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A Comparison of North Carolina State Party Positions, 2015

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http://www.ncgop.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/2015-NCGOP-Platform.pdf

The full 2014 NC Democratic Party Resolutions Booklet (DPRP) is available at:

http://www.ncdp.org/sites/ncdems/files/NCDP%20Resolution%20Booklet%20FINAL%202014.pdf

"North Carolina Democratic Party" abbreviated as "NCDP" throughout.

Family		
Issue	Republican	Democrat
	"We affirm the authority of parental rights over their children's welfare from conception to emancipation." (Article I)	
Children	"[R]equire written, notarized consent for medical treatments such as mental health treatments of minor children, drug and alcohol treatment, and	

	counseling and services related to contraceptives, pregnancy, and abortion." (Article I)	
	"Government, however, should protect children from abuse and neglect, balancing parental rights with the protection of a child's health and safety." (Article I)	
	"It has been proven by both experience and endless social science studies that traditional marriage is best for children. Children raised in families with a mother and a father who are married are more likely to attend college, are physically and emotionally healthier, are less likely to use drugs or alcohol, engage in crime, or get pregnant outside of marriage." (Article I) "The success of marriage directly impacts the economic well-being of individuals. Furthermore,	"The NCDP calls uponthe North Carolina General Assembly and all the citizens of the great State of North Carolina to work to repeal and strike down the contemptible Article XIV sec. 6 of the North Carolina Constitution; andwe call upon the State of North Carolina to grant full and equal recognition to all marriage relationships, being otherwise lawful and properly conducted, without regard to the question of same-sex or opposite-sex of the parties." (DPRB, pg. 10)
Marriage	the future of marriage affects freedom. The lack of family formation not only leads to more government costs, but also to government control over the lives of its citizens." (Article I)	"The NCDP urges that pursuant to Article I, Section 21 of the North Carolina Constitution, that the Attorney General of North Carolina exercise his right to decline to defend the constitutionality of Amendment one, andthe NCDP urges all
	"We recognize and honor the courageous efforts of those who bear the many burdens of parenting alone, even as we believe that marriage as the union of one man and one woman must be upheld as the national standard." (Article I)	Democratic members of the State Assembly and Senate to prioritize the repeal of Amendment One and of General Statute 51-1.2; which currently bans samesex marriages in North Carolina and bars recognition of such marriages lawfully performed in other states." (DPRB, pg. 11)
	"We support the marriage amendment as part of the North Carolina Constitution and encourage all efforts to defend it." (Article I)	

Economics & Employment		
Issue	Republican	Democrat
Free Markets	"The free enterprise system is the most effective and just economic system in the world. It creates opportunity, rewards self-reliance and hard work, and unleashes productivity that other societies can only imagine. It is an engine of charity, making America the most philanthropic nation on earth." (Article II)	
Regulation	"Economic freedom is essential to human liberty and dignity. It preserves the inherent right to liberty and ownership of private property. To protect this inherent right, government must provide an environment for individual's initiative and enterprise unencumbered by excessive regulation and taxation." (Article II)	"[S]tand for a law that breaks up these [major national] banks into smaller corporations andcall on the United States Department of Justice to prosecute any alleged criminal wrongdoing, andsupport reregulation of these banks to split them into savings and investment banks, andassure the taxpayers that banks will never need government bailouts again." (DPRB, pg. 9) "[T]he Federal Communications Commission [should] readopt the Fairness Doctrine in order to compel broadcasters to uphold their responsibility to the public in presenting well-balanced information with dissenting points of view." (DPRB, pg. 9) "[P]ass legislation modeled on Canada's Broadcasting Act of 1986to maintain truth in journalism and to hold broadcasters accountable for factual accuracy in their reporting." (DPRB, pg. 9)

"The government should tax only to raise money for its
essential functions. We support a thorough review of
expenditures each year, and we support a taxpayer's
bill of rights." (Article II)

"We applaud the efforts in 2013 of the Governor and General Assembly to begin reform of North Carolina's tax laws. We support the continuation of reforming the tax code to encourage economic growth and moving toward a system that taxes the broadest possible base of economic activity at the lowest possible rates."

