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# **GENESIS OF THE** PARTY PLATFORM

# AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY CAREFULLY CONDENSED.

In the Early Days the Candidate Was His Own Platform, but in Course of Time Formal Declarations of Party Policy Grew Into Vogue-Summary of the Platforms | bill of 1890 defeated its author the same of the Leading Parties from the Earliest Time.

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A political platform is supposed to be constructed for the purpose of expressing the views of party leaders o., this year is a problem; but the fact certain economic principles, as related is clear that the adroit and tactful preto constitutional government, and to sentation of the question of protecrepresent the attitude of the party on tion or tariff-for-revenue-only at opcurrent questions of public policy de- portune times has carried national manding immediate consideration. The form and method of it are peculiar to the people are open to seasonable ar-the politics of the United States. In gument, and every campaign is more early history of the government, or less a campaign of educationthe candidates were accepted as rep- learning and unlearning. resenting definite principles, so that no public or written declaration was required. In the course of forty years, however, party lines became more gravitated to one party or the other, influenced by association, education, heredity, sectional or personal interendeavor to so adapt their declara-The study of party platforms tions to the sentiment and self-interadopted for the past seventy years is interesting, not only as the expression of honest differences of political belief, but also as examples of pettifogging and misleading statement for partisan advantage.

## Dividing Lines.

At the very beginning, there was division of sentiment on fundamental principles involved in the constitutional organization of the government, and on some of these principles the division has continued to the present time. For example, Washington and Hamilton favored a strong central government, expressed in the word "Nation," with a big "N." In their judgment, the constitution authorized and sustained such a government. Jefferson and Madison, on the other hand, regarded the system as a union of sovereign states, bound together in compact, which, according to the views of many of their followers, might be broken at the pleasure of a state. The Federalist, the Whig and the Republican parties successively maintained the views of Washington; while the first Republican party and its successor, the Democratic party, supported the staterights view of Jefferson. The latter was exhibited in opposing the recommendation of Hamilton, that the general government should assume the debts and roimburse the several states for their expenditures incurred on account of the revolution. It cropped out in partisan platforms many years later, in reso-

lutions opposing the distribution among the states of the proceeds of sales of government lands; in opposition to all internal improvements undertaken by the United States; in advocating the right of a slave-holder to take his slaves into a territory of the United States and hold them

there with a view to establishing the The National Republicans .held a "institution" in territories before their admission as states; in the persistent opposition to a national bank and to planks; establishment of a national currency. And, again, a dozen years after the Civil war, the Democratic party ed by the general government; (3) adopted in its national platform a characterizing as gross abuse of powresolution to remove the ten per cent ninate removal of pub

derived from the constitution, and the ure in the election of more than one president. Pennsylvania gave her electoral vote to Buchanan in 1856 ungrants of power should be strictly constructed; declared against carrying der the impression that he would faon internal improvements by the govfor protection in accordance with his ernment; against protective tariff, fosknown views; but he failed to do so, tering one industry to the detriment The remark of General Hancock, that of another; against interference by the "tariff is a local quistion," while congress with domestic institutions of literally true, was turned against him a state; against the deposit of govwith such force and skill, during the last three weeks of the canvass as to tions. The Whigs adopted no platsecure his defeat. The free trade mes-sage of President Cleveland in Decem- organized as a distinct party.

br, 1887, elected General Harrison in

the following year; and strangely enough, the McKinley protective tariff

Made to Catch Votes.

Generally partisan platforms are

made to catch votes, rather than to

express real views, and the genius of

platform architects is exhausted in the

ernment money in banking institu-1844. The Whig platform advocated

well-regulated national currency; year, and was a potent factor in the defeat of Harrison and the second discriminating tariff for raising revenue for the government and protectelection of Cleveland in 1892. On the ing the domestic labor of the country ther hand, the low-tariff Wilson bill distribution among the states of the proceeds of public land sales; a single of 1894 carried the congressional electerm for the president. ions of that year and helped to elect The Democratic platform reaffirmed most of the articles adopted in 1840 McKinley in 1896. What influence the Dingley tariff will have in the election

and added three resolutions-opposing the distribution of the proceeds of public land sales; defending the veto power of the president, and declaring unquestionable our title to Oregon and favoring the re-annexation of Texas. elections several times. It proves that 1848.

