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## BRAINSTORMING WORKSHEETS

In brainstorming, a group is encouraged to contribute suggestions as they occur to them. Everyone is free to speak up with ideas with no comments or judgements being made about any contribution. Of course, some ideas can build on other ideas and, out of the many ideas suggested, there will be some of great value. Because of the free-thinking environment, the session will help promote radical new ideas which break free from normal ways of thinking. *Check www.advancedbrainstorming.com and other sites for more info.*

Using these blank sheets, come up with some ideas on how your group can work on each of Democracy for America's core principles and goals. Since the goals are derived from the principles, you should expect some of the ideas to overlap. Choose some activities to follow-up on. Set timelines and goals for each activity, assigning volunteer teams as necessary.

### Our Core Principles

First, we are committed to strong, sustained, active grassroots involvement in the democratic process.

Second, we are committed to promoting an America where candidates and office holders tell the truth about policy choices and stand up for what they believe.

Third, we are committed to fighting against the influence and agenda of the two pillars of George W. Bush's Washington: the far right wing and their radical, divisive policies, and the selfish special interests who dominate politics.

Fourth, we are committed to fighting for progressive policies, like health care for all; investment in children; equal rights under the law; fiscal responsibility; environmental protection; and a national security policy that makes America stronger by advancing progressive values.

### Our Goals

1. Recruit and encourage progressive candidates to run for office at every level. We will help them find the resources to campaign successfully with small donations from grassroots supporters, to begin to break the stranglehold special interests have on the political process.

2. Raise funds for Congressional candidates for whom financial support could be the key to winning, and whose election will be key to winning back a House of Representatives that has become the tool of the right wing.

3. Develop strategic partnerships with other progressive organizations to maximize resources for candidate recruitment, training, and organization.

4. Build relationships with other political initiatives to focus on the failed, destructive policies of the Bush Administration.

5. Harness the power of the Internet to enlarge and support our grassroots organization.

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