



## AAF: The Triumphs of the 2016 RNC Platform

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**TOPLINE:** The 2016 Republican National Convention platform, retained in 2020, was the most principled conservative platform in nearly 40 years. As always, liberal Republicans want to water down many of the Conservative Movements' favorite planks. Grassroots conservatives must remain vigilant in defense of a strong conservative platform.

### Selected Provisions of the 2016 RNC Platform:

#### **Human Dignity and the Family:**

- **Pro-Life:**
  - “We assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed.”
  - “We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts.”
  - “We urge all states and Congress to make it a crime to acquire, transfer, or sell fetal tissues from elective abortions for research, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on any sale of fetal body parts.”
  - “We will not fund or subsidize healthcare that includes abortion coverage.”
  - We call on Congress to enact the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.
- **IVF and Bioethics:**
  - “We oppose federal funding for harvesting embryos and call for a ban on human cloning.”
- **Marriage:**
  - “Marriage between one man and one woman is the foundation for a free society.”
  - “We... condemn the Supreme Court’s lawless ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.”

#### **Taxes and Trade:**

- “Republicans consider the establishment of a pro-growth tax code a moral imperative.”
- “We propose to level the international playing field by lowering the corporate tax rate to be on a par with, or below, the rates of other industrial nations.”
- “We look to broaden our trade agreements with countries which share our values and commitment to fairness.”

#### **Foreign Policy:**

- **Ukraine:** “We will not accept any territorial change in Eastern Europe imposed by force... We also support providing appropriate assistance to the armed forces of Ukraine.”
- **Israel:** We stated our “unequivocal support for Israel” and rejected two-state solutions.
- **Taiwan:** “The United States... will help Taiwan defend itself” against Chinese aggression.”
  - “As a loyal friend of America, Taiwan has merited our strong support, including free trade agreement status, the timely sale of defensive arms... and full participation in the World Health Organization... and other multilateral institutions.”