

Republican Party's Contribution to Civil Rights

- 1854 – The Republican Party is formed to end the spread of slavery.
- 1854 – Republicans opposed the Kansas-Nebraska Act an Act from
- 1861 – Elected Abraham Lincoln as the first Republican President
- 1863 – Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation to free the slaves
- 1865 – Republican Congress passes and ratifies the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution abolishing slavery in the United States of America forever
- 1866 – Republican congress passes the Civil Rights Act of 1866 to protect the Rights of newly freed slaves.
- 1868 - Republican Congress passes and ratifies the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution which recognizes the Rights of newly freed slaves to become citizens of the United States of America .
- 1870 - Republican Congress passes and ratifies the 15th Amendment to the US Constitution which recognizes the Rights to vote for former slaves and citizens.
- 1871 - Republican Congress passes Civil Rights Act of 1871 or Anti-KKK Act to abolish the Klu Klux Klan.
- 1875 - Republican Congress passes Civil Rights Act of 1875 which is the first anti-discrimination law in the United States of America.
- 1922 – Republican Leonidas Dyer passes one of the first and only anti-lynching bills through the US House of Representatives.
- 1957 – Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower passes through the Congress the first Civil Rights Law in 82 years, the Civil Rights Act of 1957. He created a Commission on Civil Rights
- 1960 - Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower passes the Civil Rights Act of 1960 which sent Federal Inspectors to the Voter Registration polls.
- 1964 – 83% of Republicans vote to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – anti-Discrimination law. Only 63% of the Democrats vote for the law.
- ***** - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a Republican.

[Frederick Douglass](http://afroamhistory.about.com/cs/civilrights/a/timelinecivrght.htm)

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History of the Republican Party

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[The case that ended segregation in schools. Brown v. Board of Education](#)

Democratic Party's Contribution to Civil Rights

19th Century Failures:

As slavery began to dominate the national debate, a clear division began to develop between Northern and Southern Democrats. In 1864, the anti-slavery president Abraham Lincoln ran for reelection on a unity ticket with Democrat Andrew Johnson as his VP candidate. After Lincoln's assassination, Johnson rose to power and attempted to block progressive post-slavery civil rights reform. The Democratic Party of the late 19th century was, for all intents and purposes, the anti-civil rights party of its time--a way of accommodating Southern Democrats who still supported slavery.

20th Century Redemption:

Over time, the national Democratic Party began to become more progressive on civil rights issues as the Republican Party, having achieved its initial objective of abolishing slavery, drifted. In 1948, the Democratic Party surpassed the Republican Party on civil rights issues when President Harry Truman added a civil rights plank to the platform. Southern Democrats, who made up the bulk of the national segregationist movement, were ultimately defeated with the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Since that time, Southern Democrats have more or less achieved parity with the national party on civil rights issues.

Civil Rights:

Today, the national Democratic Party is vastly superior to the national Republican Party on issues pertaining to affirmative action, civil rights lawsuits, reapportionment, and active desegregation. It also receives much greater support, on average, from racial and ethnic minority groups than does the Republican Party, and is subsequently more accountable to minority voters in pursuing its agenda. The majority of non-white elected officials are Democrats.

All of these socialist programs lead to constrict and constrains the population, making the people who participate, slaves to the government.

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