

WHY VOTE GREEN?

FOR PEOPLE: Greens support **universal health care** for all. Currently we have OVER 18,000 AMERICANS DYING each year simply due to lack of good coverage. Obama-care leaves insurance corporations in charge, and penalizes those who cannot afford insurance by mandating that they buy private insurance or be fined.

Greens condemn the targeting of **Social Security** as a means of bringing down the deficit. Social Security is not part of the problem; the program pays for itself, is fully solvent until 2035, and can easily be kept solvent after that by simply raising the income cap on Social Security taxes. (Currently, income over \$107,000 is not taxed for Social Security.)

Greens adamantly **oppose the wars** in Iraq and Afghanistan, the air attacks on Libya, drone attacks on Pakistan, use of mercenaries, and the concept of “pre-emptive war.” No blood for oil!

Greens support an increase in **small, diversified farms** and work to move away from large-scale corporate agriculture, which has resulted in the chemical contamination of our food, soils, and water, and now poses new threats through genetic engineering of plants and food animals.

The Green Party **opposed the big bank bailouts**. We support a “**living minimum wage**,” a **moratorium on home foreclosures**, and **economic incentives for small businesses**.

FOR THE EARTH: No BP oil spills or Fukushimas on a Green watch!

Greens **oppose Obama’s call for a “new generation of nuclear power plants” and call for a phase-out of existing nuclear power**. We work for appropriately sited/scaled **wind and solar power, increased efficiency standards**, and a deep commitment to **conservation** to meet energy needs. We must also move away from destructive coal and biomass production.

We **consistently opposed offshore oil drilling and fracking**, and believe we must transition to earth-gentle technologies rather than continue to destroy our oceans and land.

GPPI calls for a **moratorium on sulfide ore mining in our state**. Such mining cannot be done without causing toxic acid mine drainage into our water-rich ecosystems.

We support a greatly increased effort at **recycling of metal, paper, and plastic** rather than continuing with business-as-usual mining, new plastic production, and over-logging.

Greens take the threats of ozone depletion, climate change, acid rain, and chemical poisoning of our environment very seriously and work to address the roots of these problems. **What we do not take is corporate contributions - which means, unlike the two major parties, we do not have our hands tied by being beholden to those often responsible for the problems.**

FOR OUR DEMOCRACY: Demand a **verifiable paper trail** for electronic voting machines, and encourage use of paper ballots to prevent large-scale computer voting fraud.

Greens seek **repeal of the Patriot Act**, which undermines our freedom by giving sweeping powers of surveillance and investigation to domestic and foreign intelligence agencies.

We believe the **electoral college** is an insult to American voters and should be abolished.

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