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Title: How Age, Gender, and Race Shape Democratic Voters' Views of Their Party in Maryland

Source: UMBC Poll (n=385 Democratic voters, MOE +/-4.9%)

Field dates: October 21 to October 25, 2025

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Question: How do views of the Democratic Party vary among Maryland Democrats across age, gender, and race?

UMBC Poll data analyzed:

Q: YEAR In what year were you born?

Q: GENDER What is your gender?

Q: RACE Which of the following best describes your race or origin?

Q: DES_DEM On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means "does not describe at all" and 5 means "describes extremely well," how well does each of the following characteristics describe the Democratic Party in Maryland today:

Q: D_SHARE Shares my values

Q: D_FOCUS Focused on issues I care about

Q: D_CAPABLE Capable of handling a crisis

Q: D_DONE Gets things done

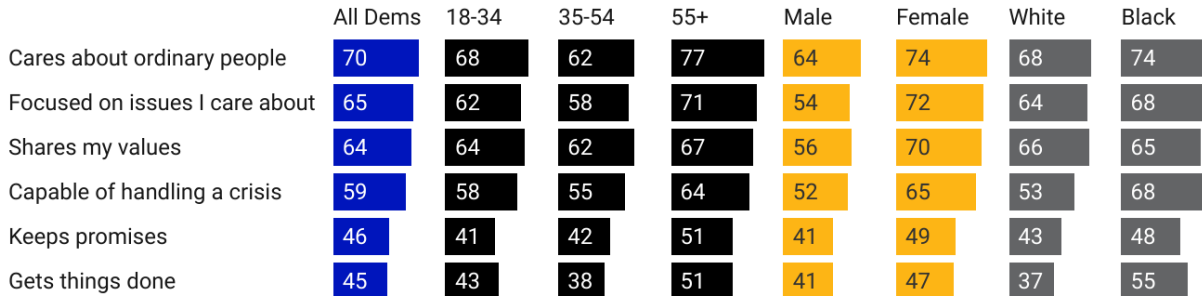
Q: D_CARES Cares about ordinary people

Q: D_PROMISE Keeps promises

Perceptions of the Democratic Party in Maryland among Democratic Voters by Age, Gender, and Race

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means “does not describe at all” and 5 means “describes extremely well,” how well does each of the following characteristics describe the Democratic Party in Maryland today:

Bars represent the percentage of Democratic voters who rated the characteristic a 4 or 5 on the scale.



Field dates: October 21 to October 25, 2025

n=385 Democratic voters, MOE=+/-5.0%

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Description of results:

All Maryland Democrats

Among all Maryland Democrats, views of the Democratic Party are generally positive but vary by characteristic. The percentage of Democrats rating the party as a “4 or 5”—meaning the description fits the party very well or extremely well—ranges from **63%** who say the party “keeps its promises” to **87%** who say it “shares my values.” Large majorities also believe the Democratic Party “cares about ordinary people” (**84%**), “focuses on issues I care about” (**82%**), is “capable of handling a crisis” (**74%**), and “gets things done” (**71%**). These results show that Democrats rate the party more highly on its values and priorities than on its effectiveness and follow-through.

Age

Older Democrats (55+) are consistently more likely than younger Democrats to say that positive characteristics describe the Democratic Party in Maryland very or extremely well. The largest differences appear for “cares about ordinary people” (**77%** among those 55+ compared to **62%** among those 35–54) and “focused on issues I care about” (**71%** compared to **58%**), both showing gaps of about **15 points**. Smaller but still notable differences appear for “gets things done” and “keeps promises,” where ratings among younger Democrats trail those of older Democrats.

Gender

Across every characteristic, women are more likely than men to say it describes the Democratic Party in Maryland very or extremely well. The widest gender gaps appear for “focused on issues I care about” (**72%** of women compared to **54%** of men, an **18-point gap**) and “shares my values” (**70%** compared to **56%**, a **14-point gap**). Differences are smaller for “cares about ordinary people” (**71%** compared to **63%**) and “gets things done” (**60%** compared to **49%**).

Race

Black Democrats are more likely than white Democrats to say that positive characteristics describe the Democratic Party in Maryland very or extremely well. The largest racial difference appears for “gets things done,” with **55%** of Black Democrats saying this describes the party well compared to **37%** of white Democrats—an **18-point gap**. Smaller gaps appear for “capable of handling a crisis” (**68%** compared to **53%**) and “cares about ordinary people” (**74%** compared to **68%**).