



Democratic Party of Benton County

Platform Statement

Purpose: To elect Democratic candidates to local, state, and national office.

Values Statement: The Democratic Party of Benton County believes in government that works for people, protects individual freedoms, and invests in the common good.

Value 1: All people have value. Every person should be guaranteed the freedom to pursue the best life possible for themselves and their families.

We support:

- Diversity, equity, and inclusion in our membership and in government
- Freedom from discrimination, hate, abuse, and neglect
- The right to affordable health care for all
- Affordable, quality childcare for all
- Freedom to manage your own personal health choices
- Common sense gun reforms
- The right to a living wage and fair compensation
- Equal pay for equal work
- Freedom to breathe clean air, drink fresh water and leave a habitable planet for future generations
- Freedom to follow your religious beliefs
- LGBTQ rights are human rights, and all person should have the right to live with dignity, security, and respect, regardless of who they are or who they love
- Reducing the number of unwanted pregnancies through education and access to contraception
- Abortion should be safe, legal, and rare
- Sensible immigration reform and an end to divisive and derogatory language about immigrants

Value 2: We believe in democracy.

We support:

- Protecting and promoting every American's fundamental right to vote
 - A fair and just democratic process, ensuring every vote counts, and protection for voters' rights
 - Securing our election process from foreign influence
 - Non-partisan districting
 - The continuation and enhancement of veteran's benefits
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Value 3: Government should work for the people. Investment in the middle class leads to a strong economy that helps families, communities, and businesses thrive.

We support:

- Fair taxation and an end to tax cuts for the rich
- Universal pre-kindergarten programs
- Smarter infrastructure investments
- Advancing clean energy and climate change action
- Free quality public education
- Affordable higher education
- Equal access to justice and fair treatment under the law
- Affordable housing and basic tenant rights

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