



Democrats Abroad is the official arm of the Democratic Party for U.S. citizens living outside the United States. We are Americans living in more than 190 countries around the globe: informed of critical issues at home and abroad, inspired to build a better world through our own active participation and involved at every level of the U.S. political process. Our mission is to register voters abroad and get out the overseas Democratic vote for U.S. elections. DA outreach turns out the extra absentee ballots needed to win tight races. Our members vote in every state and every Congressional district. Recently, our votes from abroad provided the winning margins in the races of Senator Maggie Hassan in New Hampshire and Governor Roy Cooper in North Carolina, among others.

A Brief History: Democrats Abroad began simultaneously in London and Paris in 1964, when U.S. citizens residing abroad did not yet have the right to vote by absentee ballot in most states. In 1972, the DNC granted Democrats Abroad 9 non-voting delegates to the National Convention. Then, in 1976, many overseas Americans cast their first federally mandated overseas absentee ballots and Democrats Abroad attained full Democratic state committee status, with voting delegates to the National Convention and members on the DNC. Democrats Abroad now holds eight seats on the DNC and sent a 31- strong, 21-vote delegation to the 2016 National Convention.

Global Presidential Primary '16: In 2008, Democrats Abroad kicked off its delegate selection process with its first Global Presidential Primary. For the first time ever, Democrats around the world could participate in the primary process in their own country of residence and as a global community. Ballots were cast at Voting Centers in 33 countries, as well as by mail and internet. Votes poured in from more than 160 cities and territories from Antarctica to Zambia. Again in 2012, Democrats everywhere cast global primary votes and

participated in primary season excitement from their countries of residence. 2016 was Democrats Abroad's most successful Global Presidential Primary to date, with a 50% increase in turnout from the 2008 primary and participating voters in more than 170 cities.

Democrats Abroad Today: Over the years, Democrats Abroad has grown from those two small committees in London and Paris to include organized committees in over 40 countries throughout Europe, Asia, Oceania, Africa and the Americas. As Americans overseas learn more about their right to participate in the U.S. political process and its potential impact, Democrats Abroad continues to grow. Democrats Abroad is already working to turn out voters for this year's special Congressional elections and organizing for our 2018 Get Out The Vote (GOTV) effort is firmly underway. Overseas participation can make a big difference in close elections and DA will be working hard in 2018 to elect a Congress that will act as a check on the Trump administration and its agenda.

VoteFromAbroad.org: Our voter registration website is the easiest and most comprehensive online solution to the complexities of overseas voting. It is provided as a public service in both English and Spanish by Democrats Abroad. By offering voters the opportunity to sign up to informational mailings when they register, it is the only online tool that allows our party to build a voter file of Americans overseas including state by state listings. We are also the only organization to provide live voter helpdesk to Americans living overseas.

Americans Abroad Caucus: In the 110th Congress, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney cofounded the Americans Abroad Caucus. The purpose of this bi-partisan caucus is to provide a forum for discussion of the issues that are important to overseas Americans including citizenship, census, voting, banking access, and taxation.