

DEMOCRATS CARE ABOUT HEALTH CARE & ECONOMIC ISSUES FOR EVERYONE

THE DEMOCRATS SUPPORT WORKING PEOPLE!

Compassion – Democracy - Freedom

- The Bipartisan Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
 - **Adds**, on average, 1.5 M **jobs** per year for the next 10 years.
 - Invests \$55 B to expand access to **clean drinking water** for households, businesses, schools, and child care centers all across the country.
 - Delivers \$65 B to help ensure that every American has access to **reliable high-speed internet** through a historic investment in broadband infrastructure deployment.
 - Invests \$17 B in port infrastructure and waterways and \$25 B in airports to address repair and maintenance backlogs, reduce congestion and emissions near ports and airports, and drive electrification and other low-carbon technologies. This will **strengthen our supply chains** and prevent disruptions that have caused inflation.
- **Health Care Availability**
 - **Negotiations** are now available to **lower drug prices for Medicare** (like the VA) for certain drugs. It starts at 10 new drugs per year by 2026 and increases to more than 20 additional drugs per year and includes the provision for rebates from drug makers who price gouge.
 - **Lowers Affordable Care Act health care premiums** for millions of Americans.
 - Seniors on Medicare: **Insulin capped at \$ 35/month.**
 - The U.S. **uninsured rate has reached a historic low & nearly 15 M people are saving** an average of \$800/year on their insurance premiums.
 - Medicaid & Medicare members receive all **vaccines at no cost.**
 - Starting in 2025 **prescription drug costs for Medicare recipients** will be **capped at \$2,000/year.**
- Via the American Rescue Plan, the Special Financial Assistance Program **protects the earned pensions** of more than 350,000 **union workers & retirees** from 60% cuts.
 - The Central States Pension Fund estimates that it will now be able to pay full benefits to workers and retirees through 2051. Prior to this action, it was projected to become insolvent in 2026. Now 2 to 3 M workers & retirees in plans that receive this assistance are expected to have their full pension benefits for the next 3 decades in all 50 states!
 - This **covers union workers who were in multiemployer plans** – plans typically involve multiple employers in a single industry or related industries.

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- **Bipartisan FAA Bill (Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Bill)** signed into law on 5/16/2024 by President Biden.
 - Requires automatic cash refunds instead of vouchers when flights are cancelled or significantly delayed if a passenger declines an airline’s rebooking request or does not respond to the request.
 - Ensures passengers have 24/7 access to customer service.
 - Requires the DOT (Department of Transportation) to establish a policy directing certain air carriers to **seat a young child next to accompanying adult** if adjacent seats are available without charging an additional fee.
 - Requires the DOT to issue rules on minimum training standards for airline personnel who assist wheelchair users.
 - Local economies get a boost from expanding airports and airport capacity – every \$ 1.00 invested in aviation infrastructure creates \$2.50 in economic growth.

Sources:

- American Rescue Plan (PL 117-2) signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) (PL 117-58) signed into law by President Biden on November 15, 2021.
- Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (pl 117-169); signed into law by President Biden on August 16, 2022.
- FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (PL 118-63) Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act; signed by President Biden on May 16, 2024

The bipartisan **CHIPS and Science Act** (PL 117-167), was signed into law by President Biden on August 9, 2022, **makes the U.S. less dependent on China.**

- Authorizes roughly \$280 B in new funding to **boost domestic research and manufacturing of semiconductors** in the U.S., appropriates \$52.7 B.
- Includes \$39 B in **subsidies for chip manufacturing on U.S. soil** along with 25% investment tax credits for costs of manufacturing equipment and \$13 B for semiconductor research and workforce training with the dual aim of **strengthening American supply chain resilience and countering China.**
- For semiconductor and telecommunications purposes, the CHIPS Act designates roughly \$106 B.
- Invests \$174 B in the overall ecosystem of public sector research in science and technology, advancing human spaceflight, quantum computing, materials science, biotechnology, experimental physics, research security, social and ethical considerations, workforce development and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts at NASA, the NSF, the DOE, the EDA, and NIST.
- By March, 2024, analysts estimated that the act incentivized between 25 and 50 separate potential projects, with total projected investments of \$160 – 200 B and 25,000 – 45,000 new jobs.

