### Democrat vs. Republican Quick Comparison Chart

(Note: This chart deals in generalities and may not represent the viewpoints of all candidates)

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#### Stance on Military issues
- Typically decreased spending
- Typically increased spending, though some Libertarians favor isolationism

#### Stance on Gay Marriage
- Support (some Democrats disagree)
- Oppose (some Republicans disagree)

#### Stance on Abortion
- Should remain legal; support Roe v. Wade
- Should not be legal (with some exceptions); oppose Roe v. Wade

#### Stance on Death Penalty
- While support for the death penalty is strong among Democrats, opponents of the death penalty are a substantial fraction of the Democratic base.
- A large majority of Republicans support the death penalty.

#### Stance on Taxes
- Progressive (high income earners should be taxed at a higher rate). Generally not opposed to raising taxes to fund government.
- Tend to favor a "flat tax" (same tax rate regardless of income). Generally opposed to raising taxes. Often support tax cuts for wealthy

#### Stance on Government Regulation
- Government regulations are needed to protect consumers and the environment.
- Government regulations hinder free market capitalism and job growth.

#### Healthcare Policy
- Support universal healthcare; strong support of government involvement in healthcare, including Medicare and Medicaid. Generally support Obamacare.
- Private companies can provide healthcare services more efficiently than government-run programs. Oppose Obamacare provisions like (1) requirement for individuals to buy health insurance or pay a fine, (2) required coverage of contraceptives.

#### Stance on Immigration
- There is greater overall support in the Democratic party for a moratorium on deporting - or offering a pathway to citizenship to - certain undocumented immigrants. e.g., those with no criminal record, who have lived in the U.S. for 5+ years.
- Republicans are generally against amnesty for any undocumented immigrants. They also oppose President Obama's executive order that put a moratorium on deporting certain workers. Republicans also fund stronger enforcement actions at the border.

#### Membership
- 43.1 million (as of 2012)
- 30.7 million (as of 2012)

#### 2016 Presidential Candidates
- Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Martin O'Malley
- Donald Trump, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, others.

**SOURCE:** [http://www.diffen.com/difference/Democrat_vs_Republican](http://www.diffen.com/difference/Democrat_vs_Republican) (Accessed 8-24-16)