

## Dauphin County Democratic Committee | “Our Beliefs” Video Transcript

Just like the national and state Democratic Parties, the Dauphin County Democrats come together to write a platform explaining our goals and the things we believe in. Democrats have varied beliefs and cover a range of opinions, but as a whole we believe in making all levels of government work better for the people.

We believe in reforming aspects of government, including concepts like redistricting. Democrats believe district boundaries should be drawn fairly and shouldn't favor one party over another. We also believe in making sure big donors to politicians have to disclose who they are to better inform voters.

Civil rights are also at the core of what it means to be a Democrat. We acknowledge problems concerning the wage gap for women, reforming the criminal justice system to remove bias, and ending systematic discrimination based on race. Additionally, we celebrate voting rights and integrity and seek to make it easier for voters to be involved in our democratic process. We also acknowledge that although same-sex marriage is a right across the country, LGBT Pennsylvanians do not have the same rights and protections as their heterosexual neighbors.

The DCDC fully supports making sure we are taking care of Pennsylvanians with disabilities and that they have access to the services they need.

We believe those working full-time should make a living wage and support legislation to raise the minimum wage.

The DCDC believes in keeping our country safe, but not at the expense of our principles. That's why we support comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship and want to promote naturalization.

We also recognize the importance of combatting climate change and acknowledge the scientific consensus which points to carbon as the main cause.

The right to carry a firearm is enshrined in the Bill of Rights, but common sense gun regulation is necessary to keep the country safe. The DCDC supports passing laws to strengthen background checks, restrict assault weapons, and require would-be gun owners to prove their competency before owning one.

Last but not least, we believe education is extremely important to the well-being of our society. We support fair funding to schools, allowing students to refinance their college tuition loans, and working to reduce sexual assaults on college campuses.

There are many more principles we hold dear, but we hope this gives you a good primer on what we believe. We are the party of the people.