

2020 Party Platform Word Statistics

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Summary

A little word statistics on both the Democratic and Republican 2020 Party Platform documents sourced from:

2020 Democratic Platform

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2020 Republican Platform (2016 Platform, unchanged)

<https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/static/home/data/platform.pdf>

Mentions in Party Platform		
Word	Democrat	Republican
<i>Race</i>	11	2
<i>Racial</i>	31	1
<i>Racism</i>	12	1
<i>Poverty</i>	13	15

Democratic Word Details and Context

Word = Race

Section	Mention	Context
Protecting Workers and Families and Creating Millions of Jobs Across America	1	Democrats believe that it is a moral and an economic imperative that we support working families by rebuilding the American middle class for the 21st century, making sure this time that everyone can make it and thrive, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, disability status, age, or ZIP code.
Eliminate Racial, Gender, and Geographic Health Inequities	2	Democrats will ensure federal data collection and analysis is adequately funded and designed to allow for disaggregation by race, gender, geography, disability status, and other important variables, so that disparities in health coverage, access, and outcomes can be better understood and addressed.
Securing Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice	3	We will address the discrimination and barriers that inhibit meaningful access to reproductive health care services, including those based on gender, sexuality, race, income, disability, and other factors
Investing in Health Science and Research	4	Democrats also support increasing funding for research into health disparities by race, gender, age, geographic area, and socioeconomic status, with a particular focus on how the social determinants of health contribute to differences in health outcomes.
Protecting Americans' Civil Rights	5	Democrats are committed to ending discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, language, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability status.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	6	Democrats are committed to standing up to racism and bigotry in our laws, in our culture, in our politics, and in our society, and recognize that race-neutral policies are not sufficient to rectify race-based disparities.
Protecting and Enforcing Voting Rights	7	Democrats are committed to the sacred principle of “one person, one vote”—and we will fight to achieve that principle for every citizen, regardless of race, income, disability status, geography, or English language proficiency
Building an Effective, Transparent Federal Government	8	Democrats will ensure federal data collection and analysis is adequately funded and designed to allow for disaggregation by race, gender, geography, disability status, and other important variables, so that disparities can be better understood and addressed.
Providing a world-class education in every zip code	9	As Democrats, we believe that education is a critical public good—not a commodity—and that it is the government’s responsibility to ensure that every child, everywhere, is able to receive a world-class education that enables them to lead meaningful lives, no matter their race, ZIP code, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or household income.
Supporting High-Quality K-12 Schools Across America	10	Those measures will be supported by data collection and analysis disaggregated by race, gender, disability status, and other important variables, to identify disparities in educational equity, access, and outcomes.
Keeping Faith with Our Veterans and Military Families	11	We will ensure that VA benefits address the full needs of our women veterans, including reproductive services, and that every veteran receives culturally competent care and benefits regardless of their ethnicity, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation

Word = Racial

Section	Mention	Context
Preamble	1	the intolerable racial injustice that still stains the fabric of our nation—
Preamble	2	the impacts of racial and 20 economic disparities on health and well-being,
Preamble	3	Democrats will forge a new social and economic contract with the American people—a contract that creates millions of new jobs and promotes shared prosperity, closes racial gaps in income and wealth, guarantees the right to join or form a union, raises wages and ensures equal pay for women and paid family leave for all, and safeguards a secure and dignified retirement.
Preamble	4	And there is a persistent, pernicious racial wealth gap that holds millions of Americans back,
Raising Wages and Promoting Workers' Rights	5	We cannot hope to raise wages without taking on the profound racial biases at work in our employment system.
Investing in the Engines of Job Creation	6	Recognizing the history of racial discrimination in USDA's core farming programs, Democrats will continue the reform efforts started under the Obama-Biden Administration to ensure USDA takes a more proactive approach to supporting training and resources for farmers of color.
Putting Homeownership in Reach and Guaranteeing Safe Housing for Every American	7	Homeownership has long been central to building generational wealth, and expanding access to homeownership to those who have been unfairly excluded and discriminated against is critical to closing the racial wealth gap.
Putting Homeownership in Reach and Guaranteeing Safe Housing for Every American	8	Democrats believe the government should take aggressive steps to increase the supply of housing, especially affordable housing, and address long-standing economic and racial inequities in our housing markets.
Putting Homeownership in Reach and Guaranteeing Safe Housing for Every American	9	Democrats will give local elected officials tools and resources to combat gentrification, penalize predatory lending practices, and maintain homeownership, including exploring targeted rental relief when exorbitant rent increases force long-term residents from their communities and tackling persistent racial bias in appraisals that contributes to the racial wealth gap.
Tackling Runaway Corporate Concentration	10	We will direct federal regulators to review a subset of the mergers and acquisitions that have taken place since President Trump took office, prioritizing the pharmaceutical, health care, telecommunications, and agricultural industries, to assess whether any have increased market concentration, raised consumer prices, demonstrably harmed workers, increased racial inequality, reduced competition, or constricted innovation, and assign appropriate remedies.
Achieving Universal, Affordable, Quality Health Care	11	We will tackle entrenched racial disparities in health care, reduce prescription drug 26 prices by standing up to big pharmaceutical companies, and make it easier to access mental 27 health and substance use disorder treatment and long-term services and supports in metropolitan 28 and rural areas alike.
Securing Universal Health Care Through a Public Option	12	To help close the persistent racial gap in insurance rates, Democrats will expand funding for Affordable Care Act outreach and enrollment programs, so every American knows their options for securing quality, affordable coverage.

