

Helpful Links for Investigating Policies

If you are interested in reviewing the platforms of the two major political parties, the links below will take you directly to them. For your courtesy, if you'd like to go directly to where each platform mentions important issues as defined by the **USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)**, we've provided the chart below with page numbers so you can review the positions each party takes on the topic. Please also see the USCCB summaries on **Faithful Citizenship** that are downloadable from <http://ststephenslife.com/documents/2016/7/The-Challenge-of-Forming-Consciences-for-Faithful-Citizenship-Part-1.pdf> and <http://ststephenslife.com/documents/2016/7/The-Challenge-of-Forming-Consciences-for-Faithful-Citizenship-Part-2.pdf>.

2016 Democratic Party Platform:

<http://bit.ly/DEMpdf>

2016 Republican Party Platform:

<http://bit.ly/GOPpdf>

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