(Article II)

Taxation & Budgeting

"Because growth of employment requires expanding capital formation, we oppose the taxation of capital gains as ordinary income." (Article II)

"We believe that government at all levels must not spend money it does not have." (Article V)

"We oppose unfunded state mandates for counties and municipalities." (Article V)

"No State funds should be spent without an explicit appropriation." (Article V)

"We oppose 'slush funds' as rewards for political support." (Article V)

"Raiding of dedicated funds should not be allowed except in an emergency as determined by law."

(Article V)

"[R]einstate the Earned Income Tax Credit." (DPRB, pg. 16)

"The NCDP believes in a tax system where taxpayers keep all of what it takes to get by and pay the lowest possible tax on the next dollars they earn above that amount in order to begin to get ahead and...that to accomplish this the NCDP pledges to fight for the restoration of tax rates of 7.75% and 7%, eliminated by the General Assembly in 2013 and taking effect in 2014, and for the substitution of a tax rate reduction to 5.5% or less, solely in the bottom bracket of North Carolina personal income taxes, for all taxpayers, rich, middle class, and poor." (DPRB, pg. 16-17)

"[T]ax breaks that serve as gross giveaways to the wealthy and corporations should be eliminated; and capital gains – income earned from wealth – should be taxed at the same rate as income earned from work; and the Social Security payroll tax cap should be raised in order to ensure that millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share." (DPRB, pg. 38-39)

"We support a tax on security exchange transactions that could yield hundreds of billions of dollars in revenue for the Federal government in coming years."

(DPRB, pg. 39)

"We support making smart cuts in our huge military budget rather than dumb cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid." (DPRB, pg. 39)

keep an u Carol aid.	R]estore the tax deduction for medical expenses in eping with the Federal deductionthis tax creates a unjustifiable penalty for seniors and other North rolinians who encounter high medical expenses; to idall North Carolinians who encounter onerous cash outlays for new health problems, chronic nesses, and overall rising costs without any way to crease income commensurately" (DPRB, pg. 40) "[E]xpand Medicaid in North Carolina."
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Government

Issue	Republican	Democrat
Discrimination	"We embrace the principle that all Americans should be treated with respect and dignity." (Article I) "Government should treat all citizens impartially and equally under the law." (Article III) "Invidious discrimination is detrimental to freedom for all individuals and we oppose it in any form." (Article III)	"[C]osponsor, support, and passthe traditional Article V ratification processand the 'three-state strategy' process andpursue grassroots and legislative strategies for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and support of both strategies to put the ERA into the Constitution." (DPRB, pg. 10) "The NCDP supports the extension of full rights and benefits to LGBTQ people including protection from discrimination in the workplace and school, HIV/AIDS awareness programs and treatment, hospital visitation, parental rights and the recognition of same-sex marriage." (DPRB, pg. 10)

Firearms	"The Second Amendment guarantees the right of the individual to keep and bear arms. We support the ownership, sale, purchase and 'lawful carry,' of firearms by law-abiding citizens." (Article III) "Gun owners have a right to confidentiality. Personal information acquired by government agencies for gun purchases and permitting should be available to law enforcement for investigative	"[P]rotect state employees from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity by supportingNondiscrimination in State Employment." (DPRB, pg. 11) "[P]rioritize the repeal of Amendment One and General Statute 51-1.2, which currently ban same-sex marriage in North Carolina and bar recognition of such marriages lawfully performed in other states." (DPRB, pg. 11-12) "[S]upport proposed legislation that protects and assures the rights of women, and support those legislators seeking to propose and pass legislation that will help assure equity for women in local, regional and national affairs." (DPRB, pg. 49) "[O]ppose and deplore the recent state legislation lifting restrictions on concealed weapons in our local parks, playgrounds, and trails, and in dining places that serve alcohol reverse these actions or, at the least, grant our local governing bodies the authority to limit the places where owners of concealed weapons can take their guns." (DPRB, pg. 15)
Firearms	Personal information acquired by government	
Fundamental Rights	"Liberty is founded upon a belief in the inherent dignity of the human person and a recognition that individuals possess God-given inherent rights including, but not limited to, the right to life, liberty and property, and the pursuit of happiness." (Article III)	

