

**Think.**

**Think  
Issues.**

**Think  
Democratic  
Leadership  
Council.**

**Think  
DLC  
Leadership  
Training  
in Chicago.**



**Think Convention.**

**Think 1996.**

**Think Ideas.**

### **What's next for the Democratic Party?**

With his declaration that "the era of big government is over," President Clinton has challenged all Democrats to re-examine our assumptions about governing in the next century. The DLC invites you to take up this challenge and join us at the Democratic Convention in Chicago for a serious exchange of ideas about the future of progressive politics in America.

We've planned a series of forums and workshops on a range of issues – from substantive questions like economic growth – to provocative political analysis – to ways in which Democrats can take on issues they don't like to talk about but *should*: values, crime, entitlements, and more. The discussions promise to be lively.

These events are open to all convention participants. Through the forums, we hope to create a place where all Democrats can come together and discuss how to build a new political majority based on innovative and powerful ideas.

For over a decade, the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) and our think tank, the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), have been ahead of the curve in addressing many of the difficult choices facing both our party and our country. Please join us in Chicago – and together, let us all begin to shape the future of progressive Democratic politics in America.

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## ISSUE FORUMS & WORKSHOPS

The "Ahead of the Curve" Leadership Training Sessions will be open to all convention participants.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1996**

### **9 a.m. Issue Forum: New Democrats & the New Progressive Agenda**

A discussion of the Progressive Foundation's New Progressive Declaration – a bold agenda that lays out the challenge of governing in the Information Age – with DLC Chairman and Connecticut **Senator Joe Lieberman**, DLC President **Al From**, and others. Greetings from Chicago **Mayor Richard Daley\***. New Democrat "rising stars" – including Indiana **Governor Evan Bayh\***, California **Assemblyman Louis Caldera\***, Colorado **Minority Leader Peggy Kerns\***, New York **State Comptroller Carl McCall\***, and Wisconsin **State Representative Antonio Riley** – talk about steps Democrats must take to stay ahead of the curve. Presentation by pollster **Stan Greenberg** and Minnesota **State Senator Ted Mondale** of new research on young voters.

### **Noon Workshop: Consumer Choice Health Care**

Roll up your sleeves with **David Kendall**, PPI's senior analyst for health care and author of the DLC's forthcoming consumer-choice health care "toolkit," and **Ted Mondale** for an intensive working session on how to speak effectively about health care reform.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1996**

### **9 a.m. Issue Forum: Issues Democrats Don't Like to Talk About — And Why They Should**

Tackling the tough subjects: **Joe Lieberman** on values. **Martin Koldyke**, chairman of the Chicago School Finance Authority, **Paul Vallas**, CEO of the Chicago school system, and **Gery Chico**, chairman of the Chicago School Board, on achieving real educational change. Nebraska **Senator Bob Kerrey\*** on "touching the third rail" of entitlement reform.

### **Noon Workshop: Welfare**

**Ed Kilgore**, DLC political director and former PPI senior fellow, and **Antonio Riley** – the principal Democratic sponsor of Wisconsin's pioneering welfare plan – use the DLC Blueprint for Change, "Work First: A

\* Denotes invited speakers

# THE DEMOCRAT



*Dear Fellow Democrats,*

As you look forward to Convention week in Chicago, I hope you'll take a moment to acquaint yourself with the work of the Democratic Leadership Council.

The DLC was founded in 1985 by Democrats who sought to renew our party's sense of national purpose and restore its competitiveness in national elections. For the past decade, we have worked to reclaim the Democratic Party's historic role as the voice of progressive change in America.

By any measure, we've accomplished a lot. We've influenced the political debate on issues from welfare reform to crime. In 1992, a past chairman of the DLC, Bill Clinton, won election to the presidency campaigning on many New Democrat ideas. We've helped to reintroduce talk of values like community and responsibility into our party's agenda – and this has been good for all Democrats.

Still, we have a long way to go. I believe the Democratic Party **can** reclaim the allegiance of America's broad middle class – and build a lasting governing majority – but only with new ideas. And I believe the DLC can help Democrats meet that goal. I hope you'll read about our work – take a look at our magazine and our web site – come to our issue sessions in Chicago – and then join us in building a new progressive politics for America.

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Joe Lieberman".

