

## **Is DNC Still Trying to Rig Its Own Primaries?**

ATLANTA GA – In 2016, top officials in the Democratic National Committee (DNC) **conspired** to spread negative information about Bernie Sanders and coordinated with the Clinton campaign to help Hillary Clinton win the Presidential Primary nomination. Related [communications](#) among those officials were revealed when WikiLeaks released confidential Emails they obtained after a DNC server was hacked. Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Brad Marshall, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Amy Dacey and Spokesperson Luis Miranda **immediately resigned** just over a week after the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Email release indicated **they had interfered with the DNC Presidential Primary election**.

But even under a new management team led by Chairman Tom Perez the DNC seems to be back up to those old tricks. In 2019, the team appeared to be on the right track after establishing reasonably fair, logical and progressive debate rules that allowed a wide variety of Presidential candidates to be heard while narrowing the field with more stringent requirements for subsequent debates. But midstream in the 2020 Presidential race, **DNC leadership decided to change the debate rules twice** in opposite directions for apparent political purposes.

After several debates, the DNC suddenly [removed the minimum small donor requirement](#). [That change allowed](#) billionaire donor Michael Bloomberg to participate in the February 2020 debate although he could not otherwise qualify. A week before the March 15<sup>th</sup> debate the DNC [changed the requirement](#) allowing all candidates who won delegates to debate. That change excluded Rep. Tulsi Gabbard who is still running for President with Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders.

Gabbard, a native Samoan, won delegates in American Samoa despite extensive spending by Bloomberg there. Bloomberg hired seven paid staffers to campaign in American Samoa but had no staffers in 20 states. He garnered nearly 50% of the vote and four delegates while Gabbard received nearly 30% of the vote and two delegates. As a result of the new rule, Gabbard will not appear in tonight's debate that will include only Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden.

All of the questionable activities and decisions made by the DNC leadership team in both Presidential Primaries benefited establishment candidates at the expense of more independent Democrats. As the DNC calls on its base for unity, its actions indicate that it only wants unity behind an establishment candidate.

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