	"The fundamental role of government is to protect those inherent rights as recognized in our Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, including its Bill of Rights, and the North Carolina Constitution, including its Declaration of Rights." (Article III) "We support the free exercise of religion by all Americans. We oppose any restriction on the free exercise of religion such as removing prayer from governmental activities, the removal of 'Almighty God' from our public documents and institutions." (Article III) "We oppose any attempt of government to establish a state religion, or to foster one religion over	
	another." (Article III) "Private property should not be taken by eminent domain except for a public use and upon prompt payment of just compensation." (Article III)	
	Health	
Issue	Republican	Democrat
Abortion	"We support the right of all private institutions, including hospitals and schools, to refuse to provide contraceptive, abortion, or other services or procedures inconsistent with their religious tenets." (Article III)	"[P]ut a stop to this war on women and stand firm in their opposition to rolling back hard-won reproductive rights that have made such a difference in the quality of life for women, their children and their families." (DPRB, pg. 48)

"We believe in the sanctity of all human life and that the government must respect and protect all innocent human life from conception to natural death." (Article III & IV)

"We recognize that abortion egregiously discriminates against the unborn person for reasons of race, sex and disability." (Article IV)

"We support a right to life constitutional amendment." (Article IV)

"We oppose efforts to mandate the provision of abortion or to fund with taxpayer dollars organizations that provide or promote abortion services. We oppose school-based health clinics that provide referrals, counseling and related services for abortion and contraception."

(Article IV)

"[R]equire a...waiting period, mandatory counseling before an abortion and criminal penalties for harming or killing an unborn child when the mother is killed or injured." (Article IV)

"[E]nact laws which would require written, notarized parental consent for abortion and contraceptives, regulate abortion facilities as ambulatory surgical centers and to require abortion doctors to have admitting privileges in hospitals near their abortion clinics." (Article IV)

"[I]mmediately stop abortions at the gestational time when science identifies that the unborn child can feel pain." (Article IV) "[A]ctively support the Women's Health Amendment included in the ACA [Affordable Care Act], educate...constituents about the benefits of the legislation, and defend it vigorously against the attacks and falsehoods propagated by the regressive right while advocating for a proper balance between accommodation of religious belief and women's access to insurance for preventive health care services." (DPRB, pg. 52)

Biomedical Research/End-of- Life/Healthcare	"We support the right of medical professionals to refuse to participate in abortions We support the right of pharmacists to refuse to dispense abortion-inducing drugs. We support the right of medical residency programs to refuse to provide abortion training." (Article IV) "We urge the recruitment and support of candidates who are committed to enacting laws to protect all innocent human life." (Article IV) "We oppose procedures that intentionally destroy innocent human life." (Article IV) "We oppose human cloning and the destruction of human embryos." (Article IV) "We strongly support adult stem cell research." (Article IV) "We oppose the non-consensual withholding of care and treatment for persons with disabilities, including newborns, the elderly and infirm. We believe these individuals should be treated with love and respect, not as a burden." (Article IV) "We urge the General Assembly to enact legislation	"[Support] ACA [Affordable Care Act] andstop attempts to distance themselves from the President's and this Administration's accomplishments." (DPRB, pg. 39) "[S]tand for an amendment to the Affordable Care Act which provides for our non-profit public option, Medicare, to be made available to anyone under 65 who cares to pay for it." (DPRB, pg. 41)
	"We urge the General Assembly to enact legislation criminalizing assisted suicide." (Article IV)	
	"We support the right of medical professionals torefuse to withhold life-sustaining care." (Article IV)	
Mental Health	"The mental health system needs to be reformed. The needs of patients must be the first priority.	"[Fund] sufficient capacity for integrated facilities such as supportive housing to meet the needs of those

