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This is the #DemPartyPlatform for 2020. This part is called: RESTORING AND STRENGTHENING OUR DEMOCRACY: Building an Effective, Transparent Federal Government/Only one party understands that qualified, dedicated civil servants serve the people & this nation, not special interests. 1/12

Every federal employee swears an oath to support and defend the Constitution. 2/12 #DemPartyPlatform #FederalWorkers #CivilService #transparency

It is a sacred promise to the American people—that federal workers, both civil servants and political appointees, will put the interests of the many ahead of their own personal concerns. 3/12 #DemPartyPlatform #CivilService #transparency

President Trump and his Administration have abused the trust between the American people and their government—including by denigrating civil servants, directing federal grants and contracts toward their cronies and political donors, 4/12 <https://t.co/ldFNOx5ghZ> #DemPartyPlatform

The Trump Administration has been inappropriately interfering with federal investigations and firing independent watchdogs, retaliating against whistleblowers, failing to share information as required with Congress, 5/12 #DemPartyPlatform #transparency #Whistleblower

And The Trump Administration most nefariously, violated the law by withholding congressionally appropriated funds in an attempt to get a foreign government to interfere in America's elections. 6/12 #DemPartyPlatform #QuidProQuo #transparency

#Democrats will establish a commission on federal ethics to aggressively enforce and strengthen federal ethics laws, including rules around personal financial disclosures for Executive Branch officials, 7/12 #DemPartyPlatform #FederalEthics #transparency

Democrats will make campaign finance, financial disclosure & lobbying disclosure filings easier for the public to access & understand. We support requiring all candidates for federal office, including presidential candidates, to publicly disclose at least 10 years of tax returns. 8/12

The American people deserve assurances that their elected officials and federal appointees work for them, not for special interests. 9/12 #DemPartyPlatform #transparency

#Democrats will re-establish merit-based federal contracting decisions and prohibit political appointees, at the White House or in agency leadership, from interfering in grantmaking. 10/12
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#Democrats will restore and re-empower independent inspectors general across the federal government and work to strengthen whistleblower protections to fully protect federal employees from retaliation. 11/12 #DemPartyPlatform
#ProtectWhistleblowers #transparency

#Democrats will ban #lobbying by foreign governments and significantly lower the threshold for having to register as a federal lobbyist in order to close loopholes that allow special interests to secretly influence policymaking in Congress and across the federal government.12/12