

Plank	<u>2008 Platform</u>	<u>2004 Platform</u>
Abortion – General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continues to endorse a human life amendment to the Constitution. ➤ “Will not fund international organizations involved in abortion.” ➤ Affirms support for the Mexico City Policy to prohibit funds from being given to NGOs that provide abortions or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Endorses a human life amendment to the constitution.¹ ➤ Does not specifically mention the Mexico City Policy.
Internet Gambling	<p>Renews support for the ban on Internet gambling. Congress passed the internet gambling ban in 2006.</p>	Supports a ban on Internet gambling.
Cloning	Calls for a total ban on human cloning.	Applauded the President’s call for a comprehensive ban on human cloning.
Gays in the Military	Affirms the <i>“incompatibility of homosexuality with military service.”</i>	Affirms that <i>“homosexuality is incompatible with military service.”</i>
Traditional Marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports a constitutional amendment that <i>“fully protects marriage as a union of a man and a woman, so that judges cannot make other arrangements equivalent to it.”</i> ➤ Affirms support for DOMA and urges Congress to “use its Article II, Section 2 power to prevent activist federal judges from imposing upon the rest of the nation the judicial activism in Massachusetts and California.” ➤ Notes that the Democrats have pledged to repeal the DOMA, <i>“which would subject every state to the redefinition of marriage by a judge without ever allowing the people to vote</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports a constitutional amendment that fully protects marriage.

¹ There has been a human life amendment in every GOP platform since 1976.

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Embryo Stem Cell Research	Total ban on <u>all</u> embryonic stem cell research (much stronger language than '04). <i>“Ban on the creation of or experimentation on human embryos for research purposes.”</i>	Supported Bush’s policy of limiting federal funding for a restricted number of stem cell lines.