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**DEMOCRATIC
PARTY PLATFORM
YEAR 2000**

**SURVEY OF DEMOCRATIC
LEADERS AND VOTERS**



PREPARED FOR:

MRS. ROMILA SODHIR

REPRESENTING:

FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

SURVEY BOOKLET CODE:

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY:

AUGUST 31, 1999

**Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003**

I N S T R U C T I O N S

1. Portions of this survey contain preprinted information from our records. Please review these items carefully and correct and/or add information on the back page of the survey as necessary.
2. Please complete all questions.
3. Print or type all responses.
4. Fill out your contribution response form in the back of this booklet.
5. Fold survey in half, then in half again and place, along with your contribution form and check, in the envelope provided in the back of this booklet.

2000 DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM SURVEY

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. NAME:

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4. SEX:

MALE

FEMALE

5. DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR POLITICAL LEANINGS TO BE:

LIBERAL

MODERATE

CONSERVATIVE

II. NATIONAL PRIORITIES

In preparing the party platform, the platform committee must consider the relative importance of a number of different issues. Please indicate how you would rank the following 10 issues in order of importance.

(10 = most important, 1 = least important)

- ___ Safeguarding Medicare/Social Security
- ___ Improving education
- ___ Enacting a real Patients' Bill of Rights
- ___ Expanding the economy
- ___ Enacting campaign finance reform
- ___ Protecting a woman's right to choose
- ___ Reducing gun violence
- ___ Foreign policy and promoting international peace
- ___ Safeguarding the environment
- ___ Strengthening moral values
- ___ Other: _____
- ___ Other: _____

III. ISSUES

Please indicate your opinions about how the Democratic Party platform should approach the following issues.

1. Should America devote over 60% of the budget surplus over the next 15 years to extending the financial solvency of Social Security?

Yes No Undecided

2. Should America devote 15% of the budget surplus to strengthen the financial condition of Medicare?

Favor Oppose Undecided

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3. Which of the following measures to strengthen our schools do you support? Indicate support by checking the box beside the proposal.

Support

Oppose

Modernizing thousands of public schools and hiring more teachers so that we can reduce the average number of students in each classroom.

Conducting voluntary national testing to help measure student achievement, raise standards and improve accountability.

Increasing funding to provide better security and safety in schools nationwide.

Taking tax money away from public schools to provide tuition vouchers for private schools.

4. Do you favor proposals to require background checks before the purchase of guns at gun shows, prohibit the purchase of firearms by persons under 21 and restrict purchases of guns by any individual to one per month?

Favor

Oppose

Undecided

5. Do you favor increasing the minimum wage to \$6.15 per hour?

Favor

Oppose

Undecided

6. Do you favor or oppose legislation that would require employers to provide women with equal pay for equal work?

Favor

Oppose

Undecided

7. Do you favor or oppose the decision in Roe v. Wade that protects a woman's right to safe and legal abortion?
- Favor Oppose Undecided
8. Do you favor or oppose campaign finance reform that would ban unlimited contributions to political parties and seek to limit campaign spending?
- Favor Oppose Undecided
9. How do you feel about our environmental laws in America?
- Our environmental laws should be strengthened.
 Our environmental laws should be weakened.
 Our environmental laws are about right.
10. Should America expand the Family and Medical Leave Act to guarantee time off from work for parent-teacher conferences and to take a parent or child to the doctor?
- Yes No Undecided
11. Do you favor or oppose a real Patient's Bill of Rights that would protect Americans from abuses by HMOs?
- Yes No Undecided

Please indicate any other issues that you believe should be an important part of the Year 2000 Democratic Party Platform:

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IV. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

1. Please complete this statement. I believe the nation is ...

_____moving in the right direction.

_____moving in the wrong direction.

2. Overall, how good a job do you think President Clinton is doing?

Excellent

Fair

Undecided

Good

Poor

Undecided

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AUGUST 31, 1999

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YES, to help put Congress back in Democratic hands and to keep a Democrat in the White House, I am also enclosing a contribution in the amount of:

() \$15

() \$30

() \$25

() \$50

() Other \$ _____

NO, I can't make an urgent contribution right now, but I am enclosing \$10.00 to help defray the cost of processing my responses.

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