









## **You might be a Progressive if...**

### **You believe in the dignity of all.**

- This means you recognize that not everyone has had the same talents, advantages, or life challenges; therefore society (and, yes, government) should be set up so that everyone has an equal chance to maximize his or her potential.
- This means that rule under the economic aristocracy of the richest 1% is intolerable.
- This means that diversity is a good thing. Intelligence and other talents are too scarce to waste by discriminating against people of talent and intelligence because of their gender, race, color, religion, country of origin, or sexual orientation.
- This means that real democracy promotes fairness for all.
- This means that meanness begets meanness, which in turn prevents progress and makes everyone miserable.

### **You believe that science is legitimate and that climate change is real and that human activity is playing a part in its acceleration.**

- This means that you accept the responsibility to prevent our planet from becoming uninhabitable regardless of the cause.
- This means that you support clean, renewable energy over old-fashioned fossil fuel pollution.
- This means that even if you aren't really sure, you're willing to error on the side of caution and work toward a cleaner environment.

### **You believe what Paul Wellstone said about all of us doing better when all of us do better.**

- This means that economic fairness means everyone should be paid a living wage and have earned paid sick leave. After all, when people go to work ill, they can infect others plus they are not highly productive.

- This means that if most people don't earn enough to buy goods and services, the wealthy can't meet their income potential.
- This means that we're all in this together and therefore need to work together to succeed.

### **You believe that peace is better than war.**

This means that diplomacy is stronger than military action and needs to be pursued first, last, and always.

- This means that with diplomacy, we have more say in the outcome.

### **You believe that reversing the accomplishments of the past hurts our future.**

- This means that denying civil rights to those who are somehow "different," removing environmental protections, declaring open warfare on labor rights, public education, public employees, and tax responsibility can only make us weaker and ideologically smaller as a nation.
- This means that income disparity hurts our economy and the general welfare.

### **You believe that government can and should make the lives of its citizens better.**

- This means that a government should not privatize its basic functions such as prisons, military, highways.

**In short, you might be a Progressive if you agree with some of the above and have a positive attitude for the future despite current setbacks.**

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*Common Sense II*



# Little Flock Picnic/Fundraiser

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The Democratic Party of Benton County is challenging all Democrats to help BUILD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY in Benton County! Our traditional Little Flock Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2017, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Little Flock City Park. Speakers include Joshua Mahony, candidate for 3rd District Congress, as well as other state and local candidates to be announced. Keynote Speaker will be Jessica DeLoach, Communication Director and Senior Adviser for the Arkansas Democratic Party.

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