

# WHERE THE CHURCH, DEMOCRATS AND

## RIGHT TO LIFE

### USCC

Calls abortion violent and wrong. Urges the adoption of a Constitutional amendment to correct the tragic errors of the Supreme Court on abortion.

### DEMOCRATIC

We fully recognize the religious and ethical concerns of many Americans on abortion. However, it is undesirable to attempt to amend the Constitution to overturn the Supreme Court decision in this area.

### REPUBLICAN

Abortion is one of the most difficult and controversial issues. Republicans hold a number of positions on this issue. We favor continuance of the public dialogue on abortion and support the efforts of those who seek enactment of a constitutional amendment to restore protection of the right to life for unborn children.

## RIGHT TO EAT

### USCC

Hunger and malnutrition continue to affect millions. National food policy should work toward full production, equitable distribution and price stability. We support protection of a dispersed pattern of land and resources with national land use planning, programs to promote full production and fair return for farmers and domestic food programs to meet the needs of the hungry and malnourished.

### DEMOCRATIC

Calls for the establishment of a national food and fiber policy which is fair to both producer and consumer, based on the family farm, agricultural system. Urges maximum agricultural production and supports attempts to provide for basic nutritional needs.

### REPUBLICAN

Every child should have enough to eat. Focus resources on feeding needy children. The present programs provide subsidies to underwrite the meals of children from middle and upper income families. The existing 15 child nutrition programs should be consolidated into one program, administered by the states, and concentrated on those children truly in need. Federal programs should assure that low income people will be able to purchase a nutritionally adequate food supply.

## RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE

### USCC

We strongly support a national health care policy including comprehensive national health insurance. We support a program which is universal and mandatory and which includes provision for preventive care, consumer participation, a voluntary health care system and reforms in health care delivery.

### DEMOCRATIC

We need a comprehensive national health insurance system with universal and mandatory coverage with emphasis on preventive medicine, consumer participation, as well as cost and quality controls. Maximum personal interrelationships between patient and physician should be preserved.

### REPUBLICAN

Opposes comprehensive, compulsory national health insurance. Favors catastrophic illness coverage to all who cannot obtain it. We should utilize our private health insurance systems.

## RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT

### Unemployment

### USCC

Fundamentally our nation must provide jobs for those who can work. Current policy falls far short of this. We call for an effective national commitment to genuine full employment through comprehensive economic planning, structural reforms and job creation programs including public service employment. Full employment is the foundation of a just economic policy.

### DEMOCRATIC

The party is committed to the right of all adult Americans willing, able and seeking work to have opportunities for useful jobs at living wages. We pledge to reduce adult unemployment to 3% within four years. A broad range of employment programs, institutional reforms and tax and spending policies are needed. The federal government has the responsibility to ensure that all Americans able, willing and seeking work are provided opportunities for useful jobs.

### REPUBLICAN

Put an end to deficit spending. Oppose federally funded public employment programs such as the Humphrey-Hawkins bill. Sound job creation can only be accomplished in the private sector. We should not be fooled into accepting government as the employer of last resort.

### Income

### USCC

Our nation must provide a decent income for those who cannot work. Calls for a guaranteed income base and assistance to those in need through reform of the welfare system.

### DEMOCRATIC

Urges a move toward replacement of welfare system with a simplified system of income maintenance, substantially funded by the Federal Government. This program should provide an income floor both for the working poor

and the poor not in the labor market. It should include a work requirement for those who are physically able to work and who are not mothers with dependent children.

### REPUBLICAN

Opposes the concept of a guaranteed annual income. Urges reform of welfare.

### Illegal Aliens

### USCC

Focus on illegal aliens as a cause of unemployment is an example of seeking scapegoats. While we support enforcements of immigration laws, we believe attempts to make it unlawful to employ illegal aliens, are moving in a dangerous direction. This could lead to widespread discrimination.

### DEMOCRATIC

No position on the employment of illegal aliens but platform supports efforts to allow resident aliens to gain citizenship.

### REPUBLICAN

There should be considerable concern over the presence of several million illegal aliens. We favor legislation prohibiting employers from knowingly hiring illegal aliens.

## Collective Bargaining

### USCC

We reaffirm our support for the right to bargain collectively and urge that protection of these rights be extended to those whose rights are currently unprotected, especially farm laborers.

### DEMOCRATIC

Support federal legislation to insure the right of public employees and agricultural employees to organize and bargain collectively seeks repeal of Section 14B of the Taft-Hartley Act.

### REPUBLICAN

Support labor relations legislation in agriculture which is responsive to the welfare of workers and to the particular needs of food production to prevent work stoppages during critical harvest periods. Oppose repeal of 14(B).

