

Globally

Around the Country

Across the nation, the Green Party is entering into the imagination and political landscape of the United States. As people came to know our platform and our values (partly through the Nader campaign of 2000), Greens have been elected to office in over 20 states, and are showing they can govern — from zoning boards to city councils, and from rural settings to urban centers.

Youth is a Key

Our major asset and source of great hope is the influx and excitement of young people to this movement for social and economic justice and ecological wisdom. Over 3000 youth and 450 delegates attended the founding of the Campus Greens in Chicago.

We Are Not Alone – Globalization, the Green Way

In April 2001 over 70 countries (from every continent) sent 800 delegates to Canberra, Australia to meet and develop a worldwide movement and to adopt a Global Green Charter, a document whose basic points of agreement lead the way to a more peaceful, healthy, just, and democratic world.

Florida Issues and Concerns

The Green Party has its work cut out in Florida.

Some State Problems:

- High in Poor Health Care
- High in poverty rate
- Low in Pre-natal care
- Low in wages
- High in Corruption
- High in overcrowded classrooms
- High in Natural beauty, but Low in Environmental Protection
- Low in Educational expenditure

Join the fight for solutions:

- Ending Regressive Taxation (& end loopholes)
- Strengthening of Workers' Rights
- Setting A Living Wage for All
- Universal Health Care
- Protecting our Natural Resources
- Public Financing of Political campaigns
- End Taxpayer subsidies for Corporations
- Equal Treatment of Immigrants Regardless of Origin

Help Us Grow

Join us

Participate in the growth of this dynamic grassroots party!

Contribute

with your donation of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or more today! Any amount will help!

Make checks payable to:

Green Party of Florida

Donations to the GPF may be deductible as a political contribution on your state (not federal) income tax return up to \$50 for an individual or \$100 on a joint return.

Election law requires that you list your occupation with your donation and for your donations over \$200 (accumulated per year), your employer as well.

Voting Justice

THE KEY TO CHANGE


To make our elections fair and truly democratic, we must eliminate the winner-take-all election system where one group imposes its will on the rest of the population. Democracy requires the following changes to our elections system:

Electoral Reforms

1. **Public Financing** - end the corrupting power of money; candidates can seek public support for ideas and not scurry after big money.
2. **Proportional Representation** - for legislative races; candidates with 30% of the vote get 30% representation.
3. **Preferential Voting** - such as IRV (Instant Run-off Voting) or Condorcet. Voters rank choices (1st, 2nd, etc.). With no clear majority, your vote goes to your next choice. No wasted votes, No spoilers.
4. **Fair Debate Access** - to all ballot-qualified candidates
5. **Required Prime-Time TV Access** - to all qualified candidates; the airwaves are public – we own them!

Election Changes

1. **Fair Ballot Access**
2. **Easy and Same-Day Voter Registration**
3. **Polling Day Holiday**



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Register your commitment.
Register...GREEN!

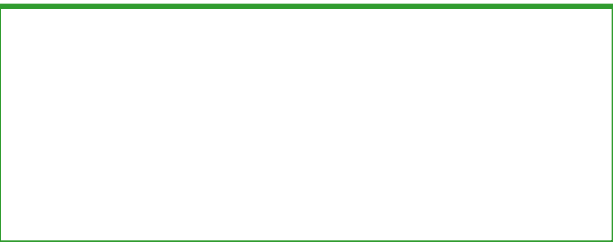
We can provide you with information about current electoral campaigns, political activism or contact information for a local Green group in your area. Greens are available to speak to groups or at events, and are versed on a broad range of issues. Contact us to schedule.

To register Green

Register at any Dept. of Motor Vehicles office. OR, pick up a form at public libraries, post offices or government offices. You can also fill out a form on-line at <https://doesecure.dos.state.fl.us/RegToVote/regform.shtml>

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“Freedom is participation in power.”

~ Cicero

“We can have a democratic society or we can have the concentration of great wealth in the hands of the few.

We cannot have both.”

~ Louis Brandeis
Supreme Court Justice

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Green Values

The Green Party is based upon 10 Key Values. The first four below are our Four Pillars of the Greens. These values guide our vision and our day-to-day decisions.

Social Justice

Everyone should share in the fruits of our society regardless of gender, race, sexual preference, class, age, or disability. We work for a world in which all can live free of fear and discrimination.