> The Democratic convention readopted the platform of 1844 and some res lutions of 1840; felicitated the party on the conduct of the Mexican war, and the assurances of peace founded on just principles of indemnity: congratulated the republic of France as another evidence of the capacity of the people for self-government; rejoiced in the impetus given the cause of free trade, by the repeal of the protective

est of the intelligent, and the prejutariff of 1842, and the creation of the dice and vanity of the unthinking, as productive tariff of 1846. to win a majority of all. Platforms The Whig party adopted its platform are variable and accommodating on it a meeting to ratify the nomination most subjects. In 1860 the Demoof Taylor and Filmore. The resolucrats demanded the acquisition of tions were devoted entirely to re-Cuba by the United States; in 1900 counting the services of the candidates they denounce the government of the and a trblute to the constitution of United States for dallying in Cuba inthe United States. stead of giving the island self-govern-

The Free Soil party, in a convention ment. In 1876 the Democrats denouncat Buffalo, adopted a platform in oped the Republican administration for osition to slavery extension. It denot accumulating a surplus to redeem lared that congress has no more the greenbacks, and for delaying so long the promise of redemption printed power to make a slave than to make king; no more power to establish on the face of the notes; in 1884 they slavery than to institute monarchy: denounced the Republicans for having that slavery should be excluded by act accumulated a surplus. In 1876 the of congress from all territories of the Democratic platfrom denounced the United States; there should be no more Republicans for hindering a return to slave states and no more slave terrispecie payments, although the Shertories; demanded freedom and estabman bill providing for such return had lished institutions for the people of been passed the previous year. In 190) Oregon, now exposed to hardship, peril the Democratic platform denounces and massacre by the hostility of the recent Republican legislation looking slave power, and also for the people to refirement of the greenback curof California and New Mexico, rency, whereas the platform of '76 deconvention declared for cheap postage, nounced the failure to retire it. On for river and harbor improvements, the other hand the Republican -latfree homesteads to actual settlers, the form of 1888 declared in favor of bipayment of the national debt with metallism and denounced the Demorevenue derived from tariff duties. fected by the Republicans themselves a dozen years before; but the Republi-can platform of 186 dotted by the Republicrats for trying to demonetize silvercan platform of 1896 declared in favor 1852.

### The Democratic platform reaffirmed most of the resolutions of 1848 and

Passed in Review. The custom of adopting a party plat

form as the textbook of a national canvass for the presidency was not inagurated until 1832, when Jackson or to interfere with the domestic inmade his second race, although a convention of the Anti-Masonic party was held at Philadelphia in 1830, which out of it to renew the agitation of the adopted a series of resolutions on the single idea. ples expressed in the Virginia and

of the gold standard.

onvention at Washington in May, 1832. and adopted a platform of three (1) Adequate protection to American industry; (2) a uniform system of internal improvements, support-

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ing to set up a local self-government bellion now honestly co-operating with without slavery, and demanded the im- the government for peace and union; mediate admission of Kansas as a free recognized the doctrine of the Declarthe Union. It opposed the ation of Independence. state

The Democrats in their convention, "Ostend Manifesto" as the highwayman's plea, favored the construction July 4, demanded immediate restora-of a Pacific railroad, and the improve-tion of all the states to their rights in the Union, amnesty for all past meni of rivers and harbors. The Whig platform deplored the for-mation of "geographical parties" and lie debt by applying to that purpose viewed with alarm the spectacle preall moneys drawn from the people by taxation, except what is needed for sented, of one party claiming to represent sixteen northern states and an-other appealing to the passions and ligations of the government shall be prejudices of the southern states; it paid in lawful money, except such as presented as the only remedy, Millard directly state on their face or in the Fillmore, a candidate pledged to law that they must be paid in coin; neither section. equal taxation at its real value of every species of property; reform of

