



# The Pass Democrat

Newsletter of the Pass Democratic Club—January 2018

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## WHAT DO DEMOCRATS STAND FOR?

A recent Washington Post ABC News poll found that a majority (52%) of registered voters thought the Democratic party isn't defined by anything except opposition—that Democrats have no real message. Rep. Joseph Crowley (N.Y.), the fourth-ranking Democrat in the House, stated "We're doing everything we can to simplify it...". Robert Reich states "Millions of Americans who are politically engaged for the first time in their lives are crying out for a bold alternative to bigoted and destructive policies. But Democrats can't just be anti-Trump or move to the middle. To be successful, Democrats must address the forces that created Trump: The toxic combination of widening inequality and racism. The richest one percent now own more than the bottom 90 percent. Corporations and the rich are running our politics. The resulting economic stresses have made many people vulnerable to Trump's politics of hate and bigotry. If Democrats stand for one thing, it must be overcoming this unprecedented economic imbalance and creating a multi-racial, multi-ethnic coalition of the bottom 90 percent, to take back our economy and politics". The myriad of challenges include "public investments in world-class schools and infrastructure, technical training and lower cost higher education, a health care "fix", getting big money out of politics, and using antitrust to break up powerful monopolies on Wall St, big tech and big pharma". Neither party today is answering or supplying what the bottom 90% of our constituents need and want. The sad fact is that both parties are without the emerging leaders who are able to define where the country needs to go. Americans' opinions of the two major political parties are now similar—Americans are equally disgusted with both parties. A new, simple, clear and concise Democratic message is needed—to be repeated and copied endlessly far and wide by all Democrats!

## Contest!

We need a catchy, concise and descriptive slogan for Democrats during the upcoming election year. Ideas? Please submit to [casakel@msn.com](mailto:casakel@msn.com) by 1/25/2017 and you may win the prize!

Example: "We Democrats Stand for ALL the People" or "Democrats For ALL People". What is your suggestion?

### January Meeting

Wednesday, January 17th

175 W. Hays St., Banning  
(10 freeway, exit 8th St N, right  
Ramsey, left 2nd, right Hays)

Doors open at 6:00pm  
Meeting begins at 6:30pm

**Special Presentation**  
**Altie Holcomb, Candidate**  
**County Supervisor, 5th District**

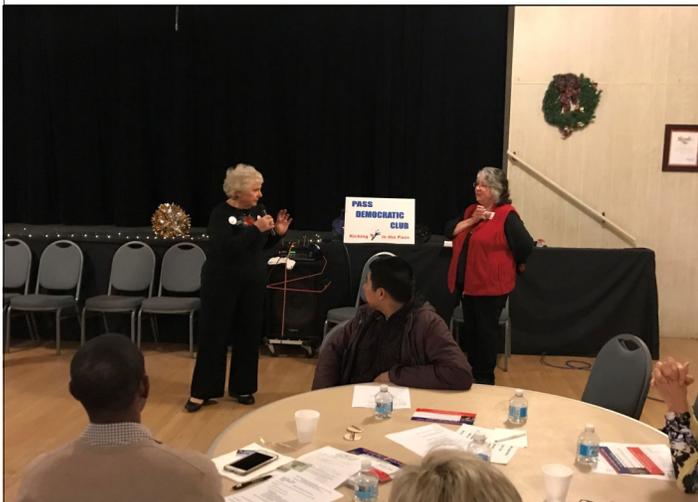
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018  
10:00 AM—12:00 PM PST  
DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE (TBA)

The journey continues...

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-march-inland-empire-2018-tickets-39969985302>

<https://www.riseupcalifornia.com/women-s-march-ie-2018>

There may also be an event in Palm Springs—google it!

