

Democrats Abroad Logo Usage and Branding Guidelines 2014

As Democrats Abroad celebrates its 50th Anniversary, it is a good time to evaluate our branding across the entire global organization. We have made refinements to the current logo to make it easier to incorporate into a wide range of communications items from printed flyers to give-away items to online social media.

If you have questions about the logo and how to use it, contact members of the Communications Committee at com@democratsabroad.org









The current logo, designed in 2006, has served us well to help unify the Democrats Abroad brand across print and online platforms. However, it can be difficult to work with in certain situations.

The new version features the words "Democrats" and "Abroad" the same size. The star and stripes are in a new proportion to the words to allow for a flush alignment along the left edge.

The current web version, also used on banners and other one-off print applications where ink coverage is not an issue.

In the new web logo, the stripes maintain the same relationship to the star that they have in the print version. This detail should help with scalability of the logo.



Logo Variations















Logo with Integrated Country Names











The diagram above shows the size and placement relationships between the logo and country name. These relationships are scalable across applications and will help maintain a consistent look across all chapters.

Logos with country/chapter name configuration will be supplied to members for use on chapter-specific items.



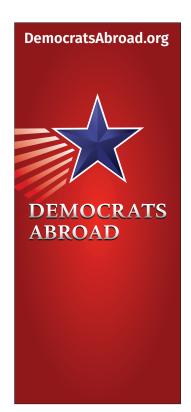
democratsabroad.org

Democrats Abroad is a global organization with a larger function than maintaining its web site! It is true that democratsabroad.org is a primary hub of information but it should represent the whole organization.

Communications materials should drive users to the site as a part of the larger entity. Below are some options for incorporating the URL into the official logo configuration.



Please discontinue use of these versions of the logo immediately.











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VotefromAbroadorg DEMOCRATS ABROAD★ORG

The version above was created for specialized usage in combination with the VotefromAbroad logo. The tearsheet to the right is an example of the organization logo with a separate but stylized version of the Democrats Abroad URL.





Color Palette



4/color process dark blue: C96.1 M98.55 Y37.93 K45.49 light blue: C35.53 M26.82 Y0 K0 red: C20.87 M97.06 Y91.03 K11.69



2/color blue: PMS 2765 red: PMS 1805



3/color blue: PMS 2765 red: PMS 1805 light blue: PMS 2716



web safe dark blue: 330033 light blue: 9999CC red: CC3333



2/color blue: PMS 2765 and light blue: 50% 2765 red: PMS 1805



Typeface Recommendations

When selecting a typeface to accompany the Democrats Abroad logo on communications materials, look for a typeface with contrasting characteristics to the logo. Since the Democrats Abroad logotype is a serif font, a sans serif generally contrasts well.



News Gothic Bold rather narrow, allows more text in a small space.

Bodoni the extreme thick and thin strokes contrast with the logotype.

Scala a contemporary serif typeface useful for large bodies of text.



This font is News Gothic Bold. As a rather narrow typeface, it allows for slightly more type in a small space. Other sans serif options that are generally accessible:

Helvetica Arial

Calibri

Serif fonts are better for large bodies of text because they are generally easier to read. Other serif options include:

Cambria

Times

The example above uses two typefaces that contrast well with each other, and with the two logos at the bottom of the page. Note that the Democrats Abroad logo above is the new version.

The typefaces listed above are licensed and must be purchased in order to use them. Graphic designers tend to have many fonts to choose from. If you are not working with a designer, there are free fonts available that are acceptable for use with the logo.

Please note: The typefaces used in the Democrats Abroad and Vote from Abroad logos are called Adobe Garamond and Vista Sans, respectively. However, these fonts should not be used on communications materials with the logos in order to keep the logos distinct from the headlines or text within the materials.



Social Media Usage





Screenshots of recent Democrats Abroad pages from Facebook and Twitter, with the new logo inserted for demonstration.