

Democracy for America

Issue Summaries

1) Achieving Universal Healthcare

In the words of Governor Howard Dean, "we can guarantee healthcare for all if we give every American the freedom to choose between keeping their private insurance – if they have any – and a universally available public healthcare option like Medicare." In March 2009, DFA launched StandwithDrDean.com – an initial step towards gathering support for a public option and a powerful organizing tool to fight for healthcare reform. Together, we can bring about the change that Americans so desperately need.

2) Solving the Climate Crisis

Climate change is a global threat that has endangered species and environmental habitats worldwide. With catastrophic consequences for Americans on the horizon if no action is taken, DFA members have been at the forefront calling for worldwide change. We have increased education about this issue with screenings of green documentaries like Kilowatt Ours and An Inconvenient Truth. DFA also became the first carbon neutral political action committee and our members chose to invest carbon offsets in wind farms and alternative energy resources.

3) Reforming the Democratic Party

DFA members are working everyday to build a stronger, more progressive Democratic Party. We believe the Democratic Party must be driven by people-power and responsive to the needs of everyday Americans. In 2005, DFA members elected our founder Governor Howard Dean to the Chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee Thanks to his 50 State Strategy, Democrats enjoyed nationwide success in 2008 and we elected a Democratic president. Our work doesn't end with the recent electoral landslide; DFA members have run for all levels of party office from precinct captains to county and statewide party chairs. Now, Governor Howard Dean is back working for DFA and wants you to join us in our mission to keep reforming the Democratic Party.

4) Ending the War in Iraq

The war in Iraq is a disaster for America and our morale standing in the world. DFA members stood against the Iraq War before the invasion and have never stopped working to bring our troops home since the war began. In 2008, DFA members drew attention to the economic costs of the war and the collateral damage it has caused to the American economy. We at DFA stand united to ensure that our newly elected Democratic president ends the war and begins the long process of healing our nation.