

# DAPAC DISPATCH

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### Why We Are Not Just Democrats but PROGRESSIVES

#### **The data is clear, Democrats lost because they lost the middle-class and working-class vote.**

The Democratic Party lost its way in not serving the whole population. Their move to the center increasingly lost middle-class and working-class voters. Working-class and middle-class people comprise 76% of the voters in the country.

Hillary got 88% of the African American vote, down from the 95% Obama achieved. An even larger factor is that African American turnout was down. She received a higher proportion of college-degreed African American voters than Obama did. She received a higher proportion of African American high-income voters than Obama received. What she lost was working-class African Americans; some who stayed home and some who voted for Trump or a third party candidate.

With Hispanics, the same thing happened. Clinton received a higher proportion of college-degreed Hispanics and high-income Hispanics than Barack Obama received, but a much lower percentage of working-class Hispanics. Overall, she received 12% less Hispanic vote than Obama received.

Donald Trump achieved only 1% more of the white vote than Romney did in 2012. (Reference Pew Research Center Fact Tank, November 9, 2016, Behind Trump's victory: Divisions by Race, Gender, Education). In the gender gap, Hillary won only 1% more of the female vote than Barack did in 2012 while Trump increased the male vote by 5%.

The education gap was clear. Hillary went up 7% more than Barack did in 2012 with college graduates. On the other hand, with only white college-graduate voters, Donald Trump did 10% less than Romney did. However, with white voters without a college degree, Trump did 14% more. Note that this group without a college degree is over twice the size of college-degreed voters. In total, 67% of non-college-degreed whites backed Trump while only 28% backed Clinton.

Among millennials aged 18 to 29, Hillary share dropped 6% from Obama in 2012 and 11% from Obama in 2008.

Among older voters aged 65 and up, Trump's share dropped 4% from Romney's share in 2012.

Clinton won more voters than Obama did with people earning over \$100,000 per year. **In fact, for the first time in history it was in a virtual tie between Clinton and Trump among voters earning over \$100,000.** However, this segment is only 7% of all voters. **Among voters earning over \$250,000, Clinton received almost the same as Donald Trump received. These are the one per-centers.** So the Democratic Party has become as rich as the Republican Party. However, the Republicans are getting more middle-class and working-class voters, which is a much larger size, while the Democratic Party is getting a vast majority of poor and minority voters which is a much smaller group.

I feel the reason Democrats are losing most of the middle-class, including the working-class, is because we are not serving them well. We offer a higher minimum wage for low-wage workers but what do we offer middle-wage earners? Do we offer job security? Do we offer higher wages? Do we offer job retraining? Do we have job

transfer help? No, you are on your own. We have the highest economic inequality since 1910. Do we have a program or policy to end it? No. Our only answer is to go to technical or graduate school on your own. We have ignored them and out of desperation they are voting for Trump. He promises something even though he can't deliver. They feel some hope is better than no hope.

We have to focus on the middle-class and working-class and getting those wages up with more job security. Our new programs should be focused on working people not just college graduates. Middle-class people deserve higher wages also. Stagnant wages for 36 years will lead to socialism or worse.

**Our mission needs to be higher incomes for all. Give tax breaks to companies that pay higher median wages. Businesses that go overseas pay terminated employees transition retraining costs through higher taxes. Give working-class and middle-class people total tax cuts, even payroll tax cuts until those wages rise higher. We need to focus on raising wages for middle-class families. There is no reason except greed why wages are so low in this country with company profits doing so well and the number of billionaires growing so fast.**

## **CENTRIST DEMOCRATS LOST BIG THIS ELECTION**

To analyze different racial and ethnic groups and separate people by whether they have a college education or not, is admitting we Democrats have lost our focus. Republicans divide and conquer. They are sociopathic and think only of how to manipulate people to gain power and money. They don't know empathy, true charity and self-sacrifice. If we over analyze elections we have lost our mission.

We are members of the Democratic party, the party of and for all the people. We need to represent all the people; losing working-class people to Donald Trump is a disgrace. It is not

just racism that led to his election. Many of those working-class people voted for Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012.

