

## What is the difference between Democrats and Republicans?



Recently, a good friend (who is fiscally conservative, and typically votes Democratic) asked me an important question. What is the difference between Democrats and Republicans? That's a really tough question to accurately answer, even within each party, opinions on issues vary greatly. As an Independent voter, my flip answer a few years ago would have been, that there is not a dime's worth of difference. But that is not entirely true; there are subtle and important differences beyond the liberal, conservative labels between the two parties. After careful consideration of the question, I believe the answer comes down to one word, which I will explain shortly. The traits, and beliefs, found in some men (& women) in the Republican Party, and a few, in the Democratic Party, highlight the difference between the parties. They are also the same traits, and beliefs, the founding fathers believed were in the best interest, and long term survival, of the Republic. They are also traits, and beliefs, I believe, God himself intended, and prefers, for those elected to make law (laws of man that don't violate God's law) on our behalf.

**Brief History:** The Democrat Party started back in 1831-32 with a split in the Democratic-Republican Party, by a group known as the [Andrew] Jackson Democrats. The Democratic-Republican Party was originally founded by Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison, in 1792. Shortly after it's founding, the Democratic Party soon became the pro-slavery party. The Republican Party got its start back in 1854 with anti-slavery members breaking from Democratic Party (the largest party at the time) to form the Republican Party. After the Civil war, during the time of Reconstruction, Democrats in the South not only intimidated both blacks and Republicans alike, they lynched them both. The void created by driving many Republicans out of the political arena, allowed Democrats to pass laws that restricted voting, and instituted the segregation of blacks, known as Jim Crow Laws in the South. Over the years, both parties have changed to where today, they no longer reflect the ideals of their earlier roots.



**Today:** The Democratic Party, once considered the party of the hard working Americans has now changed to the socialist party. They have spent beyond the country's means enslaving the next generation under a mountain of debt. Through excessive spending on social programs and government obligations, they fostered a dependency on government, pushing a pro-abortion, and pro-gay anti-religion agenda. They are now typically the top winners of special interest money, and donations. Through international trade deals such as NAFTA, GATT and others, combined with excessive taxes and regulations have created an environment that discourages manufacturing in America. The result has been the loss of tens of millions of manufacturing jobs over seas. As a party, their respect for the sanctity of the Constitution, sanctity of life, rule of law, piety, morals, and efforts in removing God from society has been truly

appalling.

On many issues, the Republican party is not much better than the Democrats. Once considered the party of big business, they are still the party of big business, but have taken a back seat to the Democrats in money they receive. Only recently have the Republicans put a break on spending and raising the federal debt. Long considered the party of the pro-Constitution, religion, business, gun owner rights and lower taxes, Republicans have fallen far short in their voting record. As a party, their respect for the sanctity of the Constitution, sanctity of life, rule of law, piety, and morals, has been better than the Democrats, but very troublesome.

The sad part is that neither party (including other parties) today, reflects the values, and beliefs, of most hard working American families. Nor do they reflect the beliefs, and values, held by the Founding Fathers that founded this great nation. Given the corruption of government, and lack of morals, and piety, of those elected to legislative on our behalf, it would appear that the American voters beliefs, and values, differ greatly from the Founding Fathers. While it has been almost one hundred fifty years since the Civil War with the struggles over slavery, I suspect that even today, there are still some Democrats, who would like to lynch a few Republicans if they could get away with it. Why some Democrats would like to lynch a few Republicans, highlights the subtle, and important difference, between the parties, and reflects on the core beliefs of the Founding Fathers. **It all boils down to one word, “God.” From my observation, there are three subtle traits, or held beliefs, connected to God that differentiates Democrats from Republicans today. They are “Fear of God,” “Respect for the sanctity of the Constitution” and “Patriotism.”** One, to all of these three traits can be found with some Republicans, and a handful of Democrats, or those from other parties, but between Democrats and Republicans, tend to be found in higher proportion among those in the Republican party.

