I think both sides can be hypocritical.
user1

I think both parties have plenty of folks that you could call "hypocritical", but the Republicans stated goals vs. their behavior seems to be a bit higher.
user2

Personally, I don't like any of the "old guard" in either party.
user2

Sure. I tend to agree with that.
user1

I think this is a bit of a softball question, because since we're both self-identified Democrats, it's almost expected that we're going to say "Republicans are worse."
user2

I think it is more important for both sides to come together and work together rather than point the finger at each other and claim hypocrisy.
user1

I think a lot of "average" citizens that identify as Democrats forget that their chosen party is loaded with millionaires at the national level, just like the GOP.
user2

It would be nice, but both sides are way too concerned with firing up their respective bases.
user2

No wonder it is so difficult to get passed the "status quo" all of the time.
user1

Because prominent Dems like Nancy Pelosi or Chuck Schumer certainly are not going to benefit from any of the policies their constituents want.
user2

So there's not exactly a personal motivation to actually get much done.
user2

I used to do speech writing for the Democratic party at my local level, and it's super-common. Everyone loves the power and authority that comes from being a politician or in the general orbit of them.
user2

That is another great point. Who doesn't like the fame and attention of it all?
user1

And so they worry far more about themselves than anyone else. They love the praise and admiration, and rankle at criticism. How many times have we seen Dems do the "I know better than you" smug finger-waggle directed at voters.
user2

It doesn't help anything, and it plays right into the Republican outrage strategy.
user2

I mean, I can't fault them for enjoying their positions, but it's definitely hypocritical of them to pretend they can empathize with a single mother on food stamps when they're making a quarter of a million dollars per year and working what..six months?
user2

It is true that we need a balance of power between both parties so that one side doesn't become so strong .
user1

We definitely need better representation overall, because most of the time, there's not much difference in the nation when you have a GOP majority, vs. a Democratic majority. The only difference is in the tone and tenor of the speeches.
user2