

# 2016 Democratic Party Platform

## **RAISE INCOMES AND RESTORE ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS**

- Raising Workers' Wages: Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15.00 an hour
- Protecting Workers' Fundamental Rights:  
The Democratic Party will make it easier for workers, public and private, to exercise their right to organize and join unions.
- Supporting Working Families  
Democrats will make sure that the United States finally enacts national paid family and medical leave by passing a family and medical leave act that would provide all workers at least 12 weeks of paid leave to care for a new child or address a personal or family member's serious health issue.
- Helping More Workers Share in Near-Record Corporate Profits  
Will incentivize companies to share profits with their employees on top of wages and pay increases, while targeting the workers and businesses that need profit-sharing the most.
- Expanding Access to Affordable Housing and Homeownership
- Protecting and Expanding Social Security
- Ensuring a Secure and Dignified Retirement
- Revitalizing our Nation's Postal Service

## **CREATE GOOD-PAYING JOBS**

- Building 21st Century Infrastructure
- Fostering a Manufacturing Renaissance
- Creating Good Paying Clean Energy Jobs
- Supporting America's Small Businesses
- Creating jobs for America's Young People
- Reining in Wall Street and Fixing our Financial System
- Promoting Competition by Stopping Corporate Concentration
- Making the Wealthy Pay their Fair Share of Taxes
- Promoting Trade That is Fair and Benefits American Workers

## **BRING AMERICANS TOGETHER AND REMOVE BARRIERS TO OPPORTUNITIES**

- Ending Systemic racism
- Closing the racial Wealth Gap
- Reforming our Criminal Justice System
- Fixing our Broken Immigration System
- Guaranteeing Civil Rights
- Guaranteeing Women's Rights
- Guaranteeing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights
- Guaranteeing Rights for People with Disabilities
- Respecting Faith and Service
- Investing in Rural America
- Ending Poverty and Investing in Communities Left Behind
- Building Strong Cities and Metro Areas
- Promoting Arts and Culture
- Honoring Indigenous Tribal Nations
- Fighting for the People of Puerto Rico

- Honoring the People of the Territories

## **PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS, FIX OUR CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM, AND RESTORE OUR DEMOCRACY**

- Protecting Voting Rights
- Fixing Our Broken Campaign Finance System
- Appointing Judges:  
We will appoint judges who defend the constitutional principles liberty and equality for all, and will protect a woman's right to safe and legal abortion curb, billionaires' influence over elections because they understand that Citizens United has fundamentally damaged our democracy, and believe the Constitution protects not only the powerful, but also the disadvantaged and powerless.
- Securing Statehood for Washington, D.C.
- Strengthening Management of Federal Government

## **COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE, BUILD A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY, AND SECURE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

- Building a Clean Energy Economy
- Securing environmental and Climate Justice
- Protecting our Public Lands and Waters

## **PROVIDE QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE EDUCATION**

- Making Debt-Free College a Reality
- Providing Relief from Crushing Student Debt
- Supporting Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions
- Cracking Down on Predatory for-Profit Schools
- Guaranteeing Universal Preschool and Good Schools for Every Child

## **ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL AMERICANS**

- Securing Universal Health care
- Supporting Community Health Centers
- Reducing Prescription Drug Costs
- Enabling Cutting-Edge Medical Research
- Combating Drug and Alcohol Addiction
- Treating Mental health
- Supporting those Living with Autism and their Families
- Securing Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice
- Ensuring Long-Term Care, Services, and Supports
- Protecting and Promoting Public Health
- Ending Violence Against Women
- Preventing Gun violence

## **PRINCIPLED LEADERSHIP**

Democrats believe that America must lead in the world to grow our economy, protect our interests and values, and make our country safer and more prosperous. We cannot walk away from our position of global leadership and allow other countries to make decisions about our lives, jobs and safety.

Democrats further believe that when America leads, it must be as a principled force for peace and prosperity in the world.....

## **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS AND KEEP FAITH WITH OUR VETERANS**

- Defense spending
- Veterans and Service Members
- Military Families
- A Strong Military

## **CONFRONT GLOBAL THREATS**

- Terrorism
- Syria
- Afghanistan
- Iran
- North Korea
- Russia
- Cybersecurity and Online Privacy
- Non-Proliferation of Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Weapons
- Global Climate Leadership

## **PROTECT OUR VALUES**

- Women and Girls, Lesbian Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People
- Trafficking and Modern Slavery
- Young people
- Religious Minorities
- Refugees
- Civil Society
- Anti-Corruption
- Torture
- Closing Guantanamo Bay
- Development Assistance
- Global Health
- HIV and AIDS
- International Labor

## **A LEADER IN THE WORLD**

- Asia-pacific
- Middle East
- Europe
- Americas
- Africa
- Global Economy and Institutions

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