

How The Platforms Of The Major Parties Compare

Democratic Party

Republican Party

U.S. Labor Party

ENERGY

We must encourage production of the highest quality coal... research and development of clean burning and commercially competitive coal burning systems and technologies... and we encourage conversion to coal by industrial users of natural gas and imported oil... early high-risk development projects are required... to harness renewable resources like solar, wind, geothermal, the oceans, and other new technologies such as fusion, fuel cells and conversion of solid waste and starches into energy... U.S. dependence on nuclear energy should be kept to a minimum.

ENERGY

Our approach to energy self-sufficiency must involve... development of domestic gas, oil, coal, and uranium and expanded research and development in... solar, geothermal, co-generation, solid waste, wind, water... Uranium offers the best intermediate solution to America's energy crisis... Among alternative future energy sources, fusion, with its unique potential for supplying unlimited clean energy and the promise of new methods of natural resource recovery, warrants continued emphasis in our national energy research program...

ENERGY

We define the coming decade as committed to the realization of operational Controlled Thermonuclear Fusion Reactor (CTR) technology... The possibility of continued human existence depends upon accelerating the rate of useful energy consumption per capita in all forms of production and by households... The party which does not propose massive commitments to the development of CTR technology is at best a gaggle of useless fools... We must allocate \$25 billion for a "brute force" fusion development program over the next two years to achieve this.

AGRICULTURE

We must intensify efforts to expand agriculture's long-term markets abroad but... prevent irresponsible and inflationary sales from the American granary to foreign purchasers... Aggressive but stable and consistent export policy... the production of food and fiber in America must be used as part of a constructive foreign policy... Producers shall be encouraged to produce at full capacity within the limits of good conservation practices...

AGRICULTURE

The bounty of our farms is... an amazing production achievement... Farm exports have continued to expand under the Republican Administration... we fight the problem of world hunger... Republican farm policy has permitted farmers to use their crop land fully... We oppose government controlled grain reserves... and unrealistic regulations on farm practices such as those imposed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Environmental Protection Agency... We firmly believe that when the nation asks our farmers to go all out to produce as much as possible for world-wide markets, the government should guarantee them unfettered access to these markets... no export controls... we recognize the importance of the multilateral trade negotiations now in progress...

AGRICULTURE

Debt moratoria for agriculture are urgently needed... to prevent a broad collapse of sectors of agricultural production... Major credits and a priority emphasis must be placed on the application of industrially produced means of agricultural production (tractors, implements, drainage and irrigation, desalinization, fertilizers...) to increase per hectare output and decrease per hectare labor for all existing agricultural areas in production in the world... to develop production levels of not less than 3,500 calories and 250 grams of useable protein per day per capita for a population... of 4 billion. Either we fund tractor and related forms of urgently needed industrial output, or our Democratic opponents will employ unemployed workers at forced labor incomes in "leaf-raking"... fascist-welfarist labor-intensive "projects."

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Nothing.

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Every aspect of our domestic economy and well-being, our international competitive position and national security is related to... basic and applied research and development of our technology... This has been based on... partnership between business and industry which must continue... Because our society is so dependent on advancement of science and technology it is one of the areas where there must be a central federal policy... The space program plays a pioneer role... and we support its expansion... Our technology can be assimilated and used to increase our productivity and standard of living... We shall continue to encourage young Americans to study science and engineering...

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Our policy is to launch a broad assault on all the main lines of problems associated with "brute force" fusion power development, affecting plasma physics knowledge, in particular, and to also push parallel investigations in numerous relevant specialist fields... typified by metallurgy... We shall continually confront the existing limits of current mathematical physics... The continued existence of the human species... demands that we move quickly and deliberately into a new physics, comprehending the kinds of negentropic principles expressed by... living processes generally and... the creative processes of human cognition...

EMPLOYMENT

The goal of a new Democratic Administration will be to turn unemployment checks into pay checks... Of special importance is the need for

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Massive federally-funded public employment programs such as the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill currently embraced by the... Democrats... will

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We shall direct the Congress to specifically prohibit the use of Federal revenues by Federal agencies... or state and local governments... for

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national economic planning... accompanied by public employment, public works projects, and direct direct stimulus to the private sector. . . . To meet the needs of youth, we should consolidate existing youth employment programs. . . training, apprenticeship, internship, and job counseling. . . and permit youth participation in public employment projects. . . . Existing welfare programs have few meaningful work incentives. . . . These should include a requirement that those able to work be provided with appropriate jobs. . . .

FOREIGN POLICY

Soviet actions continue to pose severe threats to world peace. . . . Rather than effectively resisting. . . the Ford Administration has looked favorably on such steps as subsidizing U.S.-USSR trade. . . giving the Soviets concessionary credits. . . promoting trade increases. . . in a short-run hope of modifying their political behavior. . . . Where bilateral trade arrangements are to our mutual advantage, we should pursue them, but our watchword is tough bargaining for concrete economic and political benefits. . . . The continued USSR military dominance of many Eastern European countries remains a source of oppression. . . which we do not accept. . . . Any attempt by the Soviets to dominate other parts of Europe — such as Yugoslavia — would be an action posing a grave threat to peace. . . . Eastern Europe will not truly be an area of stability until those countries regain their independence and become part of a large European framework. . . . In the Middle East, we must. . . deter Soviet intervention. . . avoid efforts to impose on the region an externally devised settlement. . . seek face-to-face negotiations between the parties. . . but not recognize terrorist groups which refuse to acknowledge their adversary's right to exist or who have no legitimate claim to represent the people for whom they purport to be speaking. . . .