	This requires diagnosis, comprehensive care, follow-up, and stiff penalties for those who abuse or exploit patients." (Article V)	with mental illness" (DPRB, pg. 42) "[F]unding of the state's Medicaid personal care program [should] be increased to support personal care services that would make it possible for residents with mental illness to move from adult care homes into small psychiatric group homes or other integrated housing." (DPRB, pg. 42)
	State Government	nent
Issue	Republican	Democrat
General	"We believe that in a free society, power should rest in the hands of the people. We believe in a limited government which serves the people, rather than one that enslaves them." (Article V) "Government should not discourage honest, productive work." (Article V) "We oppose gambling." (Article V)	"[P]urchase Made in the USA products and use USA labor whenever possible" (DPRB, pg. 9) "[R]everse and repeal legislation that deprives North Carolinians of reasonable unemployment compensation" (DPRB, pg. 20) "[C]ontrol of our Airports shall be retained by the local governments that paid for it." (DPRB, pg. 38) "[O]wnership, control and management of all Borders, Utilities, Airports, Exposition Centers and other similar infrastructure remain with the cities and municipalities which developed them; andthat no change of ownership, management or control of such infrastructure be accomplished without a majority vote of the citizens" (DPRB, pg. 38) "[L]egislation to insure that the State government does not grow State power by taking control of local issues and deciding the outcomes of the issues" (DPRB, pg. 38)

		"[E]nd poverty in North Carolina" (DPRB, pg. 41)
		"[M]unicipalities and counties should be authorized to establish fiscally-sound community internet service systems." (DPRB, pg. 46)
	"Legislative session limits must be accompanied by measures to ensure that policies are made by legislators and not by unelected employees." (Article V)	
Legislature	"Every bill heard in committee should receive a recorded vote." (Article V)	
	"The budget bill should be made public at least two legislative days before the final vote in each house." (Article V)	
State Employees		"[F]undamental belief in the collective bargaining process as a means of serving the interests of both the employees and employer." (DPRB, pg. 15)
State Employees		"[T]he prohibition against collective bargaining for North Carolina public employees be rescinded" (DPRB, pg. 15)

	Elections	
Issue	Republican	Democrat
Campaign Finance	"Voters should have timely information on candidates' campaign finances." (Article VI) "We oppose funding election campaigns with public or foreign funds." (Article VI)	"[S]upportan amendment to the U.S. Constitution affirming that as 'the right to vote in public elections belongs only to natural persons as citizens of the United States, so shall the ability to make contributions and expenditures to influence the outcome of public elections belong only to natural persons' and including provisions to ensure public financing as well as rules imposing limitations on, and disclosure of, private expenditures in public elections" (DPRB, pg. 8)
Election Procedure	"Elected officials should not appear in 'public service ads' during their election." (Article V) "A free society demands an honest and accurate election process. Our laws and our policies at every level of government should insure both." (Article VI) "We reaffirm our support ofthe repeal of straight ticket voting." (Article VI) "We support compact contiguous single-member districts that do not split counties, except as required by federal law or the state constitution." (Article VI) "The party affiliation of judicial and school board candidates should appear on the ballot." (Article VI)	"[S]teps to increase voter registration through modernization of the registration process, expansion of online voter registration, and sharing of voter registration information among the 50 states, andmeasures to improve access to the polls through expansion of the period for voting before the traditional Election Day, expansion of alternate ways of voting – including mail balloting and early voting – and through selection for suitable, well-equipped polling place facilities, andhas recommended state-of-the-art techniques to ensure efficient management of polling places so as to reduce the potential for long lines that discourage voting, andhas recommended reforms of the standards and certification processes for new voting technology, andthe North Carolina General Assembly, rather than trying to increase voter registration and access to the polls, has actively worked to limit the franchise, particularly in

