

VOTING BIBLICALLY

A DEEP DIVE INTO TODAY'S ISSUES AND
WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY.



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EXPLORE THE ISSUES

LIFE



The very first right listed in the Declaration of Independence is the right to life, a right firmly rooted in the Judeo-Christian standards of morality upon which our country was founded. However, this foundational right has come under increasing attacks in recent years, and even though *Roe vs. Wade*—the original Supreme Court case which removed the right to life for unborn Americans by legalizing abortion—has been overturned, the enemies of life will never stop trying to eliminate this fundamental right.



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:

The Bible teaches that all life is sacred from conception to natural death. God knows those who are in the womb. Ps. 139 reminds us that: “You knit me in my mother’s womb” and “my frame was known to you when I was made in secret.” Ps. 22 says, “You have been my guide since I was first formed.” Ps. 51:5 shows that a preborn child is created in God’s image.

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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. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

— Psalms 139:13-14 ESV

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“ They said, ‘Caesar’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’

— Matthew 22:21 ESV

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Religious liberty is the **very first right protected** in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, so it’s clear that this was a vitally important issue to our nation’s founders — especially in historical context. However, this foundational right has undergone **numerous challenges** in recent years, with opponents of religious liberty trying to elevate other classifiers like race or gender identity above the foundational right to **freedom of religious expression**.



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:

Jesus taught that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). The Old Testament also makes clear that the things of God take precedence when in conflict. Exodus 20 makes clear that we should have no other gods before our God. Therefore, “rendering unto Caesar” does not mean government should ban crosses, the Ten Commandments, prayers, or religious speech from the public square.

We don’t want a government that demands religious devotion, nor do we want a government that persecutes religious activity. We want a government that will accommodate religion and allow us to practice what we believe: that the Holy Spirit (not the government) changes hearts (John 6:63) and that we are born again and are saved by grace (John 3:5-7, Eph. 2:8-9).



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NATIONAL DEFENSE

Every sovereign nation on the planet has an **inherent right** — and even a responsibility — to defend its citizens “against all enemies, foreign and domestic” as our own U.S. oath of office dictates. This is the **sacred duty** of our U.S. Armed Forces. However, our national defense has become more complicated due to entrenched political interests, injecting the military with “woke” ideology, questions about how much should be invested in foreign conflicts, and the confusion sown by enemies who claim to want peace but work for the annihilation of America.



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:

In Rom. 13, Paul talks about government being a servant and then says in Rom. 13:4, “But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.” The sword in the hand of government should be used to defeat evildoers, whether that be foreign invaders or a criminal within a country.

Eccl. 3:8 reminds us there is a “time for war, and a time for peace.” Determining when war is appropriate is a difficult question and has led Christian theologians and scholars to develop the “just war criteria.” These criteria raise questions about whether a military action is: a just cause, a just intention, the last resort, a formal declaration, and has limited objectives.

“...he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

— Romans 13:4 ESV



ECONOMY

Our nation’s Founders firmly believed in the economic system of **free market** capitalism. They set up the U.S. government to interfere as little as possible in the business affairs of its citizens, so that each individual would have an **equal opportunity** to work hard and earn the rewards of their efforts. A stark alternative to this view of economics is socialism, which **replaces** equal opportunity with **equal outcome**—artificially levelling the playing field and de-incentivizing hard work.

“ If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.
— 2 Thessalonians 3:10 ESV ”



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:

The Bible has much to say about money. A Biblical view of economics must include the whole of Scripture and many parables and principles. First, we must remember that God should be glorified in all that we do (1 Cor. 10:31).

Private property and ownership must be respected. While everything belongs to God (Ps. 24:1), He has made us stewards of the resources He has provided (Gen. 1:26-28). Individuals should have rights to use those resources without excessive impediment of government.

Evil and sin must be restrained. All have and will sin; we should protect against evil intent and reward those acting righteously. The defenseless must be protected. (Prov. 29:7, Ps. 82:2-4, and Jam. 1:26-27). The next generation should be left an inheritance (Prov. 13:22).

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HEALTHCARE

Responsible nations should always take a **reasonable interest** in the safety and security of their citizens, which is why services like first responders, the 911 hotline, and the U.S. National Guard are funded by the government. However, many in today's society believe that a **right to healthcare** should be included in that list—a fundamental right afforded to every American. While America's Founders did not include a right to healthcare in the U.S. Constitution, as they believed in limiting government to only its **essential functions**, many now disagree.



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:

The Bible admonishes us to consider the plight of the poor. We cannot ignore them and their needs. Prov. 28:27 says, "Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse." Jam. 2:15-16 says, "If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?"

