

Democratic Party

Left parties the world over were founded to advance the fortunes of working people.

But our left party in America

– one of our two monopoly parties – chose long ago to turn its back on these people's concerns, making itself instead into the tribune of the enlightened professional class, a “creative class” that makes innovative things like derivative securities and smartphone apps.

The working people that the party used to care about, Democrats figured, had nowhere else to go, in the famous Clinton-era expression. The party just didn't need to listen to them any longer.

Thomas Frank, *Rendezvous with Oblivion*