

William Lawrence Founded The Local Chapter Of The Democratic Socialists Of America And Is Running For Congress As A Socialist. On His Podcast, He Announced That His Goal Is “Winning Full Socialism In The United States” And To “Redistribute All The Land And All The Money.”

The Founding Meeting Of The Lansing DSA Was Held In Lawrence’s Living Room

AUDIO: The Founding Meeting Of The Lansing DSA Was Reportedly Held In Lawrence’s Living Room. JESSICA NEWMAN: “Will Lawrence they they just came out his dues lapsed but I don’t know that that’s a surprise but I met him at the founding meeting of – I met him before that but I was at the founding meeting of Lansing DSA in his living room.” (“MIRS Monday Podcast,” [MIRS Monday](#), 8/10/26) Minute 14:00

Lawrence, A Member Of The DSA, Said He Calls Himself A Socialist

VIDEO: In July 2027, Lawrence Said “People Will Call Me A Socialist. Sometimes I Call Myself A Socialist, Other Times Not.” LAWRENCE: “So that's what I mean when I say social democracy and when I say libertarian socialism, you know, don't label yourself because it's like later. But but you know, I think what it says there is that I think that there's I identify with parts of the libertarian St. that exists in the United States, the small R Republicanism, the fear of bigness, the fear of Big Brother, whether that's government or corporations and a belief that there's something about America in particular that is about, you know, community life and self determination of the sort that people are seeking when they're opposing these big data centers because they say we want the ability to determine this for ourselves. And then when I, you know, people will call me a socialist. Sometimes I call myself a socialist, other times not. Sometimes I call myself a progressive, a conservative, a law and order candidate, and I think I am all of the above, but just that | believe that unchecked capitalism is killing people.” (William Lawrence Town Hall, 7/9/26) Minute 36:14 – 37:15

In 2026, WHMI Reported That Lawrence Was A Member Of The DSA. “Lawrence helped organize the Sunrise Movement's early campus network between 2017 and 2020, growing what began as a student-led effort into a coordinated climate advocacy organization spanning more than 100 college campuses. He also founded the Mid-Michigan Tenant Resource Center and became involved in housing advocacy through the Michigan Rent Is Too Damn High Coalition. Although he is a member of the Democratic Socialists of America, Lawrence downplayed the ‘democratic socialist’ label. ‘If democratic socialism is believing that everybody deserves a good job and a good home and we should have healthcare that covers us for life, then, yeah, you can call me a democratic socialist or whatever you want,’ he said.” (Matthew Hutchinson, Democratic Congressional Candidate William Lawrence Criticizes Iran Strikes, Calls For Shift In U.S. Priorities, [WHMI](#), 4/4/26)

On May 5, 2024, Lawrence Was A Guest On A Podcast That Noted His Membership With The DSA. (Ep 280 William Lawrence Considers Current DSA Divisions and Possible Solutions, [Revolution Z](#), 5/5/24)

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Ep 280 of RevolutionZ has as guest William Lawrence, cofounder of the Sunrise Movement, housing organizer, DSA member, and much more, to discuss the inner workings and ideological conflicts within the Democratic Socialists of America. Should DSA work within the Democratic Party to expand progressive representation, or should it cut ties completely and forge a new path without electoral emphasis? What existing structural features exacerbate factionalism? What new features might prevent ideological conflict from overshadowing policy discourse, or vice versa? Reform or revolution--or both? Biden or Never Biden--or both?

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(Ep 280 William Lawrence Considers Current DSA Divisions and Possible Solutions, [Revolution Z](#), 5/5/24)

Lawrence Supported Redistributing “All The Land And All The Money” And Said People Should Be Concerned With Winning “Full Socialism” In The United States

Lawrence: Said Redistributing “All The Land And All The Money” Would Be “Just” Because The Inequality That Exists Today “It Is The Result Of Violence And Evil Deeds.”

LAWRENCE: “But I really think that if we could, I think we are lacking for a framework that can, that can make sense of how to be revolutionary in the sense of truly, truly, wanting a world without borders and wanting to redistribute all the land and all the money and knowing that historically speaking that would be just if it were to occur because it is the result of violence and evil deeds that the inequality exists today while existing in the conditions and meeting people where they’re at and trying to do something that is gonna save somebody’s life now or is to build power now.” (“Protecting Our Migrant Neighbors, with Jacinta González,” [Hedgemonicon](#), 10/22/24)

Lawrence Said “We Should Be Concerned With Winning Full Socialism In The United States.”

LAWRENCE: “Therefore, socialists in the United States should be at least as occupied with restraining the beast and preserving space for sovereign self-determination by oppressed peoples abroad, as we should be concerned with winning full socialism in the United States” (“What We’ve Learned. Where We Go Next.” [Hedgemonicon](#), 10/29/24)