

# FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION

“Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men.’” —Acts 5:29, ESV

## KAMALA HARRIS:

- Sponsored the Do No Harm Act, which would have prohibited use of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act as a defense in many cases.
- Joined an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to rule against Hobby Lobby and other businesses that objected to the government’s mandate to provide contraceptive and abortifacient coverage.
- Supports the Equality Act, which would criminalize employees, medical professionals, parents and organizations that hold Biblical views on sexuality.
- The Biden-Harris State Department removed Nigeria from its list of Countries of Particular Concern, reversing a Trump administration designation despite genocide against Christians.
- The Biden-Harris administration reversed a Trump federal rule denying federal funds to colleges that violate the religious liberties of students.

## REPUBLICAN PLATFORM:

- Respect the right of every American to worship according to their conscience, and to live out their beliefs in everyday life.

## DONALD TRUMP:

- Trump’s Department of Health and Human Services issued a rule protecting religious nonprofits from the Obama administration’s contraceptive mandate.
- Funded programs that advanced international religious freedom.
- Signed executive order integrating religious freedom into foreign diplomacy.
- Hosted a U.N. conference on international religious liberty, calling on nations to end religious persecution, repeal laws that restrict freedom of religion and increase prosecution for crimes against religious communities.

# FREE SPEECH

“You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious.” —Ezekiel 2:7, NKJV

## DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM:

- Says the party supports “protecting the Constitutional right of our citizens to free speech.”

## KAMALA HARRIS:

- As California attorney general, tried to require that nonprofits report the names of people donating \$5,000 or more, which was widely seen as having a chilling effect on free speech.
- Harris criticizes conservatives for “banning books” in schools, but the Biden-Harris administration coerced tech companies to censor books, videos, posts and other online content.
- Administration officials compared parents’ speech at school board meetings to “domestic terrorism.”

## REPUBLICAN PLATFORM:

- Prohibit the federal government from colluding to censor free speech.
- Defund institutions engaged in censorship.
- Protect free speech online.

## DONALD TRUMP:

- Signed executive order withholding federal funds from colleges that don’t protect free speech on campus.
- Administration filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court in support of Jack Phillips of Masterpiece Cakeshop, who had declined to use his artistic talents to create a custom cake that would celebrate a same-sex wedding.