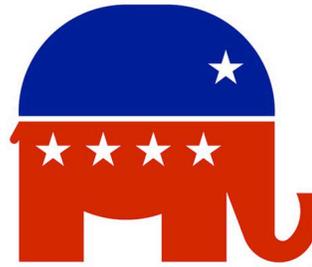
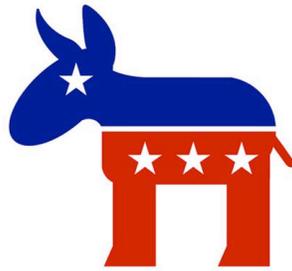


# Democrat vs. Republican Quick Comparison Chart

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



<b>Symbol</b>	Donkey	Elephant
<b>Color</b>	Blue	Red
<b>Founded in</b>	1824	1854
<b>Stance on Military issues</b>	Typically decreased spending	Typically increased spending, though some Libertarians favor isolationism
<b>Stance on Gay Marriage</b>	Support (some Democrats disagree)	Oppose (some Republicans disagree)
<b>Stance on Abortion</b>	Should remain legal; support Roe v. Wade	Should not be legal (with some exceptions); oppose Roe v. Wade
<b>Stance on Death Penalty</b>	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.
<b>Stance on Taxes</b>	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
<b>Stance on Government Regulation</b>	Government regulations are needed to protect consumers and the environment.	Government regulations hinder free market capitalism and job growth.
<b>Healthcare Policy</b>	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.
<b>Stance on Immigration</b>	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.
<b>Membership</b>	43.1 million (as of 2012)	30.7 million (as of 2012)
<b>2016 Presidential Candidates</b>	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)