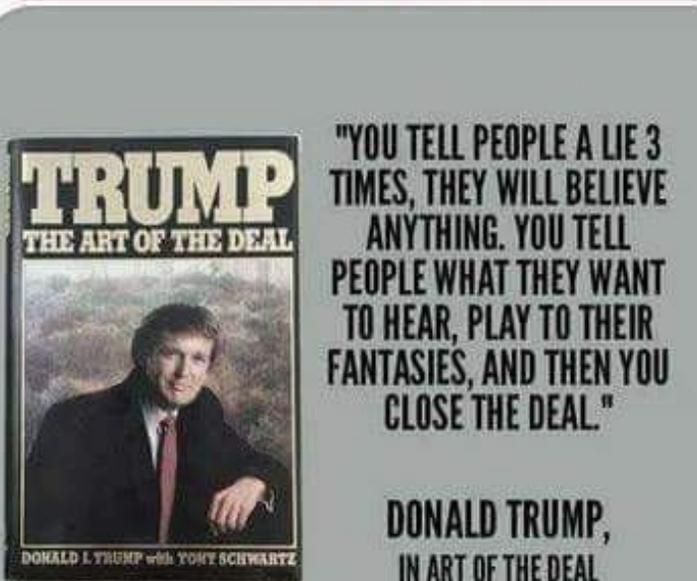
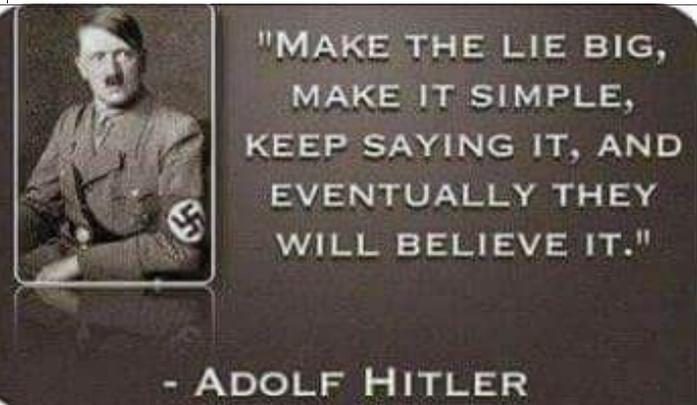


At the annual PDC CHRISTMAS PARTY, we collected and donated toys for CHP and local firefighters, along with toasting Jackie Atwood and Betty McMillion as outgoing President and 1st VP Membership, after 15 years of upward volunteerism! They will continue as Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. New officers are: Doris Foreman, President and Deb Elmore, 1st VP Membership—we Thank You for taking on expanded roles.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, CORPORATE TAX RATE: 90%



WHY? BECAUSE HIGH CORPORATE TAX RATES CREATE INCENTIVE FOR BIG BUSINESS TO SPEND EARNINGS AND EXPAND (I.E. NEW LOCATIONS, NEW HIRES, NEW EQUIPMENT, AND PRODUCT R&D) WHICH ARE DEDUCTED FROM TAXABLE EARNINGS, THUS DRIVING REPORTED WEALTH INTO A LOWER TAX BRACKET. BETTER TO SPEND A MAJORITY OF EARNINGS ON EXPANSION THAN TO HORDE IT AND PAY UNCLE SAM 90% OF IT. IT'S NOT COMMUNISM, IT'S RESPONSIBLE ECONOMICS.



# THE DNC'S PARTY PLATFORM

Democrats believe that we're greater together than on our own—that this country succeeds when everyone has a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and all play by the same rules. Our party is focused on building an economy that lifts up all Americans, not just those on top.

(Sub-headings and details available at <https://www.democrats.org/party-platform>)

Raise Incomes and Restore Economic Security for the Middle Class

Create Good-Paying Jobs

Fight for Economic Fairness and Against Inequality

Bring Americans Together and Remove Barriers to Opportunities

Protect Voting Rights, Fix our Campaign Finance System, and Restore Our Democracy

Combat Climate Change, Build a Clean Energy Economy, and Secure Environmental Justice