HEALTH

We need a comprehensive national health insurance system with universal and mandatory coverage. . . . We should experiment with new forms of health-care delivery. . . . Incentives must be used. . . to shift emphasis away from limited-application technology-intensive programs. . . . By reducing the barriers to primary preventive care, we can lower the need for hospitalization. . . . Communities must be encouraged to avoid expensive technologies. . . the development of community health centers must be resumed. . . . We must develop new health careers. . . a better distribution of health professionals and the more efficient use of paramedics. . . . We support the development of Community Mental Health Centers. . . .

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cost billions. . . either through large tax increases or increased deficit spending. . . . The American people are beginning to understand that no government can ever add real wealth to an economy by simply turning on the printing presses or by creating credit out of thin air. . . . Obviously, when production falls, the number of jobs declines. . . . In order to be able to provide more jobs businesses must be able to expand. . . . We support economic and tax policies to insure the necessary job-producing expansion of our economy.

FOREIGN POLICY

The preservation of peace and stability in the Mideast is of paramount concern. . . . Our commitment to Israel is fundamental and enduring. . . . An. . . important component of our commitment to Israel lies in continuing our efforts to secure a just and durable peace for all nations in that complex region. . . . Peace. . . now requires face-to-face, direct negotiations between the states involved. . . . We shall continue to support peace initiatives in the civil war in Lebanon. . . . Soviet military power has grown rapidly in recent years, and while we shall prevent military imbalance or a sudden shift in the balance of power, we shall also diligently explore with the Soviet Union new ways to reduce tensions and to arrive at mutually beneficial and self-enforcing agreements in all fields. . . . Important steps. . . like the Vladivostok Agreement. . . have been taken. . . . Further negotiations in arms control are continuing. . . .

HEALTH

The Republican Party opposes compulsory national health insurance. . . . A coordinated effort should be mounted immediately to contain the rapid increase in health care costs by all available means such as development of healthier life styles through education, improved preventive care, better distribution of medical manpower, emphasis on out-of-hospital services and elimination of duplication of medical services. . . . We are opposed to any legislation which sanctions ending the life of any patient. . . . We need a comprehensive and equitable approach to the subject of mental health. . . which should focus on the prevention, treatment and care of mental illness.

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moratorium to permit the return of the human ecology to a healthy and expanding state. . . . Under a Labor Party administration, all health care assistance is to be nationalized under a Social Security Administration for the duration of the economic and ecological emergency. . . . Hospital and related services shall not be billed to patients. . . but directly subsidized by the Federal government as a Social Security item. . . . Physicians services shall be paid at established rates. . . .

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projects of a predominantly "make work" purpose and result. . . . We proceed from a ten-year world plan to accelerate the development of industrially advanced foci in both the developed and developing sector. . . . Congress must declare a national economic emergency enabling declaration of debt moratorium on major categories of national and international debt. . . proceeding to routine expansion of credit for the reemployment of the U.S. working class as part of the global, non-inflationary development projects for expanded agricultural and industrial production.

FOREIGN POLICY

To the extent that any state or group of states enters into cooperation with the U.S. sector for 1. "brute force" development of CTR and related technology; 2. massive application of industrial technology for substantial increases in the output and social productivity of world agriculture; 3. accelerated development of the industrialized sector and developing-sector urban foci as a means for generating a sufficiently enlarged mass of social surplus to meet world needs for development by the end of the 1975-1985 decade, the relation between the U.S. sector and those states are totally subsumed by the agencies of economic and scientific cooperation mutually created for such a three-fold common purpose. . . . We shall direct the Congress to declare it to be the foreign policy of the U.S. to assist in effecting the earliest possible establishment of agreements leading toward the founding of such a "new world economic order." . . . Success depends upon initial agreement among the U.S.A., the Comecon sector (Soviet bloc economies) and key forces of the Third World on the three basic points. . . elaborated in the International Development Bank proposal.

HEALTH

A national and international health emergency has been created by the austerity policies pursued by the Wall Street banking community to the general result of an imminent biological holocaust resulting from production cut-backs and the destruction of social services. . . only typified by the pending swine-flu epidemic. . . . Emergency measures requiring \$1 billion and a cooperative international effort for swine flu vaccine have been given legislative form by our party. . . . Similar emergency action is called for on the plague (black death) threatening to spread from Burma and other most depressed sectors. . . legislation for rodent-control and monitoring which the Labor Party shall shortly introduce in California serves as a model for international cooperation in such emergency prevention efforts. . . . The only long-term safe-guard for human health is based on an immediate debt

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