



WHAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS DONE FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

STIMULATED THE ECONOMY:

- Passed the Recovery Act that helped keep 1.4 million African Americans out of poverty in a number of ways, including improving accessibility to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance) individuals
- Provided \$1.25 billion in funding to help unemployed African Americans find work
- Extended tax credits, helping 2.2 million African American families keep more of the money they earned while on the job
- Helped African American business owners obtain billions in contracts and capital, helping to create and save more jobs for African Americans

PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO VOTE:

- Opposing strict voter ID laws – especially in states such as Texas and North Carolina, - that disproportionately hurt African Americans, Latinos, young people and women
- Ensure that all eligible voters can vote by making sure that African Americans who lack government-issued IDs are still guaranteed the right to vote

MADE EDUCATION MORE ACCESSIBLE:

- Passed and signed legislation that invests approximately \$40 billion in Pell Grants
- 62 percent of African American students received Pell Grant support
- Student loan forgiveness after 20 years of steady repayment
- Proposed legislation that would allow more borrowers to refinance their student loans, saving the average borrower \$2,000
- Provided \$2.55 billion to directly invest in HBCUs and minority-serving institutions to help more African Americans have greater access to higher education

REFORMED HEALTH INSURANCE:

- Expanded access to health care that helps prevent and treat numerous medical ailments that generally have a higher death rate among African Americans such as heart disease, HIV/AIDS, cancer and diabetes
- 6.8 million uninsured African Americans gained new opportunities for affordable health insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act
- Under the Affordable Care Act, six out of ten uninsured African Americans may qualify for Medicaid, CHIP, or lower monthly premiums
- Ended pre-existing conditions as a barrier to healthcare plan enrollment – helping nearly one in four African Americans

SUPPORTING WOMEN:

- Passed and signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, a bill that would make it easier for women to sue their employers for wage discrimination
- Reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act – protecting the 22 percent of African American women who reported experiencing violent acts such as rape
- Proposed legislation to give more women tools to close the wage gap –as white men make 36 percent more than African American women on average

AFRICAN AMERICANS

ARE EDUCATED: Over 1 in 5 African Americans over the age of 25 have at least a four-year college degree. However, today's college graduates are entering the workforce with record levels of outstanding student loan debt

ARE VOTERS: African Americans represented more than 13% all voters in the 2012 election, and voted at higher rates than whites for the first time in history

ARE DEMOCRATS: 93 percent of African American voters voted for President Barack Obama in the 2012 election and a large majority continue to view the Democratic Party more favorably than the Republican Party

THE GOP ON AFRICAN AMERICANS

Blocked legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10

Passed voter ID laws which make it more difficult for African Americans, women and young Americans to vote

Voted more than 50 times to repeal or undermine the Affordable Care Act

Blocked legislation that would allow young Americans to refinance their student loans at lower rates

Proposed legislation that could mean over half a million fewer students would receive Pell Grants

Blocked Equal Pay legislation

“I think we were being punished by the Voting Rights Act for indiscretions, bad things that took place decades ago, and those don’t take place any longer.”

Arizona Governor Jan Brewer

Texas U.S. Senator Ted Cruz opposed renewing the extension of unemployment benefits, saying that it was “creating dependency and just extending unemployment.”

“If it hurts a bunch of lazy blacks that want the government to give them everything, so be it.”

North Carolina Republican County Precinct Chair Don Yelton

The federal government should be more of a libertarian stance. And that’s all I’m going to talk about on that issue. I’m a state’s right advocate in those areas.

ALASKA SENATE CANDIDATE JOE MILLER ON WHETHER A HOTEL SHOULD BE ABLE TO TURN AWAY SOMEONE BECAUSE THEY’RE AFRICAN AMERICAN

South Dakota State Sen. Phil Jensen sponsored legislation that would allow businesses to deny services to LGBT Americans and took it a step further saying he opposed government interference in race-based discrimination as well.

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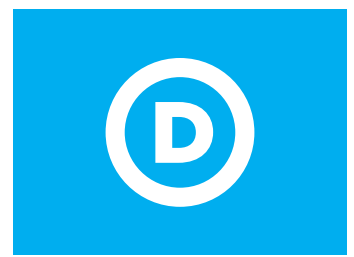
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