On the flip side, many minorities who voted for Donald Trump didn't vote for Mitt Romney in 2012. This is in spite of the fact Trump made remarks and acted to disparage minorities. In the last four years, our Democrats in Washington allowed taxes to go up over 20% on working people with incomes under about \$80,000 per year and you heard barely a sound from Democrats in Washington, DC.

Rather than embrace progressive values, many Democratic Congressional representatives voted for this budget and also allowed the payroll tax holiday to expire. They did this while knowing that this is the majority of taxes the bottom 77% of the country pays. Most of the middle-class people are working-class people without a college degree. Are we going to abandon about 76% of the country?

We cannot only rely on minority and college-educated voters to bail us out. It is not what the mission of our party is about. It certainly did not lead to success because both the working-class and middle class vote went to Republicans. In fact, our minority working-class and middle class vote was down.

Morally we should not wait until a super majority of the country are either a discriminated minority clinging to the Democratic Party for hope or people who have a college degree. We don't have a lock on the minority and college-educated voters. We need to now refocus our mission to provide justice and progress for all and address everyone's needs.

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## **Winning Candidates**

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### Senate:

CA Kamala Harris-----NEW  
CO Michael Bennett  
IL Tammy Duckworth-NEW-PICKUP  
MD Chris Van Hollen-NEW  
NH Maggie Hassan\_\_\_NEW-PICKUP  
NV Catherine Cortez Masto-NEW  
OR Ron Wyden  
WA Patty Murray

### House:

AL-7 Terri Sewell  
AZ-3 Raul Grijalva  
AZ-1 Tom O'Halleran  
AZ-7 Ruben Gallego  
CA-2 Jared Huffman  
CA-3 John Garamendi  
CA-7 Ami Bera  
CA-6 Doris Matsui  
CA-11 Mark DeSaulnier  
CA-12 Nancy Pelosi  
CA-13 Barbara Lee  
CA-14 Jackie Speier  
CA-15 Eric Swalwell  
CA-17 Ro Khanna-----NEW  
CA-18 Anna Eshoo  
CA-19 Zoe Lofgren  
CA-20 Jimmy Panetta  
CA-24 Salud Carbajal  
CA-27 Judy Chu  
CA-28 Adam Schiff  
CA-29 Tony Cardenas  
CA-30 Brad Sherman  
CA-32 Grace Napolitano  
CA-33 Ted Lieu  
CA-34 Xavier Becerra  
CA-35 Norma Torres  
CA-37 Karen Bass  
CA-38 Linda Sanchez  
CA-40 Lucille Roybal-Allard  
CA-41 Mark Takano  
CA-43 Maxine Waters  
CA-44 Nanette Barragan  
CA-47 Alan Lowenthal

CO-1 Diana DeGette  
CO-2 Jared Polis  
CO-7 Ed Perlmutter  
CT-1 John Larson  
CT-2 Joe Courtney  
CT-3 Rosa DeLauro  
CT-4 Jim Himes  
CT-5 Elizabeth Esty  
DE at-large Lisa Blunmt Rochester  
FL-5 Al Lawson  
FL-7 Stephanie Murphy-----NEW-PICKUP  
FL-9 Alan Grayson  
FL-10 Val Demings-----NEW-PICKUP  
FL-20 Alcee Hastings  
FL-21 Lois Frankel  
FL-22 Ted Deutch  
FL-24 Frederica Wilson  
GA-4 Hank Johnson  
HI-1 Colleen Hanabusa  
HI-2 Tulsi Gabbard  
IL-1 Bobby Rush  
IL-2 Robin Kelly  
IL-4 Luis Gutierrez  
IL-7 Danny Davis  
IL-8 Raja Krishnamoorthi  
IL-9 Jan Schakowsky  
IL-10 Brad Schneider-----NEW-PICKUP  
IL-11 Bill Foster  
IN-7 Andre Carson  
IA-2 Dave Loebsack  
KY-3 John Yarmuth  
LA-2 Cedric Richmond  
MA-2 Jim McGovern  
MA-3 Niki Tsongas  
MA-4 Joe Kennedy  
MA-7 Mike Capuano  
ME-1 Chellie Piingree  
MD-3 John Sarbanes  
MD-4 Anthony G Brown  
MD-8 Jamie Raskin  
MI-12 Debbie Dingell  
MI-13 John Conyers  
MI-14 Brenda Lawrence  
MN-1 Tim Walz  
MN-5 Keith Ellison  
MN-8 Rick Nolan  
MO-1 Lacy Clay  
MO-5 Emanuel Cleaver  
MS-2 Bennie Thompson  
NC-1 G K Butterfield