**Fear of God:** If one has a fear of God, from a Judeo-Christian perspective, he or she acknowledges there is a God, and that God has rules, and laws, for his creations to follow. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7 RSV Those who have a “Fear of God” in the area of politics, would tend to vote differently than those who have no fear of judgment. Those who don’t fear God, do not have the same hard definition of what is right, and wrong, and what is good, and evil. One would expect elected officials who have a “Fear of God” to be fiscally conservative (frugal the labor of their fellow citizens), anti abortion (protect life & Liberty), strong defense (defense of country), protect the right to keep, and bear arms (biblical right of self defense), limited government, and to encourage religion and morality in society (as the Founding Fathers did). If one truly believes they will be judged for their actions, then lying, stealing, cheating, adultery, and even down to running misleading or lies in political ads on an opponent is off the table as far as acceptable behavior.

“God commands you to choose for rulers, ‘just men who will rule in the fear of God.’ The preservation of government depends on the faithful discharge of this duty; if the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted; laws will be made, not for the public good so much as for selfish or local purposes; corrupt or incompetent men will be appointed to execute the laws; the public revenues will be squandered on unworthy men; and the rights of the citizens will be violated or disregarded. If a republican government fails to secure public prosperity and happiness, it must be because the citizens neglect the divine commands, and elect bad men to make and administer the laws.”

— Noah Webster (1758-1843) Father of the Dictionary & American Patriot

**Respect for the sanctity of the Constitution:** The Constitution is the frame of government, the

glue that holds our Republic together, and the framework that protects man's God given rights. It was held in reverence by the Founding Fathers as a master piece of government, implementing the country's mission statement (Declaration of Independence), which was that "All men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." It has been acknowledged by many leaders over the years that if the Republic were ever lost, it could never be put back together again, and with its demise the loss of Liberty, Freedom, and country.

The Constitution has stood the test of time. The United States is the longest running Republic in history, a tribute to God [Miracle at Philadelphia], and the men who forged the document. Therefore, any changes should carefully weighed, be debated and considered, and enacted, through the legal means built into the Constitution. Any court cases should be viewed through the lens of the "Original Intent" of the founding fathers intended, of which we have historical record of months of debate in Congress on the Constitution to judge. The Constitution is based on biblical law, which is also the basis of our legal system. The Constitution is not a living document to be changed by the morally relativistic views of a few Supreme Court Justices, devoid of knowledge of divine law. "Good intentions will always be pleaded for every assumption of authority." Said Daniel Webster, "It is hardly too strong to say that the Constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters."

"I had the honor of being one among many who framed that Constitution. ... Let each man among us, whether in the State or in the Church, whether in public or in private life, by example, by precept, by every becoming act, preserve, and be ready with his life and fortune to defend the just cause in which god has been pleased to engage us. ... We shall be the happy instruments of establishing liberty, civil and religious, in a wilderness, where towns and cities shall grow, whose inhabitants to the latest posterity will look back to this happy epoch, and celebrate and bless the memory of this generation. In order effectually to accomplish these great ends, it is incumbent upon us to begin wisely, and to proceed in the fear of God; and it is especially the duty of those who bear rule, to promote and encourage piety and virtue, and to discountenance every degree of vice and immorality.

— Henry Laurens (1724-1796 ) President of Congress, Delegate to the Constitutional Convention

"Every word of the Constitution decides a question between power and liberty." "The future and success of America is not in this Constitution, but in the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded."

— James Madison (1751-1836) Father of the Constitution, 4th President of the United States

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people; it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government—lest it come to dominate our lives and interests."

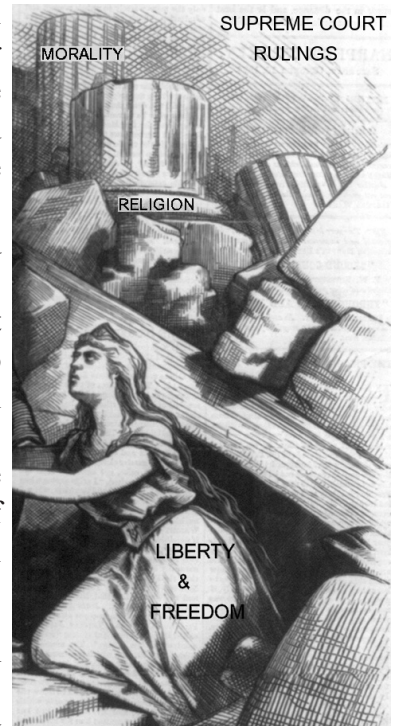
— Patrick Henry (1736-1799) Patriot, Lawyer and Orator

**Patriotism:** Webster's 1828 dictionary defines patriotism as "Love of one's country; the passion which aims to serve one's country, either in defending it from invasion, or protecting it's rights and

maintaining its laws and institutions [Constitution &] in vigor and purity. Patriotism is the characteristic of a good citizen, the noblest passion that animates a man in the character of a citizen.”