Provide Quality and Affordable Education

Ensure the Health and Safety of All Americans

Principled Leadership

Support Our Troops and Keep Faith with our Veterans

Confront Global Threats

Protect Our Values

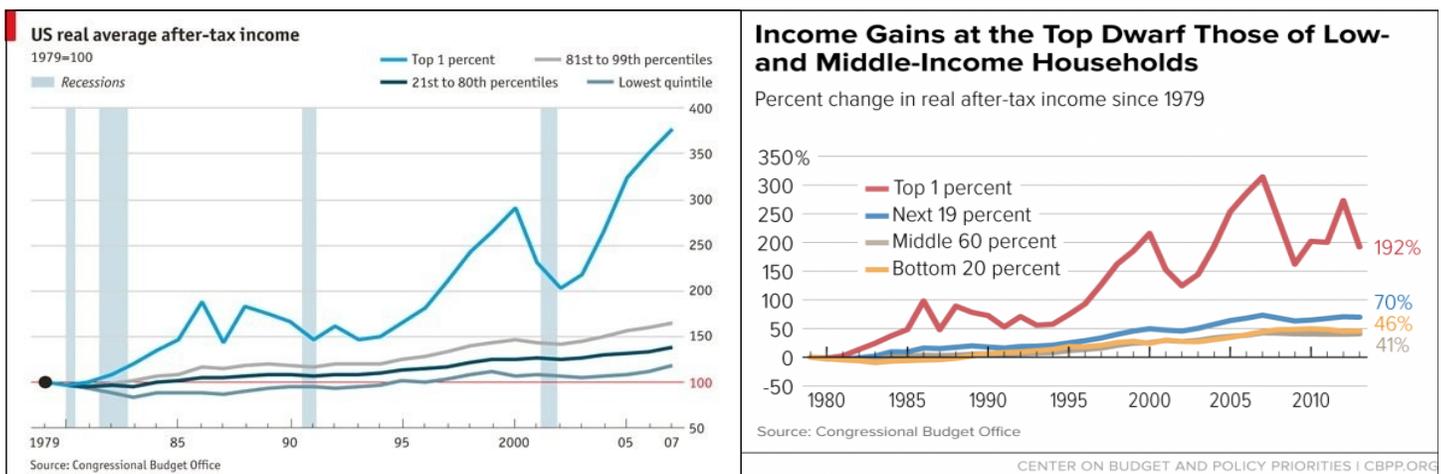
A Leader in the World

# Bernie Sanders On The Issues

- Income and Wealth Inequality
- It's Time To Make College Tuition Free and Debt Free
- Getting Big Money Out Of Politics & Restoring Democracy
- Creating Decent Paying Jobs
- A Living Wage
- Combating Climate Change To Save The Planet
- A Fair And Humane Immigration Policy
- Racial Justice
- Fighting For Affordable Housing
- Fighting For Women's Rights
- Working To Create An AIDS And HIV-Free Generation
- Fighting For LGBT Equality
- Empowering Tribal Nations
- Caring For Our Veterans
- Medicare For All
- Strengthn And Expand Social Security
- Fighting To Lower Prescription Drug Prices
- Fighting For Disability Rights
- Senator Bernie Sanders' Plan For Puerto Rico
- Standing With Guam
- Preventing Global Race To The Bottom—Airline Industry
- General Electric Must Pay To Restore The Hudson River
- Constitution Pipeline Must Be Defeated
- Supporting Historically Black Colleges And Universities
- Ending The Race To the Bottom
- Fighting For The Rights Of Native Hawaiians
- Improving The Rural Economy
- Fighting For Nurses
- Reforming Wall Street
- Real Family Values
- War And Peace
- War Should Be The Last Option: Why I Support The Iran Deal
- Making Wealthy, Wall St & Corporations Pay Their Fair Share

[bernieanders.com/issues/how-bernie-pays-for-proposals](http://bernieanders.com/issues/how-bernie-pays-for-proposals)

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**NOVEMBER 6, 2018:**

**33 SEATS**  
IN THE SENATE

**435 SEATS**  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**14 STATE**  
GOVERNORSHIPS

**WILL BE UP FOR  
RE-ELECTION.**

**PREPARE FOR THIS!**

## Join or Renew Invite a Friend

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_

Must be a registered Democrat.  
Enclose \$30 individual  
or \$50 for two at same address

### Important Contacts:

**Senator Diane Feinstein:** DC Office (202) 224-3841  
L.A. Office (310) 914-7300

**Senator Kamala Harris:** DC Office (202) 224-3553  
San Diego Office (619) 239-3884

**Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz:** DC Office (202) 225-5330  
Palm Desert Office (760) 424-8888

**CA State Senator Jeff Stone:** State Capitol Office (916) 651-4028  
Indio Office (760) 398-6442

**CA Assembly Member Chad Mayes:** State Capitol Office (916) 319-2042  
Rancho Mirage Office (760) 346-6342

**CA Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia:** St Capitol Office,  
(916) 319-2056 - Coachella Office (760)347-2360

### Executive Board Meeting:

**Wednesday, February 7, SLCC Atrium 6PM**

#### Executive Board Members:

PRESIDENT - Doris Foreman

1st VP MEMBERSHIP - Deb Elmore

2nd VP VOTER REGISTRATION AND

POLITICAL ACTION - Sylvia Carrillo

RECORDING SEC'RY - Nancy Sappington

CORRESPONDING/LOGISTICS - Betty McMillion

TREASURER - Jackie Atwood

#### Committee Chairs:

COMMUNICATIONS/PROGRAM - Shawn Holt

NEWSPAPER LIAISON - Leeann McLaughlin

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Pelton Teague

SCHOLARSHIPS - Blanche Teague

## Feinstein v. de Leon

California Senator Dianne Feinstein, who has served since 1992, will have at least one challenger in 2018: State Senator Kevin de León, who currently serves as president pro tempore of the state Senate.