NC-4 David Price  
 NC=12 Alma Adams  
 NH-1 Carol Shea-Porter—NEW-PICKUP  
 NH-2 Ann McLane Kuster  
 NJ-6 Frank Pallone  
 NV-1 Dina Titus  
 NV-3 Jacky Rosen-----NEW-PICKUP  
 NV-4 Ruben Kihuen----NEW-PICKUP  
 NJ—5 Josh Gottheimer-NEW-PICKUP  
 NJ-12 Bonnie Watson  
 NM-1 Michelle Lujan Grisham  
 NM-3 Ben Ray Lujan  
 NV-3 Jacky Rosen  
 NV-4 Ruben Kihuen  
 NY-5 Gregory Meeks  
 NY-7 Nydia Velazquez  
 NY-8 Hakeem Jeffries  
 NY-9 Yvette Clarke  
 NY-10 Jerry Nadler  
 NY-12 Carolyn Maloney  
 NY-13 Adriano Espaillat  
 NY-15 Jose Serrano  
 NY-16 Eliot Engel  
 NY-17 Nita Lowey  
 NY-25 Louise Slaughter  
 OH-3 Joyce Beatty  
 OH-9 Marcy Kaptur  
 OR-1 Suzanne Bonamici  
 OE-3 Earl Blumenauer  
 OR-4 Pete DeFazio  
 PA-2 Dwight Evans  
 PA-17 Matt Cartwright  
 RI-1 Cavid Cicilline  
 RI-2 James Langevin  
 SC-6 Jim Clyburn  
 TN-9 Steve Cohen  
 TX-15 Ruben Hinojosa  
 TX-16 Beto O'Rourke  
 TX-29 Gene Green  
 TX-30 Eddie Bernice Johnson  
 TX-33 Marc Veasey  
 TX-35 Lloyd Doggett  
 VA-3 Bobby Scott  
 VA-4 Donald McEachin-----NEW-PICKUP  
 VA-8 Don Beyer  
 VT at-large Peter Welch  
 WA-7 Pramila Jayapal-----NEW  
 WA-10 Denny Heck  
 WI=2 Mark Pocan  
 WI-4 Gwen Moore

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## One Stop Shopping Political App

For a long time, many of our supporters have told us how useful our endorsement list has been to them. It has pointed them towards many candidates worth supporting. We have taken this praise to heart, and are embarking on the next step.

We are working on a new smart phone app which we hope will serve as an important tool for activists and donors. One starting point is using your location to identify all the officials who represent you – from precinct officers and state representatives to congressmen and the president. The app will organize these officials by your own policy priorities, and providing – with one tap – the means to influence these officials. You will be able to call or email your officials, or donate to or volunteer for their – or their opponent’s – campaign. You will also be able to see what each official has been up to – from roll call votes to sponsored bills, executive actions, public statements, and more. Another starting point is by issue. Using your preferred policy goal, you can identify all public officials salient to that goal, and access the same information, contact those officials, volunteer, or donate.

As well, you will be able to find other citizens in your area interested in the same issues, and organize together, or perhaps just make some new, local, like-minded friends. We hope to provide a platform for organizing get-out-the-vote drives and fundraisers for every citizen.

**In the next couple of months, we’ll be releasing a prototype app. Be sure to watch out for it.**

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