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A Primer for People Who Can't Tell the Difference Between Democrats and Republicans¹

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Democrats Fight for Ordinary Americans

For over a century, Democrats have fought for ordinary Americans. With little or no help from Republicans, we've developed programs on which Americans now depend:

- Medicare, Medicaid, and President Obama's Affordable Care Act ("ACA")
- Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, Minimum Wage and 40-hour workweek

In addition, the Democratic House [passed hundreds more bills](#) in 2019, including laws that would protect Americans with pre-existing conditions, lower the cost of prescription drugs, expand background checks, and address the existential threat of climate change. All of these bills have been blocked in the Senate by Majority Leader "Moscow Mitch" McConnell.

Republicans Fight for Billionaires Against Ordinary Americans

The Republican ["tax cut"](#) rewards plutocrats and punishes ordinary Americans:

- The top 0.1% (people with income over \$1.5 million) receive 60% of the benefits. The top 1% of taxpayers receive over 80% of the benefits.
- If your income is under \$75,000, you'll get a tax INCREASE over the ten-year life of the bill.

Republicans will raid Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid to pay for the 'tax cut':

- The "tax cut" will [increase the deficit](#) by \$1.9 trillion over ten years.
- Trump calls for [\\$1.9 trillion in cuts](#) to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Republican attacks on affordable health insurance cause premature, unnecessary deaths:

- Republicans eliminated the ACA's "individual mandate," [causing insurance costs to jump](#).
- More than [three million Americans lost health insurance](#) in Trump's first year in office, jumping to [four million](#) in 2018 and projected to reach [13 million by 2027](#).
- Ron DeSantis refuses federal funds that would insure 840,000 Floridians through the ACA.
- The "uninsured" face a [25%-40% increased risk](#) of dying prematurely. One pre-ACA study estimated that lack of insurance was responsible for [45,000 deaths every year](#). Do the math; people are dying from Republican greed.

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Republicans are poisoning Americans and destroying the environment:

- Former EPA Chief and climate denier Scott Pruitt suppressed a study that found an alarming level of chemicals in America's drinking water that can cause [birth defects, kidney cancer, and thyroid diseases](#).
- Trump rolled back or announced plans to [roll back 83 environmental regulations](#) involving air and water pollution, drilling and extraction, toxic substances, and animal protection.
- After lobbying by the chemical industry, [the EPA will not look at](#) air, water or ground contaminants when determining the health and safety risks of potentially toxic chemicals.