		communities of color[We] urge the U.S. Congress
		to enact legislation designed to further the
		recommendations of the Commission; and we urge
		the President to adopt any Executive Orders deemed
		necessary and appropriate to accomplish the goals set
	"We recognize the independence of the judiciary and	forth in the Commission's report." (DPRB, pg. 25-26)
	oppose the appointment of state judges to full terms.	
Judges	To hold our trial courts accountable through direct	
	elections is a valuable right." (Article VI)	
	crections is a valuable right. (Article v1)	"The NCDP urges the creation of a non-partisan
Redistricting		redistricting commission" (DPRB, pg. 27)
	"We encourage state and federal prosecutors to	redistricting commission (DI KD, pg. 27)
Voter Fraud &	promptly investigate and prosecute voter fraud."	
Voter Intimidation	(Article VI)	
Voter ID &	"We reaffirm our support of voter ID." (Article VI)	"[O]verturn the 'Voter Information Verification
Registration	,	Act'" (DPRB, pg. 28)
	Education	
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Educational Tax	"Allowing choice and competition insures quality education. We support incentives for parents who	"The NCDP demands that the legislature, governor, and other policymakers revoke and dismantle the voucher program and uphold North Carolina's constitutional mandate to support a system of free, diverse public schools across the state."
Credits/Voucher/Ch	"Allowing choice and competition insures quality education. We support incentives for parents who educate their children in private or home schools."	"The NCDP demands that the legislature, governor, and other policymakers revoke and dismantle the voucher program and uphold North Carolina's constitutional mandate to support a system of free,
	"Allowing choice and competition insures quality education. We support incentives for parents who	"The NCDP demands that the legislature, governor, and other policymakers revoke and dismantle the voucher program and uphold North Carolina's constitutional mandate to support a system of free, diverse public schools across the state." (DPRB, pg. 21)
Credits/Voucher/Ch	"Allowing choice and competition insures quality education. We support incentives for parents who educate their children in private or home schools."	"The NCDP demands that the legislature, governor, and other policymakers revoke and dismantle the voucher program and uphold North Carolina's constitutional mandate to support a system of free, diverse public schools across the state." (DPRB, pg. 21) "[D]eclare a moratorium on approval of new charter
Credits/Voucher/Ch	"Allowing choice and competition insures quality education. We support incentives for parents who educate their children in private or home schools."	"The NCDP demands that the legislature, governor, and other policymakers revoke and dismantle the voucher program and uphold North Carolina's constitutional mandate to support a system of free, diverse public schools across the state." (DPRB, pg. 21)

		discarding of current regulations related to teacher qualifications, create requirements for adequate levels of 'live' classroom learning, and ensure the provision of other student support services necessary for students' health and well-being in all North Carolina public schools, including charter schools." (DPRB, pg. 24)
Freedom, Discrimination & Diversity	"Schools should not ask children to answer offensive or intrusive personal non-academic questionnaires without parental consent." (Article VII) "We support the right of students to pray in school and at public occasions without censorship and we oppose restrictions on free speech and free assembly by public institutions on ideological and religious grounds." (Article VII)	"[S]upport educational and anti-bullying programs that help North Carolina communities improve their understanding and support for LGBT students and families" (DPRB, pg. 11)
K-12 General	"Parents have the right to educate their children and should expect excellent public education. All children should have access to an education that empowers them to reach their full God-given potential and contribute to the betterment of our society." (Article VII) "We support the expansion of charter schools and vocational curricula." (Article VII) "Education reform requires local control of curriculum, budget, textbooks and personnel." (Article VII) "Parents must have access to all curricula and data about their children, including content that is stored on classroom tablets and computers." (Article VII)	"The NCDP urges parents, school personnel, and communities to oppose disciplinary policies that isolate, and diminish the educational opportunities of at-risk students." (DPRB, pg. 22) "[A]dequately fund appropriate support personnel – counselors, nurses, and social workers – in our schools; provide education on child and adolescent development to SROs; use data in an individualized way to increase underrepresented students' access to intellectually challenging material, especially with respect to students of color; ensure transparency in suspension and expulsion policies and procedures, such that they no longer disproportionately harm students of color and other vulnerable students, including students with disabilities; ensure full access

"All reform should be aimed at improving student achievement. Reform requires nationally normed testing, cutting administrative waste and facilitating alternate teacher certification." (Article VII)