Eliminate Racial, Gender, and Geographic Health Inequities	13	That is why Democrats will launch a sustained, government-wide effort, with 3 leadership at the highest levels, to eliminate racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic gaps in 4 insurance rates, access to quality care, and health outcomes.
Protecting and Promoting Maternal Health	14	We will support comprehensive solutions to address every dimension of the Black maternal health crisis in America and eliminate all racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes, and support policies and approaches that will at least halve our nation's unacceptably high maternal mortality rate.
Protecting Communities and Building Trust By Reforming Our Criminal Justice System	15	Democrats believe every school should have sufficient funding to employ guidance counselors, social workers, or school psychologists to help guarantee age-appropriate and racially equitable student disciplinary practices, rather than turning to police to resolve these issues.
Protecting Communities and Building Trust By Reforming Our Criminal Justice System	16	And we will ban racial and religious profiling in law enforcement.
Protecting Americans' Civil Rights	17	We will enforce and strengthen the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and will end racial and religious profiling in law enforcement.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	18	We will take a comprehensive approach to embed racial justice in every element of our governing agenda, including in jobs and job creation, workforce and economic development, small business and entrepreneurship, eliminating poverty and closing the racial wealth gap, promoting asset building and homeownership, education, health care, criminal justice reform, environmental justice, and voting rights.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	19	We believe Black lives matter, and will establish a national commission to examine the lasting economic effects of slavery, Jim Crow segregation, and racially discriminatory federal policies on income, wealth, educational, health, and employment outcomes; to pursue truth and promote racial healing; and to study reparations
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	20	We will fight to tackle intergenerational poverty and close the racial wealth gap.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	21	Democrats support policies to end discrimination and unfair practices in the housing market, will empower local governments to combat gentrification trends that disproportionately harm long time residents of color, and will create a Community Restoration Fund to repair the toxic legacy of historic investments in transportation that were designed to enforce racial segregation.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	22	Democrats recognize that racial wealth gaps are rooted in longstanding discrimination and unjust policies.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	23	We will equalize established pathways for building wealth while exploring innovative approaches to closing racial wealth gaps, including policies that provide seed capital in order to access the economic security of asset ownership.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	24	Unemployment rates for people of color are persistently higher than the national average, which is why Democrats support making racial equity part of the mandate of the Federal Reserve.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	25	Specifically, we will work with Congress to direct the Chair of the Federal Reserve to report on the extent of racial employment and wage gaps, and how the central bank is countering them, in addition to monitoring, reporting on, and responding to macroeconomic conditions in general.

Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	26	The COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately sickened and killed Black Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans, has made long-standing racial and geographic disparities in health care and health outcomes into front-page news.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	27	Democrats will work with affected frontline communities to develop a screening and mapping tool to ensure racial and socioeconomic equity in federal climate, energy, and infrastructure programs and identify areas of high cumulative pollution that threatens residents' health and safety.
Supporting High-Quality K-12 Schools Across America	28	We support measures to increase accountability for charter schools, including by requiring all charter schools to meet the same standards of transparency as traditional public schools, including with regard to civil rights protections, racial equity, admissions practices, disciplinary procedures, and school 41 finances
Supporting High-Quality K-12 Schools Across America	29	It is unacceptable that America's public schools are more racially segregated today than they were in the late 1960s.
Supporting High-Quality K-12 Schools Across America	30	We will also reinvigorate and increase funding for the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights and improve federal data collection on racial segregation in schools.
Supporting High-Quality K-12 Schools Across America	31	Not only will these measures make it easier for Americans to buy a home or start a small business, student debt forgiveness is key to helping address the racial wealth gap, as students of color are more likely to have to borrow to finance higher education

Word = Racism

Section	Mention	Context
Preamble	1	We must heal our nation's deepest wounds, not fan the flames of hate. Democrats will root out structural and systemic racism in our economy and our society, and reform our criminal justice system from top to bottom, because we believe Black lives matter.
Preamble	2	We will never amplify or legitimize the voices of bigotry, racism, misogyny, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, or white supremacy.
Building A Stronger, Fairer Economy	3	A new social and economic contract that at last grapples honestly with America's long and ongoing history of racism and disenfranchisement, of segregation and discrimination, and invests instead in building equity and mobility for the people of color who have been left out and left behind for generations.
Building A Stronger, Fairer Economy	4	Democrats stand ready to take immediate, decisive action to pull the economy out of President Trump's recession by investing in infrastructure, care work, clean energy, and small businesses to put Americans to work in good-paying jobs; shoring up state and local budgets to save jobs and protect public health in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and enacting fundamental reforms to address structural and systemic racism and entrenched income and wealth inequality in our economy and our banking system.
Protecting Communities and Building Trust By Reforming Our Criminal Justice System	5	This is the moment to root out structural and systemic racism in our criminal justice system and our society, and reimagine public safety for the benefit of our people and the character of our country.
Protecting Communities and Building Trust By Reforming Our Criminal Justice System	6	We also support establishing an independent clemency board to ensure an appropriate, effective process for using clemency, especially to address systemic racism and other priorities.

Healing The Soul Of America	7	Healing the soul of America means facing up to the deepest inequities in our society, from structural racism to misogyny to discrimination against people with disabilities, and enacting ambitious measures to fix them
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	8	Democrats are committed to standing up to racism and bigotry in our laws, in our culture, in our politics, and in our society, and recognize that race-neutral policies are not sufficient to rectify race-based disparities.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	9	Democrats will launch an all-of government effort to eliminate health disparities, including by achieving universal health coverage through a high-quality, affordable public option; expanding funding for community health centers, rural health centers, and mobile health clinics; and tackling environmental racism that sees communities of color disproportionately impacted by air pollution, water pollution, and toxic chemicals.
Creating a 21st Century Immigration System	10	Democrats believe that our fight to end systemic and structural racism in our country extends to our immigration system, including the policies at our borders and ports of entry, detention centers, and within immigration law enforcement agencies and their policies and operations
Keeping Faith with Our Veterans and Military Families	11	We will root out systemic racism from our military justice system, where black service members are twice as likely as white ones to face court-martial
Advancing American Interests Global Economy and Trade - Africa	12	Moreover, we will stand in solidarity with our African counterparts against racism in the United States and abroad, and commit to elevate African voices in multilateral forums to solve the world's most pressing problems.

Word = Poverty

Section	Mention	Context
Building A Stronger, Fairer Economy	1	Median incomes are lower and poverty rates are higher for Black Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and some Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, compared to median white households
Ending Poverty	2	Democrats remain committed to ending poverty and enabling all Americans to live up to their God-given potential
Ending Poverty	3, 4	We recognize that the official poverty rate, as measured and communicated by the federal government, fails to capture critical needs like housing, education, health care, transportation, energy, and other necessities, and therefore understates the true share of Americans living in poverty.
Ending Poverty	5	We will support the 10-20-30 funding approach, to direct at least 10 percent of federal funding to communities where 20 percent or more of the population has been living below the poverty line for 30 years or longer.
Ending Poverty	6	We will raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and guarantee equal pay for women, two measures that in combination will pull millions of families out of poverty.
Protecting Communities and Building Trust By Reforming Our Criminal Justice System	7	Instead of making evidence-based investments in education, jobs, health care, and housing that are proven to keep communities safe and prevent crime from occurring in the first place, our system has criminalized poverty, overpoliced and underserved Black and brown communities, and cut public services.