As one would expect, there are many politicians today, who would take offense at the suggestion that they were somehow not patriotic, or operating, without the country’s best interest in mind. While we may have our personal views on the definition on patriotism, resoundingly, the Founding Fathers views on patriotism differed greatly from ours today. Without belief in God, “Fear of God,” knowledge of the Bible, and devout, in ones public and personal life (you shall know them by their fruits), one would not and could not be considered a patriot. Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams explains, “A patriot without religion in my estimation is as great a paradox as an honest Man without the fear of God. Is it possible that he whom no moral obligations binds, can have any real Good Will towards Men? Can he be a patriot who, by an openly vicious conduct, is undermining the very bonds of Society? ... The Scriptures tell us ‘righteousness exalteth a Nation.’”

George Washington warned of false patriots as well, “there will always be reason to distrust the patriotism of those who in any quarter may endeavor to weaken its bands (Union & Constitution)...Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them.” Founding Father John Witherspoon went further in explaining, “The people in general ought to have regard to the moral character of those whom they invest with authority either in the legislative, executive, or judicial branches.” “Shun, as a contagious pestilence, not only the society but of those whom you perceive to be infected with the principles of infidelity or enemies to the power of religion.” “Whoever is an avowed enemy of God, I scruple not to call him an enemy to his country.”



The difference between Democrats, and Republicans, boils down to one word, God. The differences are highlighted by one to three subtle traits, or held beliefs, being “Fear of God,” “Respect for the of sanctity Constitution,” and “Patriotism.” They are found with some Democrats, but found in larger proportion in the Republican and other parties. The reason we have the government and problems we have today is because citizens have elected Democrats, and Republicans, who do not fear God. John Adams said that our Constitution “was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” From our frame of government, legal system to the morals and piety of elected officials to its citizens, if people cease to have morals, and piety, the entire system government, and country, collapses. It has only been through the tireless efforts of God fearing politicians, American public, and military men, and women, who have prevented our weakened frame of government from completely collapsing.

“If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.  
— Daniel Webster (1782-1852) Author, Lawyer and Patriot

Samuel Adams said that “If ever time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin.” Unfortunately, that point in time has long since passed. We have reached in time described when “men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, fierce, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding the form of religion but denying the power of it. Avoid such people. 2 Timothy 32-5 RSV “God has granted us the challenge to change our country and to make it better by moving it closer to the intentions of the men who invented it.” Ronald Reagan said. Our challenge today is whether we will return to the religious values, beliefs and traits the Founding Fathers possessed, or the Republic will [very shortly] be lost forever.

The country’s Founders put their trust in God (One Nation under God), not in the corrupt, human frailties of man. God has no political party, nor backs a political party. He has made his word known to man. History clearly shows that those nations on God’s side prosper, those who turn against him or do not serve his purpose are destroyed, relegated to the dust bins of history. We will be ruled by God, grow, and prosper, or be ruled by tyrants, to be buried in obscurity, the choice is ours (free will). As Washington wrote to a friend about the survival of the Republic, “God who is alone able to protect them [us].”