"It is an appropriate goal for students to perform at grade level. Every effort should be made to ensure that all students learn to the greatest extent of their abilities. A high school diploma should mean that a student is fully prepared to enter college, technical school or the workforce." (Article VII)

"Schools should encourage patriotism and the Judeo-Christian values of Western civilization. They should teach students about the historical foundation and documents of the United States, including the Declaration of Independence and federal and state constitutions." (Article VII)

"Schools should teach economics and government so that students will be prepared to vote as informed citizens." (Article VII)

"We support regular recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, display of an American and a State flag and use of our national motto – 'In God We Trust.'" (Article VII)

"We oppose the standards known as 'Common Core,' and recognize them as an attempt to turn over the control of our education system to unelected and unaccountable private interests supported by the Federal Government."

(Article VII)

to educational opportunity to the extent possible for all children in juvenile facilities or on long-term suspension; and end the criminalization of our children." (DPRB, pg. 22)

"[S]upport legislation to provide for increased funding to our public schools that will enable our educators to provide the best quality education which all of our children deserve and our future success demands."

(DPRB, pg. 24)

"[S]trongly support increased funding for public education in order to lead the nation in the 21st century job skills that will provide economic opportunity for our citizens and long-term prosperity for our state."

(DPRB, pg. 24)

"[M]ove the State to at least the median level when compared to all States from its current level of 45th in per-pupil funding." (DPRB, pg. 24)

Sex Education	"We oppose sex education in public schools without parental consent." (Article VII) "No birth control devices or drugs should be distributed in public schools." (Article VII) "We support teaching abstinence until marriage as the expected norm for sexual behavior. Abstinence until marriage is the most effective way to prevent teenage pregnancies, abortion, and sexually transmitted diseases, and to create healthy relationships and self-esteem." (Article VII) "Public schools should not be used to teach children about homosexual behavior." (Article VII)	
Teachers	"Students must have the best teachers, whether physically present or by use of technology." (Article VII) "Teachers should be paid and promoted based on the quality of their work, not exclusively on longevity. Quality should be determined not only by raw test scores, but the academic progress of individual students." (Article VII) "Teachers should be trained in the subject matter they teacher and/or major in the subject they teach." (Article VII) "Highly qualified teachers at low-performing schools should be paid more if their students show academic progress." (Article VII)	"[I]ncrease teacher salaries, increase professional support for beginning teachers, restore and protect career status, and halt any further cuts to the state teaching staff, whether in professional or supporting roles." (DPRB, pg. 23) "[T]he State should fund the full restoration of teacher's aides positions, increase their number in each classroom, and extend their availability to other grades." (DPRB, pg. 23)

	Justice		
Issue	Republican	Democrat	
Crimes & Punishment	"The first duty of government is to maintain law and order, while securing for its citizens the freedom to pursue the blessings of liberty and the fruits of their labor." (Article VIII) "We call for mandatory sentencing for all violent crimes, especially crimes committed against those who are charged with protecting us." (Article VIII) "Federal law should protect and defend all innocent human life, both born and unborn." (Article VIII) "Those who drive while impaired and those who manufacture, sell or distribute illegal drugs must face stiff punishment." (Article VIII) "We want stiff penalties enforced for abducting, exploiting or abusing children, including unborn children." (Article VIII) "Prisons should focus on security, education and labor. Inmates should be required to work." (Article VIII) "We support tort reform, including a cap on awards for pain and suffering, and structured payments of awards for lost income." (Article VIII)	"[R]aise the age of Juvenile Jurisdiction to 18" (DPRB, pg. 13) "[R]eform North Carolina and US marijuana and drug laws. First steps should be the immediate end of prosecution of medical users of marijuana as well as funding and staffing the North Carolina Industrial Hemp Commission of 2006 to ensure this effort moves forward." (DPRB, pg. 14) "We are further resolved to see the passage of federal and state legislation that will regulate cannabis in a workable distribution model, similar to those used to control alcohol. Until such time that cannabis can be a regulated, legal substance in North Carolina, we urge that enforcement of marijuana laws in North Carolina be a lowest law enforcement priority." (DPRB, pg. 14)	
Death Penalty	"We support the death penalty for premeditated, deliberate murder." (Article VIII)	"The NCDP calls on all our state representatives to seek the abolition of the Death Penalty in North Carolina." (DPRB, pg. 13)	

