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Comparison of Republican Budget and Democratic Alternative

	REPUBLICAN BUDGET	DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE
Investing in America and Its Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Undermines the country's investment in education, infrastructure, and research. ➤ \$5.4 trillion in spending cuts, which drain resources from programs that American families need. ➤ Lowers the already inadequate austerity-level non-defense discretionary spending caps by an additional \$5 billion in 2018 and by even more in subsequent years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Invests in infrastructure, cutting-edge research and innovation, and expanded educational opportunities. ➤ Creates good-paying jobs with higher wages. ➤ Increases opportunity through a higher minimum wage, immigration reform, equal pay for equal work, and consumer protections. ➤ Protects parity between defense and non-defense discretionary spending.
Tax Fairness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fast-tracks trillions in tax cuts for millionaires and wealthy corporations. ➤ Shifts the tax burden onto the middle class. ➤ Fails to close special-interest loopholes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports responsible tax reform that provides support and relief for hardworking American families. ➤ Ensures that millionaires and wealthy corporations pay their fair share.
Protecting Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Embraces Trumpcare. ➤ \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. ➤ \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare. ➤ Ends Medicare guarantee, shifting costs and risks onto seniors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Defends and strengthens the ACA. ➤ Rejects Trumpcare. Brings more affordability and stability to insurance markets. ➤ Rejects voucherizing Medicare.
Supporting Basic Standards of Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fast-tracks \$203 billion in cuts to programs families rely on for food & other basic necessities. ➤ Cuts fall heavily on low-income families, students, and persons with disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Safeguards funding for nutrition assistance and affordable housing. ➤ Strengthens and expands the EITC. ➤ Supports increased resources for TANF.
Strengthening National Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shortchanges essential elements of national security, like the State Department, foreign aid, and climate change research. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provides robust defense funding, matching the President's request. ➤ Invests in all aspects of national security, rejecting the 19% cut to diplomacy and foreign aid.