*Senator Joe Lieberman,  
DLC Chair*

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## What We Stand For

**THE PROMISE OF AMERICA IS  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL,  
SPECIAL PRIVILEGE FOR NONE.**

*The Democratic Leadership Council advocates  
the following principles for public policy:*

- The private sector, not government, should be the primary engine for **ECONOMIC GROWTH**.
- The **VALUES** that most Americans share—liberty of conscience, individual responsibility, tolerance, work, faith, family, and community—should be embodied in the policies of our government.
- America needs a renewed ethic of **CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY** in which people who receive government help have an obligation to give something back to the country.
- In foreign policy, America should lead other nations toward **DEMOCRACY** and market economics.
- As advocates of activist government, we need to **REINVENT GOVERNMENT** so that it is both more responsive to those it serves and more accountable to taxpayers who pay for it.

# COUNCIL: AHEAD



## What We Have To Offer

**IDEAS.** Our think tank, the Progressive Policy Institute, works to devise new policies that carve out a third way – beyond the traditional left-right debate – in economic, social and foreign policy, and politics and governance.

### **POLITICAL STRATEGIES.**

To **respond** to the conservative challenge without simply defending every government program.

To **attract** the growing ranks of the “politically homeless” – especially young voters and so-called “Reagan Democrats” – back to the Democratic side.

To **address** public concerns that many Democrats do not often talk about – values, fiscal discipline, entitlement reform, school reform, and decentralizing government – while maintaining a distinctively progressive point of view.

To **counter** conserva-

tive “wedge issue” efforts to exploit cultural fragmentation and racial tensions by appealing to our common interests as citizens.

**NETWORK.** Throughout the country, political leaders, elected officials, scholars, citizen activists, and members of the business community have joined to develop progressive new ideas and turn them into action at all levels of government.

**PUBLICATIONS.** Our flagship magazine, *The New Democrat*, plus PPI policy papers, political analysis, and issue briefs will keep you up-to-the-minute on a wide range of new ideas and how Democrats can use them.

**WEB SITE.** Access all this information and more through our exciting e-mail service, *DLCMail*, and the DLC-PPI World Wide Web site, <http://www.dlcpipi.org>.

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## How to Join

**DLC Membership:**  \$50  
 \$20 (student)

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Enclosed is my check  Bill me

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1. Call 1-800-546-0027. Within Washington, D.C., metro areas, call (202) 544-6172.
2. Fax this application with your payment to (202) 544-5002.
3. Mail it to DLC Membership, 518 C Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Please make checks payable to the DLC.
4. E-mail [info@dlcppi.org](mailto:info@dlcppi.org).

**Contributions to the DLC are not tax deductible.**

# TRAINING SESSIONS

Progressive Strategy to Replace Welfare with a Cooperative Employment System," as a guide for teaching Democratic activists how to reform welfare in their states.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1996**

## **9 a.m. Issue Forum: The Era of Big Government is Over — What's Next?**

DLC Vice Chairman and Colorado **Governor Roy Romer\*** on "Governing Outside the Boxes." PPI President **Will Marshall** on replacing paternalistic bureaucracies with Information Age models for governance. PPI Vice President **Robert Shapiro** on how to promote growth in the new economy and what that means for Democrats. **Doug Ross**, former Assistant Secretary of Labor; **Kathleen Sylvester**, PPI vice president for domestic policy; Milwaukee **Mayor John Norquist\***; California **State Controller Kathleen Connell\***; and Utah **Senate Minority Leader Scott Howell** of IBM on new ways to achieve progressive ends through non-bureaucratic means.

## **Noon Workshop: Teen Pregnancy**

Join **Kathleen Sylvester**, author of the DLC Blueprint for Change, "Reducing Teenage Pregnancy: A Handbook for Action," and **Peggy Kerns\***, a leader on social and family policy in Colorado, for this strategy session to find solutions to the rising rate of teenage pregnancy in this country.

## **Think Chicago!**

## **Think Ahead!**

## **Think Now!**

All DLC Leadership Training Sessions will be held at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, Fifth Floor Ballroom. The hotel is located at 540 N. Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Sessions are open to the general public, but space is limited. For more information, or to pre-register, call the DLC before Wednesday, August 21, at 1-800-546-0027 (202/546-0007 in the Washington, D.C., metro area), or e-mail us at [info@dlcppi.org](mailto:info@dlcppi.org).