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THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLATFORM SHOWS US HOW DEMOCRATS CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE!

Just a some of what's in the 2024 DNC Platform and there's so much more!

• **Good (often UNION) Jobs!**

- Will keep fighting to pass the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, to give everyone the right to organize for better pay, benefits, working conditions, and to hold abusive bosses accountable for violating workers' rights.
- Strengthen enforcement and penalties for safety, wage, and other labor and employment violations.

• **Fight Poverty**

- Restore the expanded Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit
- Work to raise the minimum wage to at least \$ 15-an-hour
- Fight for paid leave, better health care, and more investment in public schools and affordable housing.
- Reduce the need for foster care by supporting families and engaging kin.
- Further expand public transit, connecting communities that have been cut off for far too long.

• **End Special Interest Giveaways**

- Keep pushing to crack down on outsize insurance company profits by requiring health insurers to reimburse Medicaid if they bill more than they actually spend on patient care and pay the difference back to Medicare, which will then pass savings on to consumers.
- Investing more in preventive health care, vaccines, and other treatment for Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries, avoiding unnecessary medical costs by keeping folks healthy.

• **Reward Work, Not Wealth; Lowering Costs**

- A fair tax code – to cut costs and make the tax code fairer for the middle class while making the wealthy and big corporations finally pay their fair share.
- Keep the pressure on wealthy and corporate tax cheats that fail to pay what they owe.
- Use every tool to bring prices down on health insurance and prescription drugs; negotiating housing, child care, internet, banking, credit cards, and more.
- Expand “no-surprise billing” to include costly ground ambulances, keep using antitrust laws to stop hospital, insurance, and Big Pharma mergers.
- Fight to expand the \$35 cap on insulin to everyone.
- Guarantee affordable, quality child care to millions of working families for less than \$10-a-day per child.
- To lower prices on gas and groceries, boost supply, fix supply chains, and promote competition.

• **Housing**

- Expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit for developers to build affordable rental housing and introducing a new Neighborhood Homes Tax Credit, to focus on affordable housing for homeowners.

• **Education**

- Provide free, universal preschool for four-year olds, saving families of 5 million children \$13,000/year.
- Increase the number of Pell Grants to 7 million more students and double the maximum award by 2029.

• **Protect Social Security and Medicare**

- Reject any effort to privatize Social Security or to cut any of the benefits that the American people have earned. Strengthen the program and expand benefits by asking the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share.

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**TRUMP'S POSITION ON HEALTH CARE ISSUES
WILL HURT OUR POCKEBOOKS and
JEOPARDIZE OUR SAFETY AND OUR LIVES!
Cruelty – Authoritarianism - Fascism**

- His **Health Care** Plans Include:
 - **Roll back the Affordable Care Act** (“Obama Care”)
 - **Cuts to Medicaid, Affordable Care Act** (Obamacare), & Children’s Health Insurance by \$ 4.5T over 10 years
 - Raise Medicare costs & **cut** caps on Pharma fees, including **the \$35 insulin cap.**
 - Reverse Medicare’s ability to negotiate drug prices.

- His **Public Health** Plans Include:
 - **Abandon the government’s role in the promotion of public health for American children & adults.**
 - Limit the role of the Center for Disease Control
 - Disable the CDC’s ability to advise the public on measurements for disease control.
 - Prohibit the CDC from advising the vaccination of school children.
 - Prohibit the CDC from taking actions/providing guidance/issuing orders
 - **Close the White House Pandemic Preparedness Office** again (Time: 4/30/2024)

- Project 2025 states that the U.S. Secretary of Health will define that men and women are biological realities that are crucial to the advancement of life sciences and medical care and that **married men and women are the ideal natural family structure** because all children have a right to be raised by the men and women who conceived them. This would eliminate adoption and foster homes for abused children, to say nothing of “unnatural family structures.”

Sources:

- Statements Made by Donald Trump & recorded and shown on TV, etc.
- Project 2025

**Elections Have Consequences:
Never forget the importance of the U.S. Supreme Court**

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