. You have to believe that taxes are too low, but ATM fees are too high.
14. You have to believe that Margaret Sanger and Gloria Steinem are more important to American history than Thomas Jefferson, Gen. Robert E. Lee, and Thomas Edison.

15. You have to believe that standardized tests are racist, but racial quotas and set-asides are not.
16. You have to believe that Hillary Clinton is normal and is a very nice person.
17. You have to believe that the only reason socialism hasn't worked anywhere it's been tried is because the right people haven't been in charge.
18. You have to believe conservatives telling the truth belong in jail, but a liar and a sex offender belonged in the White House.
19. You have to believe that homosexual parades displaying drag, transvestites, and bestiality should be constitutionally protected, and manger scenes at Christmas should be illegal.
20. You have to believe that illegal Democratic Party funding by the Chinese Government is somehow in the best interest to the United States.
21. You have to believe that this message is a part of a vast, right wing conspiracy.