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Meetings:

The Roanoke County *Democratic* Committee meets the first Thursday of each month (except July), at 7:00 PM, at the South County Library, 6303 Merriman Road, Roanoke, VA 24018

Our Mission:

The Roanoke County Democratic Committee promotes progressive opinion on local, state, and national issues, and organizes support for Democratic candidates dedicated to equal opportunity, social justice, and the strengthening of our communities.

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**A PROGRESSIVE
VOICE
FOR POSITIVE
CHANGE**

If by a "Liberal" they mean someone who looks ahead and not behind, someone who welcomes new ideas without rigid reactions, someone who cares about the welfare of the people - their health, their housing, their schools, their jobs, their civil rights and their civil liberties - someone who believes we can break through the stalemate and suspicions that grip us in our policies abroad, if that is what they mean by a "Liberal", then I'm proud to say I'm a "Liberal."

John F. Kennedy

On Being a Democrat...

I'm a Democrat because our party is committed to ensuring fairness in our society. Democrats understand that social and historical forces channel wealth, influence, and opportunity into the hands of some, and out of the hands of others. Our nation was born from the hope that one's lot in life be determined by character and not caste. Democrats know that we must be vigilant to ensure all Americans have an equal opportunity to pursue success and happiness.

I'm a Democrat because our party understands that the primary job of government is to protect citizens – from foreign and domestic threats – as well as from imbalances of power that destabilize the country. Democrats understand the limits of unregulated markets and the dangers of allowing companies to become “too big to fail.” Democrats understand that basic healthcare is a right, and not simply a commodity distributed by the economic laws of supply and demand.

I'm a Democrat because our party realizes that America's moral influence over the rest of the world depends solely on our nation's actions rather than our words. We believe democracy is the fairest and most effective system of self-governance, but we also respect the autonomy of nations to choose their own political course. If our nation's foreign policy betrays our own principles, our influence and our nation's safety are compromised.

I'm a Democrat because our party recognizes that the moral and physical health of individuals is directly tied to the moral and physical health of the society as a whole. A country held together strictly by a philosophical commitment to radical individualism is destined to fail. The social glue that bonds societies together comes from shared experience and a common culture. Democrats realize that promoting diversity is the only way a common culture is formed among a nation of immigrants. Democrats recognize that maintaining and perpetuating an ethic of compassion toward our nation's most vulnerable, including the environment, is the answer to our highest calling, and crucial to building a strong and enduring nation of the “we” instead of the “me.”

Carter Turner
Former Chair
Roanoke County Democratic Committee



**We're right about the future
because we were right about
the past.**

Some Important Democratic Successes:

- Women's Suffrage
- Social Security Act
- GI Bill
- Marshall Plan
- N.A.T.O
- The Space Program
- The Peace Corps
- AmeriCorps VISTA
- Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty
- The Civil Rights Act
- Voting Rights Act
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- The Endangered Species Act
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Family & Medical Leave Act
- The Affordable Care Act
- Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act
- The Brady Bill
- Lobbying Disclosure Act
- "Motor-Voter" Act
- Unemployment Insurance
- Labor Laws
- Food Safety Laws
- Workplace Safety Laws
- The Tennessee Valley Project
- Brought electricity to rural communities
- The Securities and Exchange Commission
- Truth in Advertising Laws
- Bank Deposit Insurance (FDIC)
- Wall Street Reform & Consumer Protection Act
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- The United Nations
- Boosted Fuel Efficiency Standards
- Repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
- Reversed Bush Torture Policies
- Ended the War in Iraq
- Eliminated Osama bin Laden