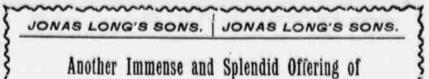
1860.

abuses in administration; equal pro-The Constitutional Union party held a convention May 9 and adopted a tection to native-born and naturalized platform very general in character, citizens. It arraigned the "Radical recognizing only the constitution of party for its disregard of right and the country, the union of the states for unparalleled oppression and tyand the enforcement of the laws. The ranny," and for its interference with party lived through only one campaign, the franchise. It thanked President and supported for its presidential Johnson, praised Chief Justice Chase ticket John Bell, of Tennessee, and and sympathized with the working men. The most radical declaration Edward Everett, of Massachusetts. The Republican platform adopted at was, "we regard the reconstruction Chicago May 17 denounced the threats acts of congress as usurpations and

of disunion, maintained the rights of unconstitutional, revolutionary and states to control their own domestic wold." 1872 institutions; denounced the Demo-

added new matter on most of the subjects-or restated the propositions, cratic administration for its subser-The Republi ans adopted a platform viency to the slave power and its atat Philadelphia favoring the continued denying the constitutional authority tempt to force on the people of Kanrepressive measures in the states lately of the government to charter a bank. in rebellion against the people, who sas the wicked Lecompton constituhad not returned to their allegiance. stitutions of a state. It also resolved tion; denounced the new dogma that the constitution by its own force car- It declared in favor of civil service reto resist all attempts in congress or ries slavery into the territories; deform, the reduction of postage and slavery question; to uphold the princinounced the vetoes of the federal govabolishment of the franking priviernment of the legislative acts of Kan- lege,

sas and Nebraska, prohibiting slavery The Democrats, in convention, took Kentucky resolutions of '98 and the in those territories; declaring for the report of Madison to the Virginia lega new departure, ratified the platform immediate admission of Kansas as a adopted by the Liberal Republicans state, unler the constitution adopted and fused completely with the Repubislature of 1799, as one of the main foundations of its political creed. It declared the war with Mexico, upon by her own people; that in providing licans by indorsing Greeley and Brown, the principles of patriotism and the revenue for the government duties on their presidential ticket. The platform imports should be so adjusted as to accepted results of the war, pledged law of nations, was on our part just encourage the development of the in- the party to maintain the Union, inand necessary; declared it to be the



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prohibitive tax on the issues of state lie officers for a mere difference of wanks, so as to enable them to propolitical opinion, and the doctrine "to vide the currency instead of leaving the victors belong the spoils of the to the national government the sale enemy," as detrimental to the interresponsibility of issuing and regulatests, corrupting to the morals and ing the circulating medium. The most dangerous to the liberties of the counultra latter-day pronouncement of the

doctrine of the paramount rights of a In Murch of the same year the Demstate is found in the Democratic platocrats in convention adopted the "twoform of 1868, adopted by the first nathirds rule," to apply to the nominafional convention held after the Civil tion of Van Buren for vice presidentwar-in denouncing the reconstruction a rule that has been observed ever acts as usurpations, revolutionary and since in the nomination of candidates

As to Protection.

year was embodied in Jackson.

for president. The platfrom of that

Another difference that may be re-1835-6. garded fundamental is observed in the The Whig party, composed of the attitude of the two leading political Anti-Masons, the National Republiparties on the question of protective cans and some dissatisfied Democrats, tariff. There was at the beginning. was organized in 1835, and held a napractically no difference as to the tional convention in 1836. The resolubest method of raising revenue, and it

tions adopted consisted entirely of de was not until 1824 that the discussions nunciation of Martin Van Buren and in congress gave considerable promipraise of William Henry Harrison, nence to the protective idea; and in The regular Democratic party adoptthat contest Clay and Webster stood ed no platform, but the Locofocos opposed to each other. The former ar champion of protection. faction of the party that split from Four the main organization in Tammany ars later Webster was found in line. supporting a bill for more adequate Hall the previous year, indersed th protection, and gave as the chief rea-Declaration of Independence, expressed hostility to bank notes and paper son for his change of mind the fact money as a circulating medium; that protection harmonized with the interests of his section. This view of tility to all monopolies by legislation localizing the tariff as an issue cost because they violate the equal rights of the people; hostility to the creation General Hancock the presidency fifty of vested rights; affirming the right to years later. Democratic platforms alnost uniformly opposed the protective alter or repeal any act of incorporafeature of tariff, while Whig and Retion or charter granting a vested

1840.

