

It's interesting you ask that, when I was a kid in 1980 I really cared about what the platform said. In 1984, someone pointed out to me that the only thing that matters in the platform is what you fight about. 1988, I oversaw the platform committee efforts of the Dukakis campaign and I tried to make sure we didn't fight about anything.

So there's not that much disagreement in the Democratic Party, it's over small things. And you can, if you are writing out a statement of principles, you can sort of find ways not to make it about the conflicts, so you can make the party look quite unified. The candidate who is losing sometimes wants to make that, their, candidacy about something so they have to fight about the platform. But if you do not let them, you can [inaudible] their efforts

So that's what we did in 1988 and in 2004 frankly, I never read it. So, a fellow named Jonathan [inaudible] did a very good job on it I'm sure, but, I didn't read it.