



DEWEY CHEATEM

EVERYBODY IN, NOBODY OUT

Approximately 20,000 people descend upon the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in anticipation of seeing Senator Dewey Cheatem officially launch his campaign for re-election. Thousands of attendees are holding placards reading “Dewey Cheatem: Everybody in, nobody out!” The crowd roars as Senator Cheatem walks out on stage.

“Welcome, friends--thank you all for coming!” Cheatem announces, with a broad smile across his face as the crowd continues to cheer. “As I have said so many times before, this campaign is not about me, it’s about all of us. No politician can do anything by himself. It is only by working as part of a movement that any of us can get anything done. And so I therefore owe all of you a big thanks for the work you have done with me this past term to move this country ever-closer to realizing the promises made in our founding documents--of liberty and equality.

“Together, we have have enacted the most far-reaching reforms to our judicial system in decades, if not longer. We passed the [Ensuring the Right to Trial Act](#), which at long last reversed the trend of privatization of our judicial system and legally guaranteed employees and consumers their right to have their day in front of a jury, not an arbitrator in the pocket of large corporations. We passed the [Civil Rights Protection Act](#), which for the first time allowed individuals to sue their state when the state violates their civil rights. We passed the [Adjustment of Criminal](#)

[Penalties for Minors Act](#), which curtailed the efforts of overzealous prosecutors to send children to jail for sending inappropriate selfies. And, what's more, we passed these bills with widespread, bipartisan support!"

"We have also worked hard to expand the power of the working class. Even in the face of overwhelming opposition by the forces of the capitalist class, we have made substantial progress. We have introduced for consideration a broad range of bills, like the [Productive Labor Act of 2019](#), which would end the preferential tax treatment of people who invest for a living, which are designed to make small changes to the law which have a huge impact. As a result, the billionaires are afraid of us now; this is why they've sent partisan hack and general nobody /u/Gunnz011. Have any of you all heard of him? He seems to just keep running for senate again and again no matter how many times he loses!" *The crowd laughs and jeers.*

"My opponent claims that I am 'partisan.'--though of course he only speaks in generalities" *Cheatem pauses to chuckle, and the crowd jeers again.* "This says more about him than it does about me: anyone even passingly familiar with my work would be aware that I voted with Senator /u/kingthero, of the centrist Bull Moose Party, over 70 percent of the time! I even intervened in a lawsuit to defend Republican Governor /u/BranofRaisin's executive order when his own administration proved incapable of doing so. And, of course, I have worked alongside Democratic senators /u/Shockular and /u/Zairn on legislation in the Senate."

"But if by calling me 'partisan' my opponent just means to complain that I don't support more of his party's radical, right-wing agenda, then he is right--and I welcome his hatred. I am happy to work with my colleagues, but I will not vote for an unlimited right to bear arms; I will not vote to roll back the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; I will not vote to make the rich richer and the poor poorer. If this is 'partisan', then I plead guilty!" *Cheatem's voice rises as he speaks so that he can be heard over a growing cheer that grows to a roar.*

When the crowd's cheering dies down, Cheatem begins speaking again. "This brings me to the purpose of this event tonight--I want to share with you all something you may already know: I am running for re-election to the United States Senate. If you re-elect me, I promise you all to continue to push for *real* criminal justice reform, for economic justice policies with real teeth, for the rights we have fought for so long to achieve. I will work with my colleagues to the extent that I can--but where their proposals are fundamentally incompatible with the values you all have elected me to represent, I will stand my ground. The right wing can call me anything they want; they can call me a "radical," they can call me a "traitor," they can call me every nasty word that they know--they can even call me a "partisan"--but I will never back down, and never stop fighting alongside you.

“Now say it with me, folks: everybody in; nobody out!” The crowd enthusiastically takes up the chant, as United States Senator Dewey Cheatem walks off of the stage.