And the country has been treated to high or low tariff laws ac The Democrats, in convention at cording to the view of the party enact-Baltimore, declared that the federal ing them. The question has cut a fig- government is one of limited powers,

right.

# An Indian

publican platforms uniformly support-

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duty of the Democratic party to maintain the rights of every state, to resist monopolies, and exclusive legislation for the benefit of the few.

The Whig convention also declared the government of the United States to be of a limited character, confined to the exercise of powers expressly granted by the constitution: that the states should be held secure in their reserved rights; the government should hold itself free from all entangling al-Hances with foreign countries; that we should not propagate our opinions or impose on others our form of gov-

ernment but teach by example and moderation the blessings of self government and free institutions. It favored improvement of rivers and harbors, and deprecated further agitation

of the slavery question. The Free Soll platform declared that slavery is a sin against God, and a crime against man, which no human law or usage can make right, and that Christianity, humanity and patriotism demand its abolition; that no permanent settlement of the slavery question can be looked to except in the practical recognition of the truth that slavery is sectional and freedom is na-

#### 1856.

The American party, the national exponent of the local and state "Knownothing" lodges, adopted a plitform declaring that native-born American citizens should be selected for all na-

tional.

tional, state and municipal offices; that naturalization laws should be amended m as to require a residence of twentyone years as an indispensable requisit to citizenship. The Democratic convention again

roclaimed the limitation of the federal government and declared congress had and the paramount authority of the no power to charter a national bank. to carry on internal improvements, to foster industry by protective tariff; hostile to the principles of Republican defended the veto power, praired the government; that the constitution Declaration of Independence, denounced the crusady of the American prohibit slavery within the jurisdiction against foreign-born, renewed its declaration on the issue of slaverythat congress has no right to inter-

of the public debt. fere with the institution-and the The Democrats, in convention at Democratic party would resist all at-Chicago, declared, "as the sense of tempts to reopen the discussion; that it would maintain and uphold the prin-

the American people, that after four the American people, that the Union years of failure to restore the Union clples of the Virginia resolution, that by the experiment of war \* the people of the territories, including tice, humanity, liberty and the public Kansas and Nebraska, have a right to welfare demand that immediate efform a constitution with or without slavery, and be admitted to the forts be made for a cessation of hos-Union; that the time has come for the tilities, with a view to an ultimate convention of all the states, or other people of the United States to declare peaceable means, to the end that at in favor of free seas and progressive the earliest practicable moment peace free trade throughout the world; that may be restored on the basis of the we should hold sacred the principles federal union of all the states." The of the Monroe doctrine, and build an platform also denounced federal interisthmus canal to connect the Atlantic ference with elections, the "shameful and Pacific.

disregard" of duty by the administra-The Republican platform affirmed the doctrine of the Declaration of Indetion in respect to prisoners of war, and expressed sympathy for the army and pendence, and declared. "That the constitution confers upon congress sovnavy.

reigi, power over the territories of the

1868.

tle, with their property, in any terri-

1864.

recognizes slavery.

United States for their government, and that in the exercise of this power Republican convention that nominated Grant for president cont is both the right and the imperagratulated the country on the success tive duty of congress to prohibit in the territories those twin relics of barof reconstruction, denounced repudiation as a national crime, favored the barism-polygamy and slavery." This reduction and equalization of taxes. was followed by a terrible arraignment improving the public credit; denounced

of the national administration for the President Johnson for treachery, usurcrimes and frauds committed in the pation, corruption and abuse of the territory of Kansas by which the peopardoning power; commended the ple had been deprived of their liberty, spirit of magnanimity and forbearance of foreign trade, the revival marine, the reduction of letter postage of industry and the increased demand to 1 cent per ounce, and arraigned ple had been deprived of their liberty,

