

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE “PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS”?



After 2008, the Democratic Party—particularly its “progressive” wing—looked ready to break conservatism's 30-year lock on political power. Two years later, the dreams of the Democratic left seem to be in disarray. Progressive voices for single-payer health care were silenced, and the number of Democrats voting against war funding *declined* to its lowest point in five years! Here in RI, *not a single Democrat* voted against income tax cuts for the rich. What happened? As election season kicks off, come discuss the fate of the progressive Democrats—and what it'll take to secure real progressive reform.

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