



## WHAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS DONE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

### STIMULATED THE ECONOMY:

- Provided \$3 billion in direct funding for Indian Country that created jobs, renovated schools, increased energy efficiency and improved health facilities – over 1 in 5 Native Americans still live on reservations or other trust lands
- Allocated \$510 million to improve housing conditions in Indian Country – currently, only 54 percent of single race Native Americans and Alaska natives are homeowners compared to 64 percent of the overall population that own homes

### REFORMED HEALTH INSURANCE:

- Made health care more accessible and affordable through the Affordable Care Act – in 2012, 12.6 percent more single race Native American and Alaska Natives lacked health insurance than the overall population
- Reauthorized the Indian Health Care Improvement Act which extends current laws, programs and services through the Indian Health Service
- Allotted \$915 million for Indian Health Care Services and Facilities that improved facility conditions, increased new construction and enhanced medical equipment

### MADE EDUCATION MORE ACCESSIBLE:

- Passed and signed legislation that invests approximately \$40 billion in Pell Grants, which are granted to more than one in three Native Americans who apply for them – as of 2012, only 13.5 percent of Native Americans 25 and older had obtained at least a Bachelor's degree, as compared to 29.1 percent of the overall population
- Will forgive student federal loan debt after 20 years of steady repayment

### COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE:

- Signed an Executive Order to push the federal government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 28 percent no later than 2020
- Passed and signed the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act to protect and preserve our country's rivers, forests, oceans, national parks and public lands
- Invest in green infrastructure, such as solar energy. The cost of solar panels decreased by 60 percent between 2011 and 2013, while job growth in the solar industry increased by 20 percent between 2012 and 2013

### SUPPORTING WOMEN:

- Passed and Signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the first piece of legislation President Obama signed into law
- Proposed legislation to give more women tools to close the pay gap – in 2012, median average income for white men was 40 percent higher than Native American women
- Reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act, strengthening protections for the 50 percent of Native American women who have been have been raped, beaten, or stalked by an intimate partner
- Extended tribal jurisdiction over non-Native Americans for cases of domestic and sexual violence against Native American women—whose assaulters are not Native American 86 percent of the time, according to figures from 2004
- Through the Recovery Act, provided the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) with \$20.8 million for the Indian Tribal Governments Program to help decrease violent crimes committed against Indian women and ensure that offenders are held responsible for their actions

## NATIVE AMERICANS...

**ARE DEMOCRATS:** 69 percent of Native Americans voted for President Barack Obama in the 2008 election

**ARE URBAN:** Only 1 in 5 American Indians and Native Alaskans lived in Indian Country, while 60 percent lived in urban areas as of 2012.

# THE GOP ON NATIVE AMERICANS

Blocked legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 – which would significantly help American Indians and Native Alaskans whose median household income is \$16,061 less than the national median income, according to 2012 census data

Voted more than 50 times to repeal or undermine the Affordable Care Act

Proposed legislation that could mean over half a million fewer students would receive Pell Grants

Blocked legislation to allow students to refinance their student loans at lower rates

Blocked Equal Pay legislation

Over 130 Republicans voted against reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act

**Texas Senator Ted Cruz** led the showdown that shut down the federal government in an effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

“...a truly ridiculous idea.” — **New Jersey Governor Chris Christie** said of raising the minimum wage.

“...The idea that manmade gases, CO2, are causing catastrophic global warming is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people.” — **Senator James Inhofe** (R-OK)

[Medicaid recipients] have no personal responsibility for their health and no accountability for the care provided. — **IOWA STATE SENATOR AND US SENATE CANDIDATE JONI ERNST**

“The new fad thing that’s going through America and around the world. It’s called global warming.” — **Congressman Steve Stockman** (R-TX)

The Republican legislature and **Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal** banned the ability of women to exercise their right to choose via tele-medicine, which helped women in rural communities where they may not have access to doctors.

When I hear a politician say that we have to raise the minimum wage so working families can make ends meet, I cringe, because I know that statement is a lie. — **FLORIDA GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT**

“The government can’t change the weather.” — **Senator Marco Rubio** (R-FL)

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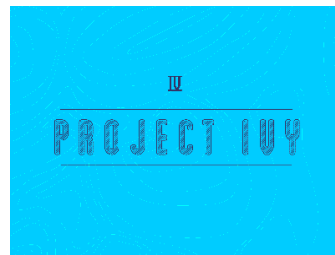
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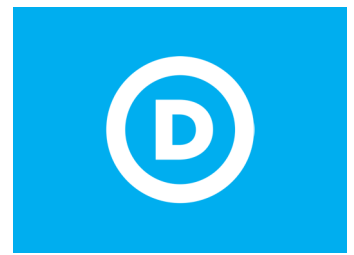
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