EMOCRATIC PARTY

1800 — 1900 — 2000

1790s: the Democratic Party was founded by Thomas Jefferson →one of the oldest political parties in the world

1828: became known as the "Democratic Party" when Andrew Jackson became president

1832-1968: 11 Democratic candidates became President including James Polk, James Buchanan, Grover Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy

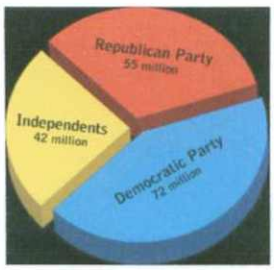
1992: after twelve years of Republican presidents, Americans turn to Democrats again and elect Bill Clinton as President

2008: Americans elect President Obama

The Democratic Party today

→ one of two major contemporary political parties in the United States, along with the Republican Party
→ considered center-left in the U.S. political spectrum
→ Barack Obama is the 14th president who is a member of the Democratic Party

Voters
→ 72 million registered voters in 2004



majority of the voters:
professionals who have a college education

What they stand for:

minimum wage
→ higher minimum wages

fiscal policy
→ more progressive tax structure
→ more government spending on social services while spending less on the military

health care
→ "affordable and quality health care"
→ national health insurance or universal health care

environment
→ government should protect the environment

education
→ low-cost, publicly funded college education with low tuition fees

energy
→ policy of developing domestic renewable energy

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