

Just once, can urban dwellers please not vote for a leftist Democrat?

Democrat leaders do not help you. Look around. If your city is better than it was 40 years ago it was probably due to capitalism, not government policy. And many cities are worse off. They are run by Democrats. It's time to throw out their leaders, and improve your lives.

Democrats do not help urban families who wrestle on the edge of poverty. They keep you poor. They make it hard for you to start a business. They make it hard to own a car and easily work outside the city. They tax you at rates that make it very hard to save. They regulate local businesses so much that your costs are high. And they don't crack down on criminals hard enough. That's a cost of fear, but also of economics - there are no large grocery stores in inner Hartford because owners find it too hard to cover the costs of petty crime.

For Black families in particular, Democrats haven't helped you in 40 years. They have never repealed Davis-Bacon, a racist law that still harms Black contractors and their often Black employees. And no Democrat leader has helped you with savings -- they keep a decrepit Social Security system in place. It's a nearly racist system because its effect on Blacks harms you more than any other race (African Americans pay in longer, but because of lower life expectancy Blacks get less out of the system. Literally a White male retiree lives to extract 5 TIMES the payments of a black employee at the same age. Disgusting.)

Did Obamacare help you? Unless you were one of the 2% who couldn't get health insurance, Obamacare has hurt you. Higher premiums. Higher deductibles. Fewer choices for your doctor. Doctors who don't have as much time to see you because they are dealing with paperwork.

Remember how they got Obamacare in the first place: by lying to you. That's what slithery Jonathan Gruber and his professorial clique had to do to slide Obamacare by a reluctant public. They had to lie, because the numbers didn't add up. They had to lie, because Americans wouldn't knowingly accept managed care coming from the government.

Finally... Schools. Good schools should be the best way out of poverty. Schools should be the best equalizer for poverty. But the Democrat leaders don't improve schools enough. Democrat officials are against merit pay - so the most talented teachers get fired during a downsizing, and never rise higher than the senior person who started three years earlier. They let poor urban schools wither because they are loyal to teacher unions that protect bad teachers. They don't hire the best; their directive is to hire the people who share the same skin color. This is Foolish. Ask any well-educated African American who grew up in the 1950s or 1960s with caring, talented WHITE school teachers. Good teachers, irrespective of color, should be the Democratic mantra, but their mantra has become perverted.

The Democrat establishment is content to let kids get through 12th grade without learning how to read well. They also make them feel proud that they speak a fake language called Ebonics. And then the youth who graduates speaking Ebonics instead of English wonders why he's not hired for a customer service job. (Hint: discrimination, not based on race, but on your ability to impress customers, is why even the most egalitarian employer won't hire you. Thank your feel-good "anything-is-okay", no-standards progressive school boards for that.). Finally, when they might qualify for a lower pay job, a first rung so these young youths without a great education can still can prove themselves, Democrats want to cut those jobs by insisting on high wages for everyone except those kids. Employers who have to pay those high wages have nothing more to pay a young worker who'd like to step up onto a rung on the ladder.

Democrat voters...just once. Take off the blinders. Vote according to reason, not misplaced faith.