dustrial interests of the country; cluding emancipation and enfranchi favored the policy of national exment, demanded a system of taxation changes which secures liberal wages that should not interfere with the in-

to working men, remunerative prices dustries, while it provided revenues for to farmers, adequate rewards to methe government, interest on the public chanics and manufacturers; that lands debt; it remitted the subject of proshould be reserved to actual settlers; tection 3d free trade to the people that a Pacific railroad should be built in their c "gressional districts, and the and the rivers and harbors be imdecision o, congress; and declared in favor of a return to specie payments. proved. The Douglas Democratic platform redemanded by commercial morality and

ing of go'd and silver, and paper conaffirmed the Democratic platform of honest government. vertible into colu on demand; the 1856; declared that the decisions of the A remnant of the Democratic party strict maintenance of the public faith: Supreme court should not be accepted however, styled "Conservatives," a tariat for revenue only, a reform of on questions of constitutional law; fused to go over to the enemy; 600 of the civil service and a subordination pledged the party to the speedy conthem met in convention and nominated of the military to the civil power; free struction of a Pacific railroad; favored Charles O'Conor, the eloquent Irish ships and a chance for American ships the acquisition of the Island of Cuba advocate of New York, and John on the seas; no discrimination in favor by the United States; declared that Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts, as of transportation lines, corporations or the measure of restriction imposed by the presidential ticket. The platform monopolies. the federal constitution on the sub-

declared that the original basis of our ject of domestic relations or instituwhole political structure is consent tions in a territory must be deterthat all governmental powers are mined by the Supreme court. trust powers; that they had been be-The Breckinridge Democratic party trayed by a false creed, and preferred declared that all citizens of the Unitprinciple to pawer. ed States have an equal right to set-

#### 1876.

tory of the United States without hav-The Republicans in convention feliciing their rights or person or property tated themselves on the preservation impaired by congressional or terriof the Union and the pacification of torial legislation. (This was a contenthe south; favored the adjustment of to the end that active, intelligent labor, tion for the right of slaveholders to the tariff duties so as to promote the take their slaves into a territory and interests of American labor and adhold them.) That the federal govern- vance the presperity of the whole ment should protect the citizens movcountry: demanded the same protecing into a territory with their proption for adopted citizens as to nativeerty; that when the people of a terri- born; equal rights for women; detory, with adequate population, desire clared the constitution confers on constatehood, it should be granted, gress sovereign power over the terriwhether the constitution prohibits or tories and demanded the extirpation

of polygamy. It arraigned the Democratic party in congress as having the same character as when it sympa-The Republican platform resolved to thized with treason; with applauding maintain the integrity of the Union in the capitol the sentiments of unrepentant rebels; with sending Union constitution; that slavery was the soldiers to the rear and promoting cause and strength of the rebellion. Confederate soldiers; with being imbecils and false on financial questions. The Democratic platform proposed the Republicans for remissness, and should be amended so as to forever equiescence in the will of the majority: "in the liberty of individual of the United States. It praised Linconduct, unvexed by sumptuary laws:" coln and the soldiers: pledged the it favored a sound currency to restore faith of the nation for the payment the public credit and maintain the national honor; it denounced the failure "to make good the promise of the legal tender notes, which are a changing standard of value in the hands ment; to lace duty on fewer articles of the people, and the non-payment of which is a disregard of the plighted faith of the nation;" it denounced the and silver coinage of the constitution improvidence which had not accumulated a rescive for the redemption of the greenbacks; it denounced the civil service and the Declaration of In-

financial inability and immorality of Mongolians; congratulated the party the party that had made no advance on expansion by the purchase of Louistoward resumption of specie payments. but hindered and obstructed it, and iana, Florida and California and addenounced the resumption act of 1875 as such hindrance, and demanded its repeat. It demanded that all customhouse taxation shall be only for revenue; reform in the scale of public expense, in the waste of public lands,

in treaties with foreign nations, in the rivil service, and especially in the higher grades of the public service; it demanded a change of system, a change of administration, of parties, of measures and of men.