Those outside California — or his home district, the 24th — may not be familiar with this rising, and left-leaning, California politician, so here's what you need to know.

de León was born and raised in Southern California to Guatemalan parents. He became the first in his family to graduate high school and later attended the University of California Santa Barbara, along with Claremont Colleges. de León's background includes education and community organizing, with a focus on citizenship education and immigration rights.

From 2006 to 2010, he represented the 45th Assembly District, which spans a portion of Los Angeles, before moving to the California Senate. There, de León represented the 22nd and later 24th districts — the change was the result of redistricting. Now, de León is terming out of the state Senate, so if he wants higher office, he must run for Congress, Senate or the governorship.

de León has been heavily supported by unions and professional organizations throughout his career — including teachers, law enforcement and health care providers — with a strong record on civil liberties. In the last year, he's established his credentials on the left, and he's positioned himself as part of the anti-Trump "resistance."

He is PRO immigrant, environment, gun control, women's rights, infrastructure, Medicare for all—and going up against a giant.

**Franklin D. Roosevelt** wrote on July 18, 1940 In an unpublished letter:

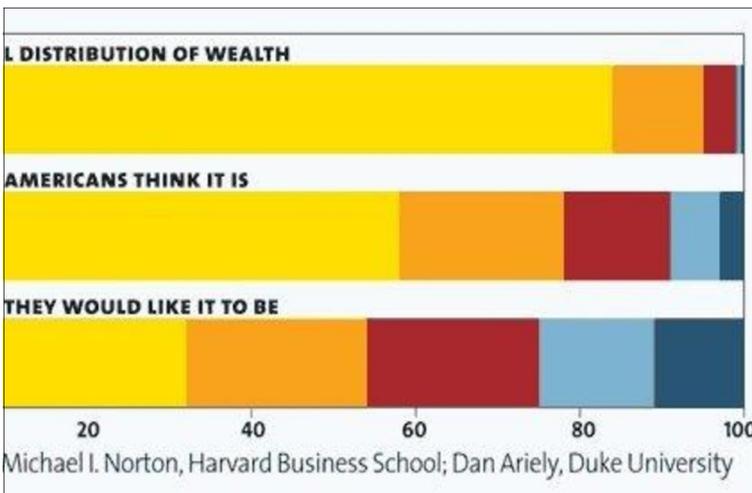
*"In the century in which we live, the Democratic Party has received the support of the electorate only when the party, with absolute clarity, has been the champion of progressive and liberal policies and principles of government.*

*The party has failed consistently when through political trading and chicanery it has fallen into the control of those interests, personal and financial, which think in terms of dollars instead of in terms of human values.*

*The Republican Party has made its nominations this year at the dictation of those who, we all know, always place money ahead of human progress.*

*Until the Democratic Party through this convention makes overwhelmingly clear its stand in favor of social progress and liberalism, and shakes off all the shackles of control fastened upon it by the forces of conservatism, reaction, and appeasement, it will not continue its march of victory.*

*I wish to give the Democratic Party the opportunity to make its historic decision clearly and without equivocation. The party must go wholly one way or wholly the other. It cannot face in both directions at the same time."*



www.smartteachday.com	Republicans:	Democrats:
who should help people?	✓ churches, individuals, groups	✗ the government
what about laws on marriage or children?	✓ Yes! Based on religious books	✗ government shouldn't interfere with people's choices
If a business is greedy...	✓ people will handle it	✗ government should step in
Avoid war by...	✓ having a strong army nations are afraid of	✗ being cooperative, not intimidating nations
Choose judges who...	✓ hold up our Constitution and laws	✗ decide right and wrong for modern times

## Scholastic, Inc. (children's publisher)

What do Republicans stand for today? In general, Republicans tend to take a more conservative stand on issues. They believe that the federal government should not play a big role in people's lives. Most Republicans favor lower taxes and less government spending on social programs. They believe in less government intervention in business and the economy.

Today's Democratic Party takes a different stand. Democrats are sometimes referred to as "the Party of the People," attracting immigrants, blue-collar workers, women, and minorities. Democrats tend to take a more liberal stand on important issues. They believe that the federal government should take a more active role in people's lives, particularly those who are in need.

