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Comparison of Republican Budget and Democratic Alternative

	REPUBLICAN BUDGET	DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE
Economic Growth, Investment, & Opportunity	➤ Pursues misguided austerity policies that limit job growth in this recovery ➤ Guts investments in education, scientific research, advanced manufacturing, public safety, and other economically crucial activities by cutting non-defense discretionary funding well below sequester levels from 2016 onward ➤ Cuts transportation investments by over \$52 billion in 2015 ➤ Refuses to extend emergency unemployment benefits ➤ Fails to support minimum-wage increase ➤ Slashes education funding, including \$145 billion from Pell Grants and \$89 billion from K-12 education through 2024 ➤ Increases student loan debt ➤ Rejects economic potential of comprehensive immigration reform	➤ Supports policies that boost job creation ➤ Supports critical investments in R&D, clean energy, manufacturing, and other keys to global competitiveness ➤ Invests in the President's multi-year surface transportation reauthorization, protecting more than 700,000 jobs ➤ Extends emergency unemployment benefits, saving 200,000 jobs this year ➤ Supports an increase in the minimum wage ➤ Supports jobs for veterans ➤ Provides \$76 billion for early childhood education and maintains other education investments ➤ Ensures college affordability through lower student loan debt and new repayment options ➤ Supports comprehensive immigration reform, boosting the economy by 5.4% and reducing deficits by \$900 billion over 20 years
Tax Fairness	➤ Provides millionaires an average \$200,000 tax break while raising taxes on middle-class families by \$2,000 ➤ Protects tax subsidies for big, integrated oil companies—the top 5 of which had \$93 billion in profits in 2013	➤ Opposes tax reform plans that would lower the top individual income tax rate while raising taxes on middle-class families ➤ Expands low- and middle-income tax incentives for work and school ➤ Expands the EITC for childless workers
Commitments to Seniors	➤ Ends Medicare guarantee, replaces with voucher shifting financial risk to seniors ➤ Raises prescription drug costs for seniors ➤ Cuts base Medicaid program by \$732 billion, jeopardizing seniors' access to long-term care and other supports	➤ Preserves the Medicare guarantee ➤ Preserves important Affordable Care Act benefits for seniors, including help with Rx drug costs ➤ Ensures seniors and people with disabilities continue to get needed Medicaid services ➤ Protects Social Security from privatization
Health Care & Social Safety Net	➤ Undermines patient protections and denies 25 million Americans access to affordable health coverage by repealing Affordable Care Act ➤ Threatens health care for 60 million Americans with steep Medicaid cuts ➤ Cuts nutrition assistance by \$137 billion	➤ Preserves Affordable Care Act coverage expansions and patient protections, such as young adult coverage and no denials for pre-existing conditions ➤ Protects Medicaid for working families ➤ Preserves nutrition assistance