



THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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The Democratic National Committee, or DNC, was created during the Democratic National Convention of 1848. For 167 years, it's been responsible for governing the Democratic Party and is the oldest continuing party committee in the United States.

The Committee, which plans the Party's presidential nominating convention and promotes the [Democratic Platform \(//www.democrats.org/party-platform\)](http://www.democrats.org/party-platform), the statement of core principles at the heart of our Party, is governed by its [Charter and Bylaws \(http://s3.amazonaws.com/uploads.democrats.org/Downloads/DNC_Charter_Bylaws_9.17.15.pdf\)](http://s3.amazonaws.com/uploads.democrats.org/Downloads/DNC_Charter_Bylaws_9.17.15.pdf).

The DNC also raises money, hires staff, and coordinates strategy to support candidates throughout the country for local, state, and national office.

Additionally, the Committee works with various constituencies to respond to the needs and views of Democrats across the nation.

Under the leadership of Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the DNC is composed of the chairs and vice-chairs of each state Democratic Party Committee and over 200 members elected by Democrats in all 50 states and the territories.

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