

## Equal Rights

Year	Pres.	House	Senate	Democrats	Republicans	
1900	R	R	R			
1904	R	R	R			
1908	R	R	R		We demand equal justice for all men, without regard to race or color; we declare once more, and without reservation, for the enforcement in letter and spirit of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Constitution which were designed for the protection and advancement of the negro, and we condemn all devices that have for their real aim his disfranchisement for reasons of color alone, as unfair, un-American and repugnant to the Supreme law of the land.	
1912	R	D	R			
1916	D	D	D			
1920	D	R	R			
1923	R	R	R			Equal Rights Amendment Introduced
1924	R	R	R			
1928	R	R	R	We favor an equal wage for equal service; and likewise favor adequate appropriations for the women's and children's bureau.		
1932	R	R	R			
1936	D	D	D			
1940	D	D	D		We favor submission by Congress to the States of an amendment to the Constitution providing for equal rights for men and women.	
1944	D	D	D	We recommend to Congress the submission of a Constitutional amendment on equal rights for women.	We favor submission by Congress to the States of an amendment to the Constitution providing for equal rights for men and women.	
1948	D	R	R	We favor legislation assuring that the workers of our nation receive equal pay for equal work, regardless of sex. . . We recommend to Congress the submission of a constitutional amendment on equal rights for women.	We recommend to Congress the submission of a constitutional amendment providing equal rights for women. . . We favor equal pay for equal work regardless of sex.	
1952	D	D	D	We recommend and endorse for submission to the Congress a constitutional amendment providing equal rights for women.	We recommend to Congress the submission of a Constitutional Amendment providing equal rights for men and women.	
1956	R	D	D	We of the Democratic Party recommend and indorse for submission to the Congress a Constitutional amendment providing equal rights for women.	We recommend to Congress the submission of a constitutional amendment providing equal rights for men and women.	
1960	R	D	D		Congress should submit a constitutional amendment providing equal rights for women.	
1963	D	D	D			Equal Pay Act
1964	D	D	D			
1967	D	D	D			NOW pledges to pass ERA
1968	D	D	D			
1971	R	D	D			ERA approved by US House

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1972 R	D	D	All official discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, language, political belief, religion, region or national origin must end. No American should be subject to discrimination in employment or restriction in business because of ethnic background or religious practice. Americans should be free to make their own choice of life-styles and private habits without being subject to discrimination or prosecution. . . A priority effort to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.	Continued our support of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, our Party being the first national party to back this Amendment.	ERA approved by Senate. Phyllis Schlafly establishes the National Committee to stop ERA
1976 R	D	D	We seek ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, to insure that sex discrimination in all its forms will be ended, implementation of Title IX, and elimination of discrimination against women in all federal programs.	The Republican Party reaffirms its support for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.	
1980 D	D	D	Now, the Democratic Party must ensure that ERA at last becomes the 27th Amendment to the Constitution. We oppose efforts to rescind ERA in states which have already ratified the amendment, and we shall insist that at past recessions are invalid.	We acknowledge the legitimate efforts of those who support or oppose ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.	Republicans stop supporting ERA
1981 R	D	R			Reagan opposes ERA amendment
1982 R	D	R			ERA is stopped three states short of ratification
1984 R	D	R	Nowhere is this Administration's hostility to equal rights and equal justice more apparent than in its attitude to the Equal Rights Amendment. As soon as the Reagan faction took control of the Republican Party at its convention in 1980, it ended that Party's forty-year commitment to passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.	The Republican Party has an historic commitment to equal rights for women. Republicans pioneered the right of women to vote, and our party was the first major party to advocate equal pay for equal work, regardless of sex. . . For all Americans, we demand equal pay for equal work. With equal emphasis, we oppose the concept of "comparable worth." We believe that the free market system can determine the value of jobs better than any government authority.	
1988 R	D	D	We further believe that we must work for the adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution	Since its inception, the Republican Party has stood for the worth of every person. . . That bigotry has no place in American life. We denounce those persons, organizations, publications and movements which practice or promote racism, anti-Semitism or religious intolerance. . . In guaranteeing opportunity, not dictating the results of fair competition. We will resist efforts to replace equal rights with discriminatory quota systems and preferential treatment. Quotas are the most insidious form of reverse discrimination against the innocent. . . We must remove remaining obstacles to women's achieving their full potential and full reward. That does not include the notion of federally mandated comparable worth, which would substitute the decisions of bureaucrats for the judgment of individuals.	
1992 R	D	D			

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1996	D	R	R	The Democratic Party has always supported the Equal Rights Amendment, and we are committed to ensuring full equality for women and to vigorously enforce the Americans with Disabilities Act.		
2000	R	R	R	We continue to lead the fight to end discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, age, ethnicity, disability, and sexual orientation. The Democratic Party has always supported the Equal Rights Amendment and will continue to do so, and we are committed to ensuring full equality for women and to vigorously enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act.	We believe rights inhere in individuals, not in groups. We will attain our nation's goal of equal opportunity without quotas or other forms of preferential treatment. It is as simple as this: No one should be denied a job, promotion, contract, or chance at higher education because of their race or gender. Equal access, energetically offered, should guarantee every person a fair shot based on their potential and merit.	
2004	R	R	R		Finally, because we are opposed to discrimination, we reject preferences, quotas, and set-asides based on skin color, ethnicity, or gender, which perpetuate divisions and can lead people to question the accomplishments of successful minorities and women.	
2008	R	D	D	We are committed to ensuring full equality for women: we reaffirm our support for the Equal Rights Amendment, recommit to enforcing Title IX, and will urge passage of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.	Precisely because we oppose discrimination, we reject preferences, quotas, and set-asides, whether in education or in corporate boardrooms. The government should not make contracts on this basis, and neither should corporations.	
2012	D	R	D	We are committed to equal opportunity for all Americans and to making sure that every American is treated equally under the law. We are committed to ensuring full equality for women: we reaffirm our support for the Equal Rights Amendment, recommit to enforcing Title IX, support the Paycheck Fairness Act, and will urge ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.		
2016	D	R	R	After 240 years, we will finally enshrine the rights of women in the Constitution by passing the Equal Rights Amendment. And we will urge U.S. ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.		
2020	R	D	R	Democrats will fight to guarantee equal rights for women, including by ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment and at long last enshrining gender equality in the U.S. Constitution.		
2024	D	R	D	No one should be discriminated against based on their sex; and we, as a nation, must affirm and protect women's full equality. Democrats will fight to make the Equal Rights Amendment the law of the land.		