## Tax Fairness

### USCC

Urges government, business and labor to promote fairness in taxation.

### DEMOCRATIC

Economic justice requires a firm commitment to tax reform. Pledges a complete overhaul of the tax system which could save five billion dollars in the first year.

### REPUBLICAN

The best tax reform is tax reduction. Tax reform should aim at simplification and expansion of our economy.

## RIGHT TO DECENT HOUSING

### Federal Housing Activity

### USCC

Provide sufficient resources and programs to meet needs of low and moderate income families.

### DEMOCRATIC

Support direct federal subsidies and low interest loans to encourage construction of low and moderate income housing and the expansion of the direct federal subsidies to provide housing for the elderly. We will encourage an increase in loans and subsidies for housing and rehabilitation.

### REPUBLICAN

Reduce the degree of direct federal involvement in housing. Support continued incentives to support low and moderate income housing.

## Neighborhoods And Redlining

### USCC

Seek to preserve existing housing stock and support neighborhoods by opposing "redlining" and encouraging rehabilitation and reinvestment in central cities.

### DEMOCRATIC

We support a greater emphasis on the rehabilitation of existing housing to rebuild our neighborhoods. We will work to assure that credit institutions make greater efforts to direct mortgage money into the financing of private housing. We will take all necessary steps to prohibit the practice of redlining by private financial institutions, the FHA, and the secondary mortgage market.

### REPUBLICAN

We need a comprehensive approach to plan, develop and implement a variety of programs which take into account the many diverse needs of each neighborhood. The establishment of a National Neighborhood Policy will signal a commitment to the improvement of the quality of our life in our neighborhoods. We oppose discrimination in housing, whether by individuals or by institutional financing policies.

## Monetary Policy

### USCC

Encourage a monetary policy and credit allocation systems that provide a sustained supply of affordable credit for housing production.

### DEMOCRATIC

We will work to assure that credit institutions make greater efforts to direct mortgage money into housing and to adopt policies aimed at underlying causes of unequal credit allocation.

### REPUBLICAN

To meet the housing needs of this country there must be a continuous, stable and adequate flow of funds for the purpose of real estate mortgages at realistic interest rates.

## Special Needs

### USCC

Focus efforts on low income, minority, rural, elderly and handicapped persons to promote equal housing opportunity.

### DEMOCRATIC

Support expansion of subsidies for housing for the elderly. Women, single people and minorities are excluded in choice for shelter. We support aggressive enforcement of the Fair Housing Act and equal access to mortgage credit.

### REPUBLICAN

We oppose discrimination in housing.

## RIGHT TO EDUCATION

### Equal Opportunity

### USCC

We call for a public policy to insure the rights of persons to an adequate education regardless of race, national origin, economic status or physical handicap and advocacy compliance with legal requirements for racially integrated schools.

### DEMOCRATIC

We support the right of all citizens to equal education and the goal of desegregation. Mandatory transportation of students beyond their neighborhoods for the purpose of desegregation remains a judicial tool of the last resort. Encourages a variety of other measures.

### REPUBLICAN

Segregated schools are morally wrong and unconstitutional but we oppose forced busing to achieve racial balance and favor consideration of an amendment to the Constitution forbidding the assignment of children to school on the basis of race.

## Bilingual Education

### USCC

We advocate policies to improve the education opportunities including bilingual cultural education.

### DEMOCRATIC

Work to expand federal support of bilingual bicultural education.

### REPUBLICAN

No position.

## Higher Education

### USCC

Provide financial assistance based on need to higher education students to attend school of their choice.

### DEMOCRATIC

Federal government should directly provide cost of education payments to all higher education institutions.

### REPUBLICAN

Federal higher education policy should continue to focus on financial aid for needy individuals. More realistic eligibility guidelines for student aid are essential.

## Child Care

### USCC

Governmental action to enable public and private agencies to meet early childhood learning, family service and day care needs.

### DEMOCRATIC

Proposes federally financed, family centered developmental and educational child care programs operated by public school and other private and community organizations.

### REPUBLICAN

Support of child care assistance.

## Nonpublic Schools

### USCC

We advocate continued support of a constitutionally acceptable method of providing tax aid for the education of pupils in nonpublic schools. We urge the support of federal legislation which provided for equitable participation in federal programs of non-public school students.

### DEMOCRATIC

Renews the commitment of the party to a constitutionally acceptable method of providing tax aid for the education of all pupils in nonsegregated schools. The party will continue to advocate constitutionally permissible federal education legislation for equitable participation in federal programs of all low and moderate income pupils in all schools.