### 2018—DEMOCRATS CHALLENGING LOCAL REPUBLICAN SEATS

#### 8 Paul Cook, Yucca Valley

Marge Doyle  
Ronald O'Donnell

#### 42 Ken Calvert, Corona

Dr. Norman Quintero  
Julia Peacock  
Thomas Price

#### 48 Dana Rohrabacher, Costa Mesa

Hans Keirstead  
Michael Kotick  
Laura Oatman  
Boyd Roberts  
Harley Rouda  
Omar Siddiqui  
Tony Zarkades

#### 49 Darrell Issa, Vista

Douglas Applegate  
Paul Kerr  
Mike Levin

#### 50 Duncan Hunter, Lakeside

Pierre Beauregard  
Josh Butner  
Ammar Campa-Najjar  
Glenn Jensen  
Patrick Malloy  
Alex Spilger

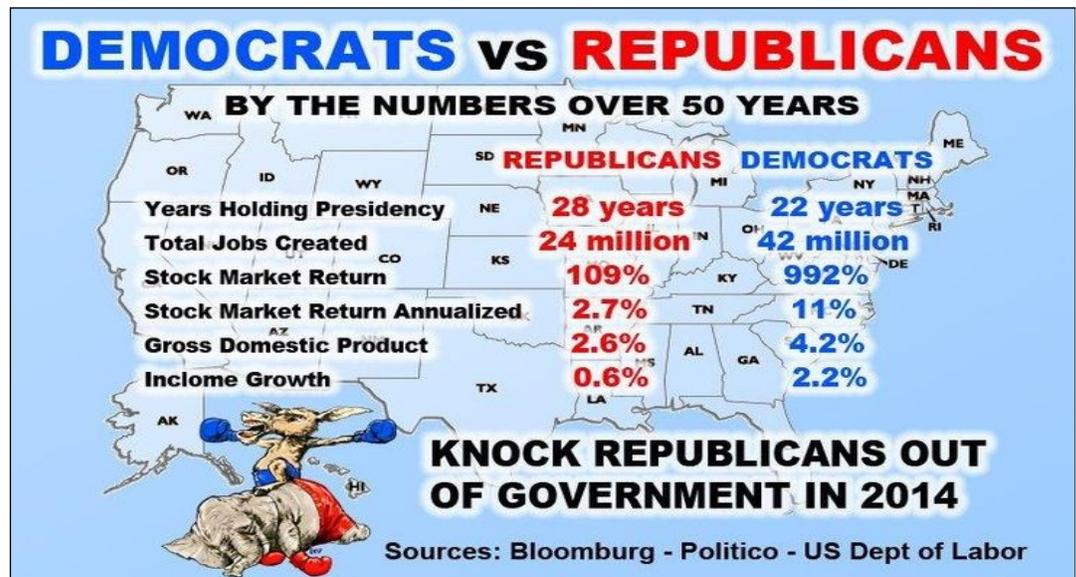
Darrell Issa's district leaned right by only 1% in 2016, Dana Rohrabacher 4%, Paul Cook and Ken Calvert 9%, Duncan Hunter 11%.

However, according to the LATimes, fourteen congressional districts are represented by Republicans. But in none do they comprise a majority of voters. Their highest concentration, nestled in the Sierra foothills district of Rep. Tom McClintock (R-Elk Grove), is slightly less than 44%.

"There are a number of Republican incumbents who are sitting on ticking time bombs," said Eric McGhee, a researcher at the nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California. Two Republican pluralities have shrunk more than others in the last four years in districts represented by Reps. Steve Knight (R-Palmdale) and Mimi Walters (R-Irvine).

"There's a long-term trend for Republican registration to be sagging,". The reason, as he and other researchers have found, is that young Californians coming into the political mainstream are registering either as Democrats or as unaffiliated "no party preference" voters. While some still occasionally choose GOP candidates, voters from days gone by — the ones being replaced — were reliable and registered as Republicans.