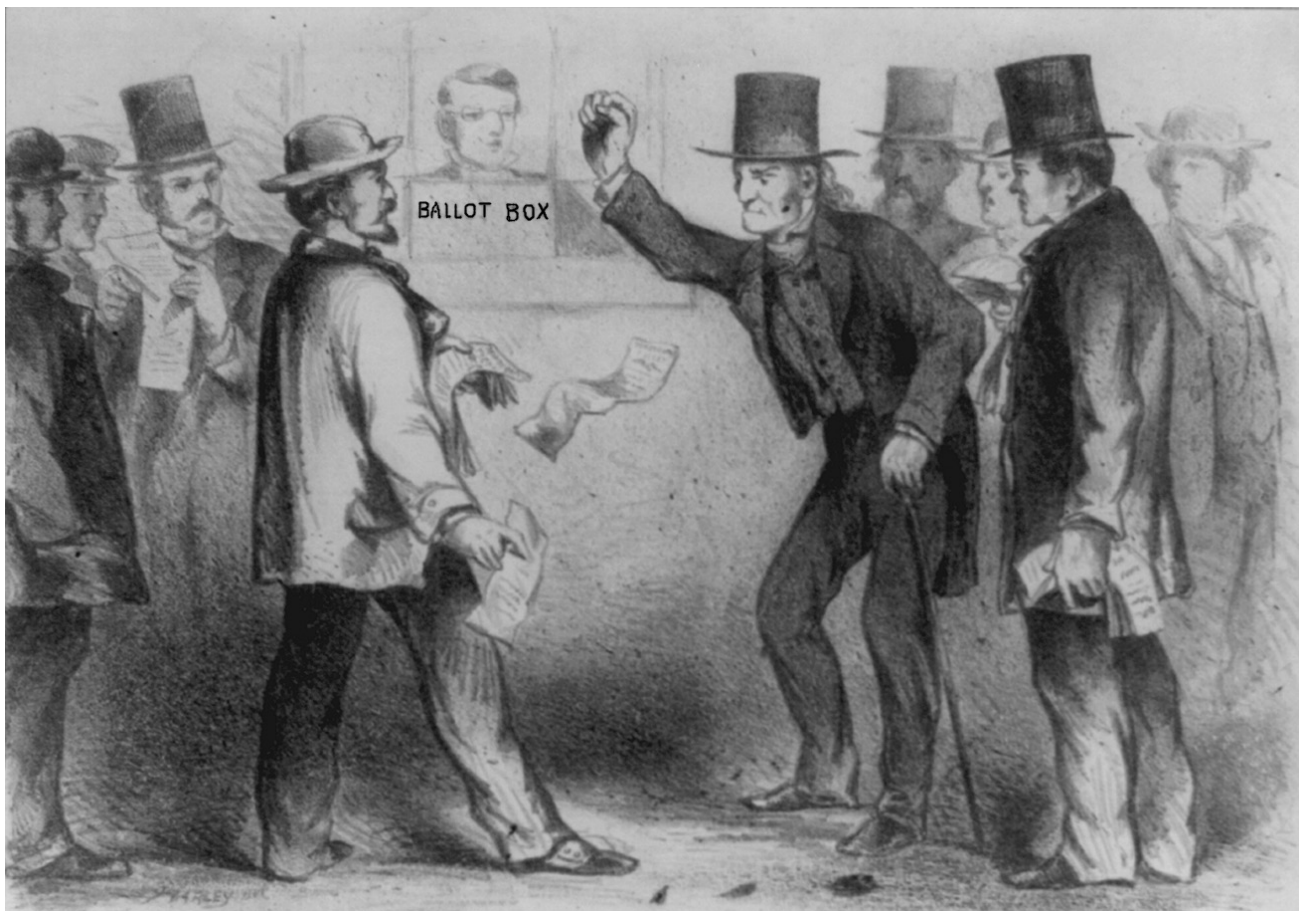


George Washington shared many public words of wisdom, and private thoughts, and in words in prayer, for the protection, and longevity of the Republic. His first Inaugural address in 1789, and Farewell Address (previously mandatory reading in school) to the nation in 1796, both summarize his advice for the country’s long term survival, thoughts on party, and our responsibilities as citizens to the country. Perhaps Washington, and the Founding Fathers, knew more about human nature, and political parties, than we do today. Both of Washington’s addresses are well worth a read for voters of our generation. A brief excerpt from George Washington’s First, and Farewell Address,

“It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and

whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes, and may enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success the functions allotted to his charge. In tendering this homage to the Great Author of every public and private good, I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own, nor those of my fellow- citizens at large less than either. No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency; and in the important revolution just accomplished in the system of their united government the tranquil deliberations and voluntary consent of so many distinct communities from which the event has resulted can not be compared with the means by which most governments have been established without some return of pious gratitude, along with an humble anticipation of the future blessings which the past seem to presage. These reflections, arising out of the present crisis, have forced themselves too strongly on my mind to be suppressed.”

“Can it be that Providence has not connected the permanent felicity of a nation with its virtue ?... Let me ...warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of party ...[it's] common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it. ...It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, ...It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which finds a facilitated access to the



government itself through the channels of party passions. ...in governments purely elective, it is a spirit not to be encouraged.”<sup>1</sup>

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— Noah Webster

Endnotes:

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