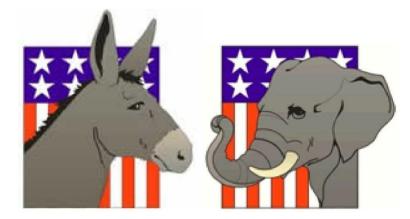
Republican or Democrat ...the difference is huge!...

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It always amazes me the huge difference in the two parties. As the years have rolled by, the divide



seems to have become a wide gulf. As always, I find it interesting the vast spread of points of view or working perspective in what is really important for each party to put forth as their Convention Propositions. Let me share what you will find at the end of your ballot Tuesday, depending on which Party you select to vote in. Your sneak peek at the other ballot.

REPUBLICAN

First Amendment Rights

Texas should not restrict or prohibit prayer in public schools.

Second Amendment Rights

Texas should reject restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms

Ending Taxpayer funded Lobbyist

Texas should ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying, which allows your tax dollars to be spent on lobbyists who work against the taxpayer.

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Proposition 1

Right to Healthcare: Should everyone in Texas have a right to quality healthcare, protected by a universally accessible Medicare-style system that saves rural hospitals, reduces the cost of prescription drugs, and guarantees access to reproductive healthcare?

Proposition 2

Right to a 21_{st} **Century Public Education:** Should everyone in Texas, have the right to high quality public education from pre-K to 12_{th} grade, and affordable college and career training without the burden of crushing student loan debt?

REPUBLICAN

Border Wall

Texas should support the construction of a physical barrier and use existing defense-grade surveillance equipment along the entire southern border of Texas.

Parental Rights A

Texas parents or legal guardians of public school children under the age of 18 should be the sole decision makers for all their children's healthcare decisions including, but not limited to, psychological assessment and treatment, contraception, and sex education.

Parental Rights B

Texas should ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and genital mutilation surgery on all minor children for transition purposes, given that Texas children as young as three (3) are being transitioned from their biological sex to the opposite sex.

History

Texans should protect and preserve all historical monuments, artifacts, and buildings, such as the Alamo

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Proposition 3 Right to Clean Air, Safe Water, and a Responsive Climate Policy: Should everyone in Texas have the right to clean air, safe water, affordable and sustainable alternative energy sources, and a responsible climate policy that recognizes and addresses the climate crisis as a real and serious threat that impacts every aspect of life on this planet?

Proposition 4 Right to Economic Security:

Should everyone in Texas have the right to economic security, where all workers have earned paid family and sick leave, training to prepare for future economies, and a living wage that respects their hard work?

Proposition 5 Right to Dignity & Respect:

Should everyone in Texas have the right to a life of dignity and respect, free from discrimination and harassment anywhere, including businesses and public facilities, no matter how they identify, the color of their skin, whom they love, socioeconomic status, disability status, housing

REPUBLICAN

Cenotaph and our beloved Alamo, and should oppose any reimagining of the Alamo site.

Voter Integrity

Texas election officials should have the directives of the Office of the Governor to purge illegal voters from the voter rolls and verify that each new registered voter is a U.S. citizen.

Bail Reform

Bail in Texas should be based only on a person's danger to society and risks of flight, not that person's ability to pay.

Term Limits

Texas should limit our state legislators' terms to 12 years.

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status, or from where they come?

Proposition 6 Right to Be Free from Violence:

Should everyone in Texas have the right to live a life free from violence – gun violence, racial hatred, terrorism, domestic violence, bullying, harassment or sexual assault – so Texans can grow in a safe environment?

Proposition 7 Right to Housing:

Should everyone in Texas have the right to affordable and accessible housing and modern utilities (electricity, water, gas, and high-speed internet) free from any form of discrimination?

Proposition 8 Right to Vote:

Should every eligible Texan have the right to vote, made easier by automatic voter registration, the option to vote by mail, guaranteed early and mobile voting stations, and a state election holiday – free

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from corporate campaign influence, foreign and domestic interference, and gerrymandering?

Proposition 9 Right to a Fair Criminal Justice System:

Should everyone in Texas have the right to a fair criminal justice system that treats people equally, uses proven methods for de-escalating situations instead of excessive force, and puts an end to the mass and disproportionate incarceration of people of color for minor offenses?

Proposition 10 Immigrant Rights:

Should there be a just and fair comprehensive immigration reform solution that includes an earned path to citizenship for law-abiding immigrants and their children, keeps families together, protects DREAMers, and provides workforce solutions for businesses?

Proposition 11 Right to Fair Taxation:

Should Texas establish equitable taxation for people at all income levels and for businesses and corporations, large and small, so our state government can fund our educational, social, infrastructure, business, and all government services to improve programs necessary for all Texans to thrive? It appears that the Democrats feel they HAVE A RIGHT to a lot of things. My question is always, how are you going to pay for it?

The main thing is to remember to go vote, if you have not already. Please be an informed voter. Know who the candidates are in the various races and what they stand for. Most candidates have their own website and probably a page on Facebook. The information is there to be researched.

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