	"We should drastically reduce the time between death sentence and execution in order to have an effective deterrent." (Article VIII)	
Violence & Pornography	"We condemn gratuitous violence and pornography in literature and music. We oppose internet pornography. We support mandatory labeling of these products." (Article VIII) "Child pornography is a hideous form of child abuse. Those who produce it—and those who traffic it—must be punished to the maximum extent of the law." (Article VIII)	
Agriculture & the Environment		
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Issue	Republican	Democrat

"We support energy security, affordable energy and energy independence." (Article IX)

"A comprehensive energy policy includes offshore and onshore oil and natural gas, nuclear power, coal, solar, wind and alternative fuels that do not

Energy

"We support efforts to develop oil and natural gas through safe, clean, hydraulic fracturing." (Article IX)

adversely impact the food supply or energy costs."

(Article IX)

"We call for repeal of the national ethanol mandate and EPA and offshore regulation and the state renewable energy mandate." (Article IX)

"We support federal revenue sharing with those states directly affected by offshore exploration and development in federal waters. This revenue can be used to pay for research and development of alternative energy generation and distribution and to offset impacts on the coast." (Article IX)

"[Ban] offshore drilling off the coast of North Carolina; and...enact legislation calling for a ban on hydraulic fracking in North Carolina, a ban on new coal-fired power plants, a ban on offshore drilling, to enact legislation phasing out coal ash storage sites at the expense of Duke Energy and its shareholders and not the consumers and/or taxpayers and to enact legislation that supports, protects and promotes clean water, clean air, and a healthy food supply in and for North Carolina." (DPRB, pg. 29)

"[N]o longer support the development of new nuclear energy as an initiative of U.S. energy policy; and...U.S. energy policy shall concentrate on a diverse renewable energy policy instead."

(DPRB, pg. 29)

"[Oppose] the construction of the Keystone Pipeline as the risk for irreversible harm to our climate and environment and billions of dollars in potential economic losses borne by the American people far outweigh any short-term benefits which would accrue mostly to private corporations." (DPRB, pg. 30)

"[O]ppose all attempts to promote domestic exploitation of fossil fuels over clean energy..." (DPRB, pg. 31)

"[I]mplementing a revenue-neutral carbon dividend, with dividend to households. This will incentivize entrepreneurship, create jobs, build localized new and lasting prosperity, and support a middle class future for our families." (DPRB, pg. 32)

		"[S]upporting a ban on fracking in North Carolina." (DPRB, pg. 34)
Environment	"We are stewards of our God-given natural heritage. We have a duty to protect the earth's resources." (Article IX) "If regulation is needed to protect the environment, government should proceed only with evidence that the benefits warrant the cost. Humans are a critical component of the ecosystem. Regulations should be predicted on a cost benefit analysis." (Article IX)	"[P]ublic water systems are a public asset, and as such, are best owned and operated by local governments for the benefit of their citizens and customers; local governments should have the exclusive authority to make decisions about their water systems; and the State should not attempt to limit, eliminate, or otherwise change the authority of local governments to own and operate their water systems without the consent of the local government." (DPRB, pg. 18-19)
		"The NCDP strongly opposes any and all efforts by private or governmental actors or agencies to seize control of our public water resources and/or engage in any actions or practices that could put our precious water resources at risk: such as fracking or the spreading of contaminants such as sewage sludge, waste water from fracking, coal fly ash sludge, or animal waste from factory farms." (DPRB, pg. 33)

