

## Four Letters to Democrats, 2016 Presidential Election

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### Letter #1: Why I'm a Democrat



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What's your reason for being a Democrat?

For me it was my mother, who reinforced through words and actions the importance of fairness. She worked much of her life as a head cashier in the grocery business. She was responsible for counting the money, but didn't earn much, herself. Store managers, always male, were well paid, though. That was a job she could have done, but would never be given the chance.

Later, she couldn't get a mortgage, even though she qualified financially. Because, of course, banks didn't lend money to single women. It was always unfair, but it was the way things were done.

Things are better. Not perfect, but better. And after fifty years of effort, let's count the number of Republicans who were on the front lines protesting, litigating, writing, and lobbying for equal pay and opportunity? Not many. If it's a fairness issue, it's a Democrat's issue. Democrats will always take the lead in making our democracy fairer, our union more perfect. And that's why I am a Democrat.

Thank you for being a voter! Together we can defeat this cruel and lawless President.

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Field Representative

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### Letter #2: We're In Trouble



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My first thought when Donald Trump was elected was, "We're in trouble." It didn't take a genius.

I thought of the people in my family who had defended our country. A father at Iwo Jima. A favorite uncle at Guadalcanal. A brother riding up and down the Mekong River sitting in the wrong end of a shooting gallery called a Swift Boat. They did all that so that we could elect *him*?

Is it not astonishing that so many Americans still don't see what is so obvious to us, that the President of the United States is cruel, inept and dangerous? And therein lies the problem, because they're going to vote for him again. And that means we must turn out in big numbers in this critical election, numbers that cannot be ignored. Will you please join me in committing to vote for Joe Biden on November 3rd?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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### Letter #3: Mexico



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Here's what Donald Trump said of Mexico: "They're not sending their best. They're sending people that have lots of problems. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people."

Wow. I thought of my great grandfather, Ignazio Trantanella. He arrived from Sicily in 1890. Two generations later, people would still be calling my mother a Wop or a Dago. How quickly some Americans have forgotten where they came from. Many of them will be voting for Donald Trump again.

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### Letter #4: Our 45th Best President



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The results are not official, but word is out that historians have ranked Donald Trump the forty-fifth best President of the United States. Now, if all goes well, next January he will be forty-sixth best.

[FNAME], that's where you come in. Because the stakes are so high, we are asking all Democrats and Progressives to please make your vote count on November 3. The Administration is doing everything possible to corrupt our elections, and Republicans are doing nothing to stop it. So we must make sure we vote in great numbers, numbers so big they can't possibly be contested.

Will you please join me in committing to vote on November 3rd? If you visit the Voting Matters website, you can:

- Verify you are registered. (Remember, Republicans are purging voters in some states.)
- Register to vote.
- Request an absentee or vote-by-mail ballot.

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