## Why does the Democratic Party no longer represent me?

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I am a registered member of the Democratic Party (DP). However, the DP no longer represents me. This is why.

- 1. The DP is racist. I am not racist.
- 2. The DP is anti-Semitic. I am not an anti-Semite.
- 3. The DP is anti-police. I believe that society needs police to deter crime.
- 4. The DP is anti-United States. I am pro-United States.
- 5. The DP believes in religious intolerance. I believe in religious freedom.
- 6. The DP believes in raising taxes. I believe in lowering taxes.
- 7. The DP believes in legalizing illicit drugs. I believe that the use of illicit drugs should be illegal.
- 8. The DP believes that third-parties should pay for women getting abortions. I believe that the woman should pay for her own abortion.
- 9. The DP is elitist. I believe that all persons are equal before the law.
- 10. The DP is intellectually intolerant. I believe in freedom of speech.
- 11. The DP anti-Israel. I am pro-Israel.
- 12. The DP is disengaged from the middle class. I am part of the middle class.
- 13. The DP embraces socialism. I reject socialism.
- 14. The DP is divisive. I believe in compromise and consensus.
- 15. The DP is pro-criminal. I am pro-law enforcement.

While not every person who ascribes to the Democratic label may agree with every tenet listed above, the Democratic Party as a political body wholly embraces those tenets.

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