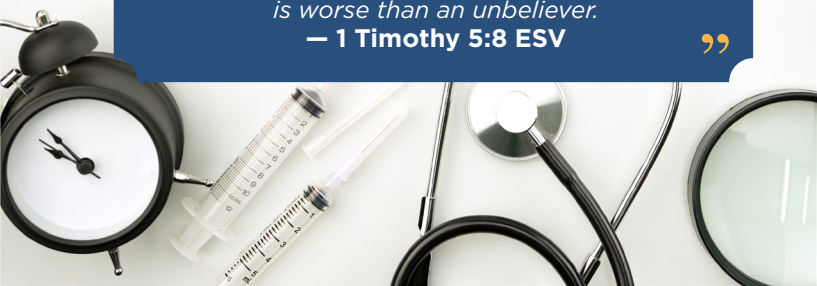
On the other hand, we are admonished against laziness and neglect and should be concerned about a welfare system that often enables bad habits that lead to poverty. Prov. 6:6 says, "Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." We should also be concerned about a welfare system that rewards idleness and poor work habits. In the New Testament, Paul issued this command in 1 Thes. 3:10, "If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat."

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But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

— 1 Timothy 5:8 ESV

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BORDER SECURITY



The U.S. has a duty to keep its borders secure, which is why Article IV of our Constitution **guarantees** that the federal government "shall protect each of [the states] against Invasion." In recent years, we've seen a shift towards **openly ignoring** this protection. Government officials now often **refuse** to enforce border security laws, and the lines between citizens and non-citizens have been so blurred by politicals that many now **refuse** to even use the phrase "illegal immigrant."



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:

In biblical times, nations had clearly recognizable borders. Even ancient equivalents of the modern visa were required before people could enter another sovereign territory. The Bible draws a distinction between legal and illegal immigration by the use of Hebrew words *ger*, *nekhar*, and *zar* (Lev. 19:9-10), Deut. 26: 12-13, and Num. 15:15-16). Aliens or strangers (*ger*) received all the benefits and protection of a citizen . . . whereas the foreigner (*nekhar*) did not.

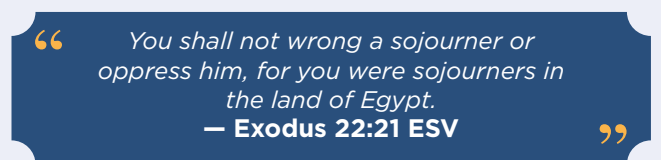
The Bible describes the practice of restricting foreign travel through sovereign land, but it does not consider that right to be an excuse for unkindness. The New Testament is very clear: "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." Heb. 13: 1-3

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You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

— Exodus 22:21 ESV

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OBJECTIVE TRUTH

iVoterGuide believes strongly in applying the unchanging, absolute truth and authority of God's Word to all spheres of life, including family, church, enterprise, and civil government. In these confusing times, we hear numerous voices claiming to be from God, and they can't all be correct.

GOD'S POSITION ON EVERY ISSUE IS THE ONLY RIGHT ANSWER.

We're so thankful that God has given us His word (John 1:1), that He is knowable through holy scripture (2 Tim. 3:16), and that He speaks to his people when they seek Him. (Heb. 1:2, 1 Thes. 2:13, Jer. 33:3, Rom. 10:17)

We hope to give you an overview of important issues to take before God in prayer as you compare a candidate's application of his or her understanding of an issue to what the Bible says. To see evaluations on more than 13,000 candidates, **go to <https://ivoterguide.com/>** and type in your address.



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*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God,
who gives generously to all without reproach,
and it will be given him.*

— James 1:5

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WHERE DO YOU STAND?

WHAT ABOUT PARTY PLATFORMS?

With the changing political landscape and party rhetoric, distinguishing between Democrats, Republicans, and other parties has become more and more difficult. However, each candidate must choose a party affiliation, and they generally choose the party that most represents their values. To see the major tenets of the Republican and Democratic parties, download our party platform comparison at: <https://ivoterguide.com/insights/platform-compare>

Compare the major tenets listed below, and see which most closely aligns with God's word and how He is speaking to you:

REPUBLICANS

- ☐ Oppose late-term abortion
- ☐ Support right to read the Bible and pray in schools
- ☐ Value the sanctity of marriage
- ☐ Restore parental rights in education
- ☐ Finish wall on southern border and deport illegal immigrants

DEMOCRATS

- ☐ Support late-term abortion
- ☐ Maintain separation of church and state
- ☐ Codify protections for LGBTQI+
- ☐ Oppose private school vouchers, tuition tax credit, and opportunity scholarships
- ☐ Expand illegal immigration

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Everything we cherish — faith, family, freedom, finances — is in the hands of the elected officials we send to Washington, our state capitals, school boards, and local government. No matter which party or leader is in control, the Apostle Paul urges prayer for those in authority so we can “live peaceful and quiet lives” which “pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved.” (1 Tim. 2)

