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This is Going to be Hard…

It’s the time of year when many conscientious voters sort through facts, partial facts, and outright baloney to select their candidate.

Twenty years ago, the differences between the parties seemed tame by comparison. Back then, questions about the Constitution, support for law enforcement, gender, parental rights, and many basic understandings of what life in America meant were not matters for disagreement — let alone outright argument and violence.

It is true that both Republicans and Democrats have drifted, in part, toward the extremes of their camps.

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However, to deny that the change in the Democratic Party has been more severe is to deny reality. The Democratic icons of the past — FDR, JFK, even Bill Clinton — would be astounded at what has become the primary motivating ideology of the modern party. The Democratic Party of our grandparents has been pushed aside as “thought leaders” like Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, New York Mayor and self-avowed Marxist Zohran Mamdani, Michigan senatorial candidate Abdul El-Sayed, and Texas senatorial candidate James Talarico (“God is transgender”) take prominence in shaping the policy and platform of the Democratic Party. Old-school Democrats like Chuck Schumer, Nancy Pelosi, and Hakeem Jeffries have become irrelevant, pushed to the side by figures such as Twitch streamer, political commentator, and left-wing influencer Hasan Piker, known for saying “America deserved 9-11.”

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While these individuals do not yet represent the majority of the Democratic Party, they do represent its most vibrant and rapidly growing faction. Survival in politics on the Left is now tied to conformity — however uncomfortable — with the policies and ideology of this new DSA wing. Socialist Senator from Vermont Bernie Sanders, long the benchmark of the extreme Democratic Left, finds himself suddenly at the center of party ideology. This shift took a mere four years. Change is coming.

What does this mean for voters searching for reasonable progressive representation? You have been left — pun intended — behind.

The policy priorities associated with the New Democratic / DSA wing include:

- Open borders
- Defunding police
- Criminal “friendly” sentencing
- Entitlement benefits for illegal immigrants
- Opposition to banning Sharia law
- Support for transgender bathrooms and sports
- Deconstruction or elimination of the Constitution
- Opposition to voter ID (85% bipartisan support)
- Single-payer health insurance
- Statehood for Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C.
- Elimination of the Electoral College
- Increased taxes to fund these programs
- Nine-month abortion
- Government-run stores and means of production
- Packing the Supreme Court
- Resurgent Anti Semitism

And there is more. If these policies do not match your personal beliefs, you are faced with either not voting or supporting the Republican candidate.

Candidates like Amy Acton, Sherrod Brown, and Brian Poindexter will be swept up in the national tidal wave of extreme Marxist ideology. In more than forty years of politics, Sherrod Brown has demonstrated an affinity for these positions. Amy Acton, with no actual elected experience, will be under great pressure to comply.

- **Dr. Acton** was responsible for many of the failed and painful COVID rules, including shuttering schools, churches, and businesses; social distancing; forced vaccination compliance; masking of children; and a long list of restrictions that are still affecting children years later. Many businesses never returned.
- **Sherrod Brown’s** fifty-year congressional track record was questionable enough to see him replaced two short years ago in 2024. What has changed? If anything, he has become more extreme.
- **Brian Poindexter** has already declared his commitment to the Democratic Socialist agenda.

With its lurch toward the extreme Left, the Democratic Party has lost its way. When does socialism become full-on communism? This is not what our parents, grandparents, and ancestors fought and died for. That is not America, and this is not progress.

It is an important decision, and painful, perhaps, considering the facts.

So yes, it is going to be hard, but it is the right thing to do.

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