#### 1874.

The Republicans in convention again felicitated their party on making the paper currency equal to gold, on the tration in its efforts to demonetize silver: demanded restoration of merchant growth of internal improvements, the marine, the reduction of letter postage

labor; the suppression of polygamy,

the restriction of Chinese immigration;

the impartial execution of the laws.

The Democratic convention demand

ed home rule; honest money, consist-

1884

and the punishment of all offenders.

the weak foreign policy of the adminfor labor. It favored a discriminating tariff for the protection of American istration.

The Democratic platform commended the foreign policy of the administration, repeated the maxim regarding unnecessary taxation, favored revision of tariff and a reduction allowing for difference between wages in the United States and Europe; demanded reform of civil service and reconstruction of the navy.

#### 1892

The Republican platform reaffirmed the doctrine of American protection demanded legislation for the protection of railroad employes, indorsed the spirit of civil service reform and opposed trusts.

The Democrats denounced federal The Republicans made the most deficontrol of elections and vehemently nite declaration in favor of protection denounced Republican protection as that had been made by any party up fraud, a robbery of the great majority to that time. It demanded that duof the American people for the benefit ties on foreigr imports should not be of a few, and declared that the Fedlevied not for revenue only, but so levied as to afford security to our eral government has no constitutional power to impose and collect tariff dudiversified industries and protection to ties, except for purposes of revenue the rights and wages of the laborer, only-limited to the expenses of the government, honestly and economicas well as capital, may have its just ally administered; they recognized reward and the laboring man his full trusts as designed to enable capital share in the national prosperity. The to secure more than its just share of platform also pledged the party to corthe joint product of capital and labor rect the mequalities of the tariff, and -a natural consequence of protective reduce the surplus, protect the sheep taxes, preventing free competition, industry and employ efforts to unite which is the life of honest tradeall commercial nations in the estabwhose worst evils can be abated by lishment of an international standard law; they denounced the Sherman act fixing for all the relative value of gold and demanded the coinage of both gold and silver coinage. or establish a naand silver as standard money, withtional bureau of labor; sustain the out discrimination against either meteight-hour law, and prevent unjust al or charge for mintage; demanded discrimination in favor of shippers; it repeal of the 10 per cent. tax on state favored reform of the civil service, the bank issues, the construction of the restoration of the navy and the sup-Nicaragua canal and protection of railway employes. The Democratic platform denounced

#### 1896.

declared on the tariff that "all un-The Republicans renewed their alnecessary taxation is unjust taxation;" legiance to protection and reciprocity; pledged the party to purity the addeclared for restoration of merchant ministration from corruption and remarine; opposed debasement of the store economy; to arouse respect for currency by the free coinage of sillaw and revise the tariff in a spirit of ver, except by international agreement fairness; to limit all taxation to the and declared that until such agreerequirements of economical government could be effected the existing gold standard of the world must be and make it heaviest on luxuries; demaintained, keeping all silver and clared in favor of honest money-gold paper currency at a parity with gold; expressed sympathy with Cuba: deand a currency convertible into such manded the exclusion of illiterates money without loss; favored honest from foreign immigration, and favored arbitration for settling disputes bedependence; closed the gates to the tween capital and labor.

The Democratic platform of '96 which was the occasion of a second convention and the nomination of a gold presidential ticket, recognized "the money question as paramount to all others at this time:" called attention to the fact that silver and gold were named together in the constitution: that the act of '73 demonstizing silver was without the knowledge of approval of the American people, and demanded the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold, at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation. The platform opposed the issue of bonds in times of peace, favored a tariff for revenue only, an income tax, the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as states; it denounced federal interference in local

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jacent Mexican territory. 1888 The Republican platform declared for home rule in Ireland; for the American system of protection, which favors America, and protested against its destruction by the Democratic party in the interest of Europe: proposed to reduce the revenue by repealing the tax on tobacco; opposed imported contract labor; opposed trusts and all combinations of capital to control conditions of trade; savored the use of both gold and silver as money and condemned the policy of the Democratic adminis-

pression of polygamy.