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Why I Am a Democrat

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In thinking about the many reasons that I am a Democrat, I have realized that I became a Democrat when I was so young that I didn't even know what that meant.

When I was in kindergarten, in an all-white neighborhood, there was one black child in my school. She was in my class. I remember how upset I became that kids wouldn't be her friend. I became Theresa's only friend. When I saw another child trying to bully her and call her names, I stepped in.

I became aware of racial bias, and I knew how wrong it was. I spoke up for Theresa and wanted to protect her human rights. I was only 5 yrs old.

All through my childhood and adolescence, my mission for equality expanded. I wore a POW bracelet in 4th grade, watched the Watergate hearings at 10, and protested for female equality in 5th grade.

A Democrat was born! I was "woke" as far back as I remember. We now live in a time that basic human rights and decency are in jeopardy. This is very frightening. Democracy is at risk.

There has never been a time that being a Democrat was more important than today!