National Policy		
Issue	Republican	Democrat
Division of Power/Separation of Powers	"We call on Congress, the President and the courts to abide by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution and the Ninth and Tenth Amendments. We oppose encroachments upon all powers that the Constitution has reserved to the states or to the people." (Article X) "The US Constitution is the enumeration of the foundational principles of this great country. As such, we oppose any usurpation of the foundational principles or articles in the Constitution by activists in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government." (Article X)	
Economics	"We support free markets, free trade, and capitalist principles at home and around the world." (Article X) "Threats to our economic strength such as budget deficits, the national debt, and burdensome social welfare programs including Obamacare should be met with sound market-based policies designed to enhance individual rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." (Article X) "We support individual's ability to choose private market-based solutions to retirement, health insurance, worker's rights, or any other public goods or infrastructure issues." (Article X)	"[Recreate] the Works Progress Administration, or a similar agency, to organize and employ, for a living wage with benefits, any citizen of the U.S., 18 years of age or older, who wants to do useful work and help improve our country, and who cannot find such work in the private or public sector, after trying to do so for at least three months. The new WPA would be financed by major tax reform." (DPRB, pg. 16) "[T]he immediate repeal ofThe Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006; andif the need arises, the American owned United States Postal Service shall be given a loan from the Federal Government in the same manner that Corporate forprofit Wall Street Banks received in 2008." (DPRB, pg. 36)

	"We support the principle of a 'sound money' policy to sustain a stable U.S. currency. The	
	Comptroller General of the General Office of	
	Accounting must perform an annual accounting of	
	the Federal Reserve to ensure its transparency and	
	accountability." (Article X)	WELL NICED
	"National security being one of the first and most important roles of government, we support a	"The NCDP supports a sunset of the Authorization for the Use of Military Force." (DPRB, pg. 45)
	foreign policy of peace through strength. That	the Ose of Military Force. (DPRB, pg. 43)
	strength can only be accomplished with a strong	"[O]ppose Fast Track status for the TPP [Trans-
	military supported both when abroad and at home	Pacific Partnership], and if Fast Track is achieved by
	with the full gratitude and resources of the United	the Republican majority, to vote NO to the TPP when
	States. Strength only exists when our borders are	it comes to a vote." (DPRB, pg. 45)
	secure and our enemies deterred." (Article X)	
	"A rapublican form of government is the	
	"A republican form of government is the foundation of freedom. Our foreign policy must	
Foreign Policy	promote and support democratic governments	
	worldwide and oppose tyranny in all its forms."	
	(Article X)	
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	"Opposition to slavery being the foundation of the GOP, we oppose it in any form both foreign and	
	domestic." (Article X)	
	domestic. (Atticle 11)	
	"We oppose attempts by foreign governments or	
	international organizations to infringe on our	
	sovereignty." (Article X)	
	"We support the issuance of a driver's license or	"[T]he United States of America was founded by
	state identification card only to those who are	immigrants who, through their hard work, have built a
Immigration	lawfully present." (Article V)	land of opportunity founded on the ideals of life,
	"We support English as the official language of the	liberty and the pursuit of happiness; andin the 21 st
	US." (Article VII)	Century a post-secondary education is a basic

	"We oppose any form of amnesty for those who, by intentionally violating the immigration law, disadvantage those who have obeyed it. Granting amnesty only rewards and encourages more law breaking." (Article X)	component of building a career that supports a family and a productive life[S]upport in-state tuition for all children who graduate from North Carolina public schools and are eligible for admissions to our colleges and universities." (DPRB, pg. 21) "The NCDP opposes any efforts to make state and local authorities responsible for the enforcement of federal immigration laws and strongly urgespassage of the DREAM Act." (DPRB, pg. 43) "The [President should] immediately exercise his executive authority to stop the unfair separation of families and grant administrative relief to those immigrants who would otherwise benefit from legislative action on immigration." (DPRB, pg. 43)	
	Misc.		
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Government Assistance	"We support efforts to ensure that habitual drug users are not on public assistance rolls. We believe that drug tests are appropriate if there is reasonable suspicion of illegal drug use." (Article V)		
Minimum Wage		"The NCDP supports The Fair Minimum Wage Actto raise the federal minimum wage to \$10.10, in three steps of 95 cents, and then provide for automatic annual increases linked to COLA changes" (DPRB, pg. 18)	