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With the Midterms weeks away, Democrats are increasingly embracing the “anti-establishment” label as the “democratic-socialist” wing grows. The campaign focuses on affordability, combating corruption, and AI-safety.

Details. The Democrats' midterms strategy **focuses** on affordability, healthcare, and combating corruption, also focusing on moderate campaigns around **local** issues. Proposed policies **aim** to restore Obamacare tax credits, lowering utility and grocery costs, and investigate Republican corruption.

► Typical of capitalist parties, the Democrats are **drawing** attention to Trump's corruption while ignoring their **own** conflicts of interest. They **point out** that Trump and his family are using federal and public contracts for personal gain, citing his over 28,000 stock **trades** in just 17 months, and suspecting that he **traded** on insider knowledge.

► In the run-up to the midterms, **both** parties have manipulated electoral district boundaries for their own political advantage, with Republicans proving more **successful** in carrying this out.

► Democrats have **rhetorically joined** the push to regulate AI, hoping to gain the sympathy of workers who see it as a **threat** to their jobs or a way for capital to **intensify** labour. However, this "pushback" is itself **funded** by AI lobby groups.

► The “radical” Democratic wing, with Mamdani as its face, has been pushed into the foreground and had some **electoral success**, demanding greater social reforms rather than just going back to pre-Trump America.

► However, their gains are still small and **mostly** limited to safe Democratic areas, with candidates of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) accounting for **less** than 1% of Democratic nomination winners. Nonetheless, their rise has led to “**internal battles**” between factions, with the centrist group Third Way **launching** a \$15 million campaign to discredit “democratic socialism”.

► Despite these public "internal battles," the two sides work together. The DSA continues to operate inside the Democratic Party, explicitly aiming to **restore** workers' faith in it. DSA members are **welcomed** into the Democratic House Caucus, and some "establishment" Democrats **claim** they hold the same ideas as the DSA. A recent **rumour** that Kamala Harris would run alongside AOC, a prominent congresswoman and DSA member, for president was neither denied nor confirmed by either of them.

Context. In the 2024 election, Trump made significant gains among Black, Hispanic, and young **voters**, but these groups have since **swung** back to the Democrats now that he is in office. His overall approval rating has hit a **record** low, with just 24% of Americans approving of his performance as president – driven mainly by the vast majority of Americans living through a cost-of-living **crisis**, worsened by rising fuel prices and the tariff wars.

► In the 2020 presidential **campaign**, Democrats blamed economic hardship on Trump and the Republicans without pointing to capitalism itself. Most continue to **do** the same in 2026, but the party now also allows the DSA – which rhetorically blames capitalism – to channel workers back into electoralism and reformism. Despite their

criticism of how the economy is handled under Trump, Democrats too wish to remain within the acceptable boundaries of capital.

► During [Biden's](#) term, the 100 richest Americans [gained](#) another \$1.5 trillion in net worth, major oil drilling projects were [approved](#), and rail strikes were [blocked](#). Democrats maintained many of the first Trump administration's policies and laid the groundwork for a more hawkish second term. A Democratic victory in the upcoming midterms will not change this.

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