

DEMOCRATS BELIEVE IN THESE PRINCIPLES

Women are entitled to equal pay and equal rights. The other party opposes equal rights in the workplace and supports new intrusive restrictions on access to women's healthcare.

Honesty, equal opportunity and tolerance are traditional values. The other party's Platform makes "God-made law" the supreme law of the land.

The economy is driven by consumer demand. Workers who earn a livable wage can buy what factories produce. The other party's platform says: "Private investment is a key driver of economic growth and job creation." It isn't. It just makes the 1% wealthier.

Taxes should be adequate to pay the government's bills and be fair. The other party favors lowering taxes on the rich, cutting social programs and turning over tax money for public education to private schools and churches via vouchers.

The right to vote is sacred. The other party has shamelessly gerrymandered voting districts "with surgical precision" and imposed voting restrictions designed to suppress the turnout of minorities. This is racist and wrong.

War is not healthy for children and other living beings. The other wants to cancel international peace agreements, build new nuclear weapons and increase troop levels.

Protecting the environment is important. The other party plans to repeal the EPA and most of its requirements. They say Global Warming is a hoax. We should respect science and act now to reduce pollution and carbon emissions from coal.

Government has a responsibility to protect the disabled and to promote safety for workers and fairness for consumers. Fraud by banks and housing market investors nearly destroyed our economy in 2007. The other party platform calls for repealing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that protects consumers from fraud and the Dodd-Frank Act limiting fraud on Wall Street. Let's not repeat the mistakes of the past.

Affordable health care is a human right. The other party plans to cut healthcare. They have no replacement and no plans to cut costs except by reducing benefits profiteering should be cut instead of cutting access to care.

WE are DEMOCRATS. We are the MAJORITY.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2018 –START NOW

FLY THE FLAG – Don't let the other party believe they own patriotism. Fly the FLAG because it represents all that is good about America like values such as honesty, reverence and respect for others, equality, diversity and tolerance.

REGISTER VOTERS – Voting is the lifeblood of democracy. It is "We the People". We must overcome the other party's campaign of voter suppression and negativity

DEMAND MEDIA RESPONSIBILITY – Confront newspapers and TV when they give free coverage to facts they know are false or misleading. Write them, call them. If necessary picket them. Consider boycotting them and telling them why.

CONFRONT SOCIAL MEDIA LIARS -- Don't just delete false news. Hit "reply all" and add: Please check the facts on "Snopes" and "Factcheck.org", before forwarding stuff that isn't true. Truth is important. Lies are destroying our democracy.

TELL FACEBOOK and GOOGLE – to warn readers when LIES are being spread with their help. Not censorship just a "heads-up" to check before spreading further.

JOIN OR START– a Democratic club in your neighborhood. Have the club sponsor events and a "what it means to be an American" essay contest with a cash prize.

STAND UP FOR YOUR BELIEFS – this means joining in boycotts, pickets, marches and other demonstrations for a kinder America one against hate, discrimination, restrictions on voting, and other efforts to undermine American institutions and values. Make "good noise" and "good trouble" as John Lewis has said. Be proud and positive.

FOCUS ON FAIRNESS FOR ALL -- not just a segment of the population. It is true that Black Lives Matter. So do police lives and all other lives. ALL people deserve health care, a safe workplace, livable wages, good schools, safe streets and protection of our environment. ALL of us should pay taxes. ALL of us should work hard for fairness and speak truthfully. The way forward is a better life for everyone not just some.

BE A CONCERNED CITIZEN -- Show up at meetings of Boards of Supervisors, City Councils, and School Boards. They like hearing from real people not just paid lobbyists.