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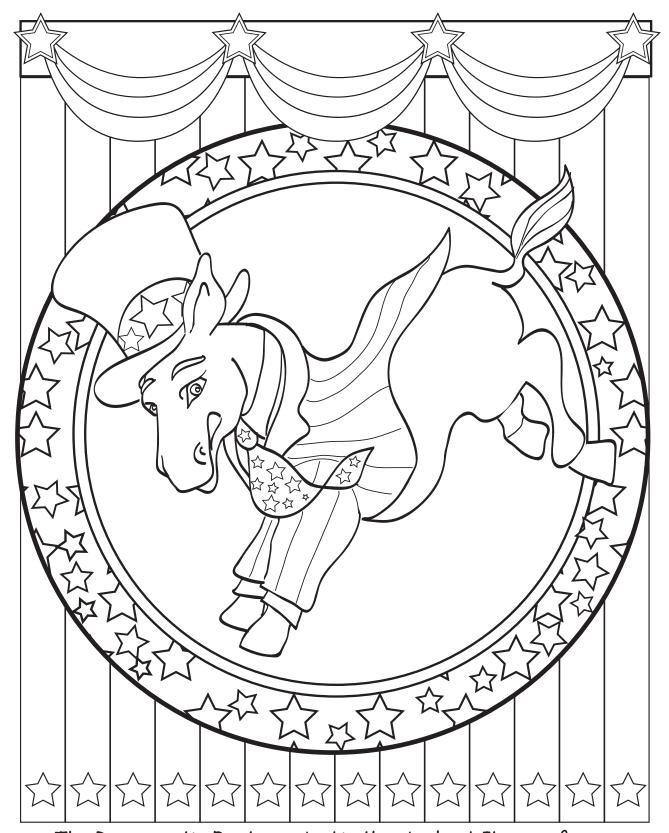
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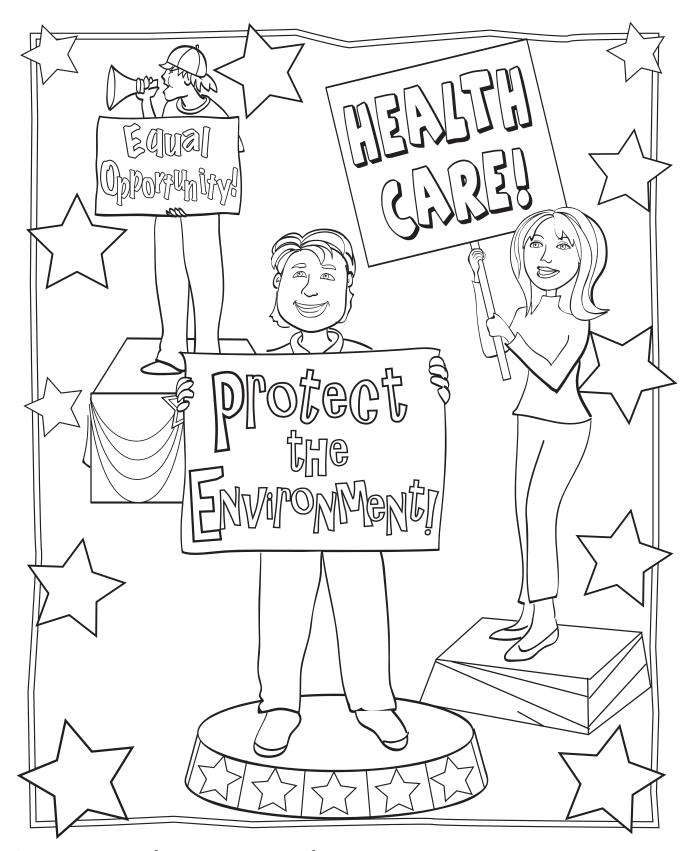
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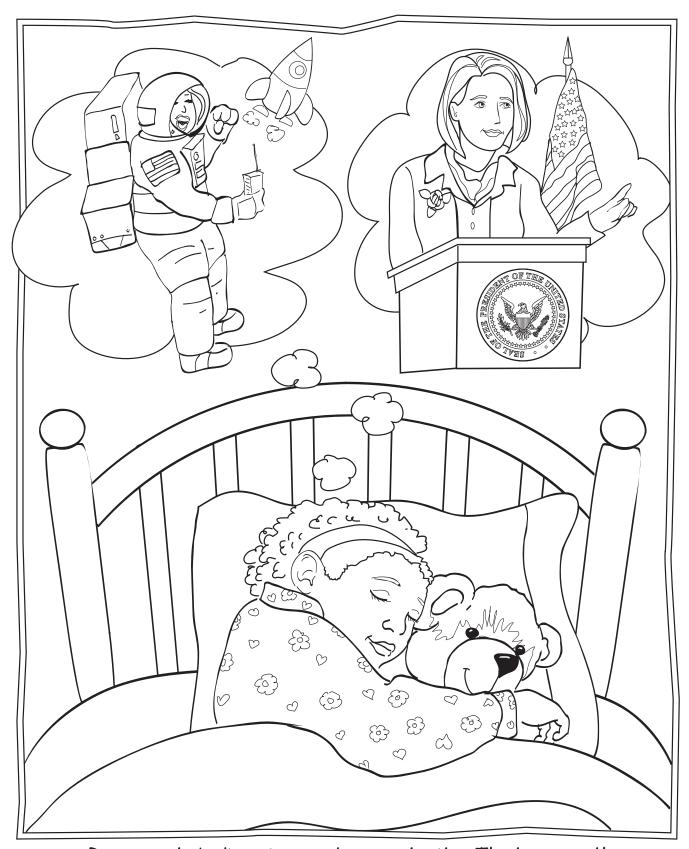
The Democratic Party symbol is the donkey! It came from an 1874 cartoon making fun of political parties. To many Democrats, the donkey symbolizes determination and courage!





A political platform is the set of ideas and issues that a political party believes in. The Democratic platform includes equal opportunity, protecting the environment, and health care for everyone!





Democrats believe in equal opportunity. That means the government should make sure people of every sex, race, and religion have equal opportunities for jobs and education.

