

35 Reasons to Appreciate the Democratic Party

Health Care / Support for Senior Citizens and the Disabled:

- 1) Democrats Fought for Social Security (F.D.R.)
- 2) Democrats Fought for Medicare (L.B.J.)
- 3) Democrats Fought for Medicaid (L.B.J.)
- 4) Democrats Fought for Affordable Health Care for Everyone (Obama Care)
- 5) Democrats Fought for the CHIPS program (J. Rockefeller under Clinton, expanded by Barack Obama)

Benefits for the Poor & Children:

- 6) Democrats Fought for Welfare Benefits (F.D.R.)
- 7) Democrats Fought for Funding Our Schools (L.B.J.)
- 8) Democrats Fought for Grants for low income people to attend college (L.B.J.)
- 9) Democrats Fought for National School Lunch Program (Harry Truman)

The Environment:

- 10) Democrats Fought for Environmental Regulations - Clean Water Act / Clean Air Act (Dem Controlled Congress Overrides Nixon Veto on Clean Water)

Benefits for Workers:

- 11) Democrats Fought for Unemployment Insurance (F.D.R.)
- 12) Democrats Fought for National Labor Relations Board (F.D.R.)
- 13) Democrats Fought for 8 Hour Work Day-5 Day Work Week- Work Place Breaks & Overtime Pay (F.D.R.)
- 14) Democrats Fought for Holiday Pay(F.D.R.)
- 15) Democrats Fought for Prevention of Child Labor (F.D.R.)
- 16) Democrats Fought for Minimum Wage Act (F.D.R.)
- 17) Democrats Fought for Workers Compensation (Woodrow Wilson)
- 18) Democrats Fought for Work Place Safety (OSHA) (Nixon) *
- 19) Democrats Fought for Medical Leave Act (Bill Clinton)

Individual Rights:

- 20) Democrats Fought for Civil Rights (L.B.J.)
- 21) Democrats Fought for Voting Rights Act (L.B.J.)
- 22) Democrats Fought for Women's Rights (L.B.J.)
- 23) Democrats Fought for National Voter Registration (Bill Clinton)
- 24) Democrats Fought for Americans with Disability Act (101st Democratic Congress - over G.H.W. Bush veto)
- 25) Democrats Fought for Affirmative Action as it relates to Racial Discrimination (J.F.K.)
- 26) Democrats Fought for Hate Crime Legislation (Matthew Shepard) (Barack Obama)

General Benefits or Platforms:

- 27) Democrats Fought for Largest Deficit Cutting Plan in History (Bill Clinton)
- 28) Democrats Fought for Clayton Anti-Trust Act (Woodrow Wilson)
- 29) Democrats Fought for Veterans Pay & Benefits (F.D.R.)
- 30) Democrats Fought for Gun Law's / Background Checks to prevent felons from getting Weapons (L.B.J) (B.Clinton)

Financial Protections:

- 31) Democrats Fought for Securities & Exchange Act and FDIC (Franklin D. Roosevelt)
- 32) Democrats Fought for Consumer Protection / Consumer Bill of Rights (J.F.K.)
- 33) Democrats Fought for Financial Regulations keeping Wall Street Wizards Accountable (Dodd/Frank - Obama)
- 34) Democrats Fought for Tax Fairness (Platform Issue)
- 35) Democrats Fought for Credit Card Holders Bill of Rights (Barack Obama)

* Began with FDR and then backed by Democrats and labor unions for decades until passage.

Source: *The Hartman Report and Wikipedia*