

For as long as the two party system has existed in the United States, the democratic platform has always labeled itself as the party for the people; the working class. I believe the government has the strength, power, and right to help and provide for its people. As it should. I would consider myself to be a very politically involved person. Although it has its downfalls, I care a lot about politics as I believe it helps bring about change. And for that reason, choosing to not wanting to be involved in politics is quite privileged.

To put it simply, I am a democrat because I care about people. I sympathize with everyone and I choose not to identify with a party which tends to exclude certain groups of people. I believe all people, no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, or religion should be cared for. While the democratic party certainly isn't perfect, it will be the party to ensure the rights of all, instead of the other.

I also believe in science. The democratic party chooses to believe in the facts and pay attention to science. Climate change and sustainability is something that I care a lot about and the democratic party has made it known that it will try to put full efforts towards the step in the right direction. Politicians like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Bill de Blasio have proposed the Green New Deal which is something that will help the nations environment. I believe that a revolutionary bill like the Green New Deal is something that must happen soon in order to preserve the climate before it becomes too late. We only have one earth and it is important to protect it.

As I have just recently completed the college application process, I have come to a better realization as to just how expensive going to school can be. It really opened my eyes to how classist college is. Good schools are expensive, allowing for the elite to once again climb easily to the top while lower class people struggle to even get a college education. It's totally not fair and the system is flawed to only benefit the rich. Getting an education should not break the bank. It shouldn't have to be the deciding factor between school or buying a house or even eating good food. Going to college shouldn't be an option only open to people who can afford \$200,000 in student debt. Even then, a college education should never require that much worth in debt. I believe that going to college is a right all people, no matter the salary, should be granted. And the Democratic Party will help the country make the right steps towards that direction. While not all democratic politicians support this, building up and making progress is most important. I choose to support a party which helps to ensure education rights and opportunities for all.

The last thing that I would like to mention is the Black Lives Matter Movement. This is something that has been very prevalent the past year, knowing the circumstances of the death of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. Unfortunately, the list goes a lot longer than those two names. Police brutality against people of color is way too promant for us to ignore any longer. The Democratic Party chooses to uplift the African American community and help give voices and outreach to those who are struggling. It definitely is nowhere near close to perfect and it is

important to criticize your own party and your supported politicians when not enough change has occurred. But we are currently working on it. And I only hope that it will go up from here. It's time for black voices to be heard. And it's time for change.