

Pol 231: Assignment 2: Major Party Platforms
Due: January 31, 2006

Name: _____

Use the Democratic and Republican parties' national webpages to locate the 2004 party platforms and compare the two parties on five different issues. Write in direct quotes from the platforms **using quotation marks**. The first example is given for you. You will need to add in four more comparisons. Consult the Hershey textbook pages 288-289 for additional examples from 2000 party platforms.

Democrats = <http://www.democrats.org>

Republicans = <http://www.rnc.org>

Example:

Issue	Democratic position	Republican position
1. College aid	“College tuitions rose by 35 percent between 2000 and 2003, and this year, 220,000 Americans were priced out of college by its high costs. We will make college affordable for every qualified student with a tax credit for four years of college.”	“Republicans are working to ensure that college is affordable and accessible for America’s low- and middle-income families through increased funding of grants, low interest student loans, and tax breaks for working families. As a result of Republican leadership, total student aid for higher education has increased to a historic \$73 billion proposed for 2005. Next year, almost 10 million students and parents will receive one or more grants, loans, or work-study awards.”

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