

Dems Try to Stop Socialist from Challenging Trump

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Even with the vindictive Hillary Clinton out of the way, the Democratic National Committee remains hellbent on preventing socialist Senator Bernie Sanders from becoming their nominee for president in 2020.

The DNC's rules and bylaws committee quietly adopted a new rule Friday designed to prevent outsiders from ever assuming the party's nomination. The rule forces candidates in the Democratic presidential primary to state, in no uncertain terms, that they are Democrats. ([Yahoo News](#))

“At the time a presidential candidate announces their candidacy publicly, they must publicly affirm that they are a Democrat,” the rule says. “Each candidate pursuing the Democratic nomination shall affirm, in writing, to the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee that they: A. are a member of the Democratic Party; B. will accept the Democratic nomination; and C. will run and serve as a member of the Democratic Party.”

The rule seems like a clear response to Sanders, who caucuses with Democrats in the Senate but has steadfastly maintained his status as an independent. Sanders ran to the left of Clinton and identifies himself as a “democratic socialist.”

During the 2016 primary, Clinton and her supporters regularly criticized Sanders for his lack of an official affiliation with the party. After an unexpectedly close race, Sanders ultimately lost to Clinton. His base of support included younger voters and independents, whom many Democrats see as vital to the party if it hopes to avoid a repeat of its defeat to Trump in 2016. Many Sanders supporters angrily felt the DNC [stacked the deck in Clinton's favor](#), a perception that was amplified by hacked emails from party leaders that were published by Wikileaks in the lead-up to the party's 2016 convention.

Despite Hillary's embarrassing – and hilarious – loss to Donald Trump, the Democratic party establishment desperately wants to control the nominating process regardless of the will of the party's voters.

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