### Change to 2018!



## Democrat versus Republican comparison chart

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>Philosophy</b>	<u>Liberal, left-leaning.</u>	<u>Conservative, right-leaning.</u>
<b>Economic Ideas</b>	Minimum wages and progressive <u>taxation</u> , i.e., higher tax rates for higher income brackets. Born out of <u>anti-federalist</u> ideals but evolved over time to favor more government regulation.	Believe taxes shouldn't be increased for anyone (including the wealthy) and that wages should be set by the free market.
<b>Social and human ideas</b>	Based on community and social responsibility	Based on individual rights and justice
<b>Stance on Military issues</b>	Decreased spending	Increased spending
<b>Stance on Gay Marriage</b>	Support (some Democrats disagree)	Oppose (some Republicans disagree)
<b>Stance on Abortion</b>	Should remain legal; support <u>Roe v. Wade</u>	Should not be legal (with some exceptions); oppose <u>Roe v. Wade</u>
<b>Stance on Death Penalty</b>	While support for the death penalty is strong among Democrats, opponents of the death penalty are a substantial fraction of the Democratic base.	A large majority of Republicans support the death penalty.
<b>Stance on Taxes</b>	Progressive (high income earners should be taxed at a higher rate). Generally not opposed to raising taxes to fund government.	Tend to favor a "flat tax" (same tax rate regardless of income). Generally opposed to raising taxes.
<b>Stance on Government Regulation</b>	Government regulations are needed to protect consumers.	Government regulations hinder free market <u>capitalism</u> and job growth.
<b>Healthcare Policy</b>	Support universal healthcare; strong support of government involvement in healthcare, including <u>Medicare and Medicaid</u> . Generally support Obamacare.	Private companies can provide healthcare services more efficiently than government-run programs. Oppose Obamacare provisions like (1) requirement for individuals to buy health insurance or pay a fine, (2) required coverage of contraceptives.
<b>Stance on Immigration</b>	There is greater overall support in the Democratic party for a moratorium on deporting - or offering a pathway to citizenship to - certain undocumented immigrants. e.g. those with no criminal record, who have lived in the U.S. for 5+ years.	Republicans are generally against amnesty for any undocumented immigrants. They also oppose President Obama's executive order that put a moratorium on deporting certain workers. Republicans also fund stronger enforcement actions at the border.

## THE REPUBLICANS

The Republicans have gone along with the autocratic Wall Street-friendly policies of the Trump administration. On the social side, they have embraced the *dark side of populism*— an anti-immigrant “Build-the-Wall” agenda that defies our founding traditions.

Trump’s GOP has alienated all of our former allies in Europe by refusing to support the Paris Climate Agreement. We have abandoned our leadership position and allowed Germany and France to become the leaders of Western values. Trump has also alienated our continental neighbors, Mexico and Canada.

Trump has backed away from China, giving them the ability to dominate Asia.

Our climate will worsen and our coastal cities will drown in 30 years. The coal mining industry will die regardless of Trump’s effort to revive it, as the cost of solar and wind energy continue to decline. Our deficits will deepen with Trump’s boosting military expenditures and talk about building a wall with Mexico.

The Republicans always had some wage earners and farmers voting for them, besides those who were well off. President Lyndon Johnson’s decision to pass civil rights legislation gave the Republicans a whole new constituency. Until this legislation was passed, the South managed to deprive African Americans from having full freedom. Schools and public facilities were segregated. The civil rights legislation established, at least in principle, freedom and equality for African Americans. This had the effect of turning many Southern Democrats into Republicans. Democrats lost a large bloc of voters - Southern low wage earners, many poor people and many religious people. Suddenly the Republicans had captured a new constituency. They now pretend to represent the interests of poor and working class people, along with the wealthy.

Yet the Republicans continued to worry that the Democrats had potentially more voters than Republicans. There are far more poor citizens and wage earners than middle class and rich citizens. If all of the Democrats voted, the Democratic party would capture the majority of votes.

***The GOP’s future vision looks bleak. It is based on isolationism and staying in power using gerrymandering and voter suppression.***

Republicans want to make it harder for poor and minority wage earners to vote. They have engaged in a blatant strategy of voter suppression. The Republicans started to press for stricter voter registration laws on the alleged grounds of voter fraud that was never proven. Furthermore, Republicans gerrymandered the congressional districts to make sure that Republican incumbents would be voted back in each election. More recently, President Trump and his team actively attacked the press – lied to the public that their plan to replace Obamacare would bring down medical costs.

The Republicans took a further step to protect their future by advocating that the Supreme Court should pass *Citizen’s United*. They pushed the idea that a corporation is a person and therefore has a right to *spend* more money to influence the choice of political candidates to run the country. This Supreme Court decision unleashed huge amounts of money from corporations and wealthy individuals to influence the election process.

It can be argued that our government today is *by and for the corporations*. The corporations and the wealthy use their money to determine who will be elected. Those who are elected owe their allegiance to their donors and are not likely to cross their donors.

Brand Confusion: What Do Our Political Parties Stand For? 06/11/2017 by Philip Kotler & Christian Sarkar