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Why the DNC Chose Perez as New Chief

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The new chair of the Democratic National Committee will be Barack Obama's former labor secretary Tom Perez. In what proved to be a tight vote, Perez beat out Keith Ellison, the former Nation of Islam member and representative from Minnesota. While the mainstream media portrayed Perez's election as evidence that Democrats are seeking to moderate their current hard-left stance, the reality is that both candidates are committed lefties.

Perez was one of the most leftist members of Barack Obama's cabinet and a radical and relentless ideologue. For example, he has long touted the "disparate-impact theory" — a blatantly racist method for economic control. The Cato Institute's Ilya Shapiro explained, "He essentially operationalized Eric Holder's radicalization of the Department of Justice." And Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said, "Perez has shown a glaring inability to tell the truth and dispassionately apply the basic constitutional tenet of 'equal justice under law.'"

In the end, the primary reason Democrats chose Perez rather than Ellison may have more to do with a strategy to oppose Donald Trump specifically over the issue of immigration. Perez, who is Hispanic, has a long history of pushing for legal acceptance of illegal immigration. He is an open-borders proponent, is strongly opposed to voter ID laws and has consistently pushed for greater expansion of government programs designed to support illegal aliens. Democrats would love nothing more than to create another solid voting block out of Hispanics like they currently have with blacks. Redefining immigration appears to be their recipe.

Finally, Perez left no doubt as to whether or not Democrats will seek to moderate and work with Trump. Perez declared in his acceptance speech, "We will be able to say that the Democratic Party led the resistance and made sure this was a one-term president." For his part, Trump offered a cheeky congratulation, tweeting, "I could not be happier for him, or for the Republican Party!"