Protecting Communities and Building Trust By Reforming Our Criminal Justice System	8	Poverty is not a crime, and it should not be treated as one.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	9	We will take a comprehensive approach to embed racial justice in every element of our governing agenda, including in jobs and job creation, workforce and economic development, small business and entrepreneurship, eliminating poverty and closing the racial wealth gap, promoting asset building and homeownership, education, health care, criminal justice reform, environmental justice, and voting rights.
Achieving Racial Justice and Equity	10	We will fight to tackle intergenerational poverty and close the racial wealth gap.
Creating a 21st Century Immigration System	11	Finally, Democrats will address the root causes of migration—violence and insecurity, poverty, pervasive corruption, lack of educational and economic opportunity, and the impacts of climate change.
Foreign Assistance and Development	12	With less than one percent of its annual budget, the United States gets an extraordinary return on its investments in the prevention and alleviation of poverty, hunger, disease, and conflict, the empowerment of vulnerable and marginalized populations, and the opening of global markets for American business and exports to thrive.
Democracy and Human Rights	13	We will ensure that America’s diplomatic and trade agreements include enforcement provisions for workers’ rights, and we will fight to end the evils of poverty-wage, child, and slave labor.

Republican Word Details and Context

Word = Race

Section	Mention	Context
Rebirth of a Constitutional Government	1	Therefore, we oppose discrimination based on race, sex, religion, creed, disability, or national origin and support statutes to end such discrimination.
Rebirth of a Constitutional Government	2	As the Party of Abraham Lincoln, we must continue to foster solutions to America’s difficult challenges when it comes to race relations today

Word = Racial

Section	Mention	Context
Ensuring Safe Neighborhoods: Criminal Justice and Prison Reform	1	Public officials must regain control of their correctional institutions, some of which have become ethnic and racial battlegrounds.

Word = Racism

Section	Mention	Context
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Rebirth of a Constitutional Government	1	We denounce bigotry, racism, anti-Semitism, ethnic prejudice, and religious intolerance.
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Word = Poverty

Section	Mention	Context
Restoring The American Dream - Rebuilding the Economy and Creating Jobs	1	As a result, the number of Americans living in poverty has increased by 7 million
America's Natural Resources: Agriculture, Energy, and the Environment - Environmental Progress	2	Poverty, not wealth, is the gravest threat to the environment, while steady economic growth brings the technological advances which make environmental progress possible.
Government Reform - Honoring Our Relationship with American Indians	3	We believe that tribal governments and their communities, not Washington bureaucracies, are best situated to craft solutions that will end systemic problems that create poverty and disenfranchisement.
Great American Families, Education, Healthcare, and Criminal Justice - Marriage, Family, and Society	4	Moreover, marriage remains the greatest antidote to child poverty.
Great American Families, Education, Healthcare, and Criminal Justice - Marriage, Family, and Society	5	The 40 percent of children who now are born outside of marriage are five times more likely to live in poverty than youngsters born and raised by a mother and father in the home.
Great American Families, Education, Healthcare, and Criminal Justice - A Culture of Hope	6, 7	We have been fighting the War on Poverty for 50 years and poverty is winning.
Great American Families, Education, Healthcare, and Criminal Justice - A Culture of Hope	8	Our social safety net — about 80 separate means-tested programs costing over \$1 trillion every year — is designed to help people born into or falling into poverty
Great American Families, Education, Healthcare, and Criminal Justice - A Culture of Hope	9, 10	Republicans propose to evaluate a poverty program by whether it actually reduces poverty and increases the personal independence of its participants.
Great American Families, Education, Healthcare, and Criminal Justice - A Culture of Hope	11	The results are damning: intergenerational poverty has persisted and worsened since 1966.
Great American Families, Education, Healthcare, and Criminal Justice - A Culture of Hope	12	Best of all, about 3 million children moved out of poverty.
Great American Families, Education, Healthcare, and Criminal Justice - A Culture of Hope	13	We propose new partnerships between those who manage federal programs and those who are on the front lines of fighting poverty on the ground.

Great American Families, Education,
Healthcare, and Criminal Justice - A Culture of
Hope 14 We must encourage their efforts to reclaim their communities
from the culture of poverty.

America Resurgent - America's Generosity:
International Assistance that Makes a
Difference 15 The advance of political freedom and entrepreneurial capitalism
drives economic growth, catalyzes private sector development,
and is the only sustainable solution to poverty.