Ecological Wisdom

Whatever we do to the web of life, we do to ourselves. We advocate stewardship of our resources for the continued health of our communities and our planet.

Grassroots Democracy

Citizens have the right and responsibility to participate in the environmental, political, and economic decisions that affect their lives.

Nonviolence

We reject violence at all levels of society, from the family to the nation. We promote peace by working for justice and by advocating non-violent resolution to conflict.

Decentralization

Concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the few contributes to social and economic injustice as well as environmental destruction. We call for the return of local decision-making within an overall framework of ecologically sound, socially just values.

Community-Based Economics

Greens seek a new economics based upon the natural limits of the earth, which meets the basic needs of everyone on the planet, and is under democratic, decentralized community control.

Gender Equity

The Green movement is profoundly inspired by feminism. We call for an ethics of cooperation and understanding to replace the cultural values of domination and control.

Respect for Diversity

We honor the biodiversity of the Earth and the cultural, sexual, and spiritual diversity of Earth's people. We aim to reclaim this country's finest ideals: popular democracy, the dignity of the individual, and liberty and justice for all.

Personal & Global Responsibility

Greens are committed to global sustainability and international justice through both political solidarity and personal lifestyles, based on ecological principles and democratic values.

Future Focus/Sustainability

For the sake of "the seventh generation," we seek to create a society which meets the needs of everyone within the natural limits of the earth.

GREEN PARTY PLATFORM

Visit www.gp.org

Why the Green Party?

The Green Party is a value-based (see Key Values above) and platform-based (see GP Platform at www.gp.org) political party seeking to promote a deep democracy by working for peace and community, social justice, the preservation of a safe and healthy environment for generations to come, the wise use of public assets (such as parks and the airwaves) for the common good. Above all, we seek to make concrete steps (ecological and social) NOW to ensure a good future for ourselves and others.

The Green Party takes no corporate money, and with a bottom-up vision, we are always in touch with the issues that are most relevant to our neighbors and members.

The Green Party of Florida, seeks to put people over politics in the Sunshine State. With our key values and platform as guides, we work for political change and education. We fought alongside other groups in gaining ballot access in Florida; we will run knowledgeable, honest and ethical candidates for office.

An informed political alternative, we bring together the efforts, energies, and visions of Green Groups across the state which sponsor information and education campaigns on issues of local, regional, national and global concern.

We invite you to support your local Green Party and the Green Party of Florida in its program to grow and inspire Green forces throughout the state.

Why a Third Party?

Third parties have often been the harbingers or agents of change. Whether they bring a fresh needed view to the political table, or give first-time representation to groups left out of the process, they have frequently provided the vital push to move society from impasse to action. Major examples include: abolition of slavery, women's right to vote, the eight-hour work day, and civil rights legislation.

Our Congress is for sale, with major corporations (pharmaceuticals, oil, tobacco, insurance, media and more) hedging their bets by giving immense donations to both parties, thus keeping in control no matter who wins. Progressive members of the traditional parties have virtually no say anymore, and are merely expected to deliver votes. The people are left out of vital decisions.

It's time for a dramatic change in direction. One with vision and hope. One that respects the democratic process and embraces diversity. One that seeks life-enhancing, health-promoting solutions and moves towards a responsible and sustainable future.

The Green Party offers such hope and solutions.

What you get...

From both of the the major parties now:

- 44+ million Americans without health insurance
- Nuclear weapons in space, but no paper for copiers in public schools
- Corporate Welfare and Social Insecurity
- Lowered salaries, health, safety standards due to NAFTA & WTO
- Corrupt electoral practices

With third party perspective right now:

- Remove the corrupting influence of big money from politics
- Have decent health care for all
- Offer a living wage for working men and women
- Properly protect our planet
- End discrimination
- Guide us to a safe and sane nuclear-free future
- Stop the inhumane and racist death penalty

How the Green Party (& the U.S.) Wins—5 Ways:

1. We win at the local and state level introducing our politics and candidates who are responsive to community needs.
2. We win when we energize voters who have been turned-off to politics as is, and who are the majority.
3. We win across the country by leading the fight for core electoral reform to open democracy (see back panel).
4. We win by building the Party that challenges corporate domination in the US.
5. We win when, with our growing numbers, we influence all parties' candidates at all levels.