

Evidence Group N: Supplemental Evidence

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Subject: Re: Green Party state forum proposals coming down the pike

Good start here Judy.

I have one other item I'd like to add, and a clarification of the first item.

The clarification: Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe the first agenda item was one I suggested we cover. To be clear about my intention, the focus of the discussion would not be our decision/voting process per se, but rather a discussion about, and potential bylaws modification to, Section 5.2 (Structure - representatives to GPCO Council) to clarify the role and expectations we have of the delegates we send to the GPCO council. As of now, the role isn't defined very well, and I'd like to modify the wording so it's congruent with PVGP's consensus- and direct democracy-based structure.

The addition: Dave, Andrea and I discussed the need for a proposal modifying the GPCO bylaws to establish a minimum amount of time a person needs to be registered as Green before being able to vote on state party matters at a state meeting. The point being that we need to safeguard our party from external takeover attempts and outside pressure by non-Greens. Dave and I would like to introduce this on behalf of the PVGP if you all are on board with it, so I wanted to bring a draft version to your attention and hopefully come to consensus for us to move forward with it at the state level. See below for the wording of the proposal.

Let me know if this all makes sense and see you all tomorrow, KC

Here's the proposal:

----1. Basic Info
Date proposed: March 17, 2017
Name of the sponsor(s): Poudre Valley Green Party
2. Title: GREEN REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE MEETINGS
3. Text of the actual Proposal: Change section 4.1.1 of the GPCO bylaws to read
4.1.1. In order for official decisions to be made at a state meeting, a quorum of at least 60% of local chapters must be represented, with a minimum number of voting participants (registered in the Green Party of Colorado not less than 90 days) equal to twice the number of local chapters represented.
After the state meeting, amend Section 4.1.1 to read
4.1.1. In order for official decisions to be made at a state meeting, a quorum of at least 60% of local chapters must be represented, with a minimum number of voting participants (registered in the Green Party of

Colorado not less than 12 months) equal to twice the number of local chapters represented.4. Background: Though never specified in the bylaws or Procedures and Guidelines, tradition has held that a person could register Green on site at the state meeting and be eligible to vote at the meeting that day. This situation has resulted in highly irregular situations as in statewide candidates choosing running mates who were only registered Green minutes before being nominated. This proposal brings order to the situation and provides locals with windows of organizing opportunity to reach out to new registered Greens and conduct orientation as they are able. Additionally, given the passage of Proposition 108, even with the opt-out clause that parties can choose for state assemblies as opposed to primaries for nominations, a lack of clarity around that new law could possibly draw unaffiliated voters to our state nomination conventions. We must ensure the integrity of our Green Party processes, and a minimum of 90 day registration (at first) and later a one-year registration after the state meeting, gives local parties a window to reach out to new voters and to provide orientation. The end result would be that our nominations and state party processes would more likely continue to be carried out according to Green values.5. Justification/Goals: To maintain the integrity of Green values in our party processes.6. Pros and Cons: A con could be that locals feel pressure to provide orientation for new Greens, but the state party can collaborate locals to put together periodic webinars, etc. to relieve that pressure.7. Alternatives to the proposal: This action needs to be decided democratically, as opposed to an ad-hoc rule.8. References: Currently, Section 4.1.1 reads, "4.1.1. In order for official decisions to be made at a state meeting, a quorum of at least 60% of local chapters must be represented, with a minimum number of voting participants (registered in the Green Party of Colorado) equal to twice the number of local chapters represented." "What you need to know about Proposition 108," The Denver Post: <http://www.denverpost.com/2016/09/22/colorado-proposition-108-unaffiliated-voters-primaries/> On Tuesday, March 14, 2017 6:48 PM, Judy Harrington <judyh@inbox.com> wrote:

Hello, Everyone,

My proposed agenda for tomorrow evening is 1. Our decision/voting process 2. The two proposals that are coming on the state forum. Both are undergoing wording changes, but the main thrust of each one will not change. I think we ought to discuss and vote on each one, so we are ready in case the voting window closes before our next meeting on April 5th.

3. If there is time left over, we can hear a report on the media committee and the movie/discussion proposal.

Are there other items that I should add?

Judy

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> Hello, Everyone,

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> Two proposals have cleared the hurdles and are now posted or about to

> be posted, with exact wording still being edited on the forum. We

> should discuss and vote this coming Wednesday.

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> Here is the first one. Wording still being adjusted as confusion

> surfaces, but the basic intent is to officially codify the common

> practice of having the term of office start with the date of election

> and end when the next relevant annual meeting occurs -- approximately

> two years later in the case of a two-year term -- without regard to

> whether that turns out to be exactly 24 months for what the by-laws
 > describe as a "two-year" term.
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 > 1. Basic Info
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 > Date proposed: March 12, 2017
 > Name of the sponsors: Greater Boulder Green Party
 >
 > 2. Title:
 >
 > Amend GPCO Bylaws to Clarify Two Year Term of Office
 >
 > 3. Text of the actual Proposal:
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 > To clarify officers term of office and remove obsolete material, the
 > Bylaws of the Green Party of Colorado shall be amended as follows.
 >
 > Replace Section 5.1 which currently reads, "In order to serve the
 > growth of the GPCO and to communicate our message, platform and values
 > to the public, the GPCO will elect two state co-chairs to two year
 > terms. Every effort shall be made to reach gender and geographic
 > diversity." with the following text:
 >
 > Quote
 > Officers shall be chosen at each annual state meeting held in odd
 > number years to two year terms. The term of office begins immediately
 > upon election and ends with the election of officers at the next odd
 > year annual meeting. Every effort shall be made to reach gender and
 > geographic diversity.
 >
 > Delete Section 5.7 in its entirety. The section currently reads,
 > "Co-chairs shall be chosen at each annual state meeting and other
 > officers in odd number years to serve two year terms in office." This
 > section is obsolete because co-chairs now serve two year terms.
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 > 4. Background:
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 > Greater Boulder Green Party seeks to clarify the length of service of
 > the co-chairs.
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 > 5. Justification/Goals:
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 > Historically, terms of GPCO officers have run from annual meeting to
 > annual meeting. This amendment simply codifies past practice, going
 > back at least to 2007. An explicit reference to the co-chair term in
 > the minutes from the state meeting in 2007 can be found at
 > <http://coloradogreenparty.org/about/history/gpco-2007-state-meeting-minutes/>.
 >
 > The meeting was held June 23-24, 2007, in Carbondale, Colorado. On
 > Saturday, June 23, after a decision to change the co-chair terms from
 > two years (which they were at that time) to one year, the following is

- > found in the meeting minutes.
- > Quote
- > 11:15 a.m. Election of new state officers and national delegates and
- > selection of webmaster and e-list manager Tom Kelly of the Arapahoe
- > Greens and Dave Chandler of the Adams-Jefferson Greens volunteered to
- > become co-chairs for the 07-08 term.
- > Agreement seeking resulted in a consensus for Kelly and Chandler as
- > state co-chairs for approximately one year, beginning June 23 and
- > until the next annual state meeting.
- > Dan Sage of the Arapahoe Greens volunteered to continue as state
- > treasurer for the 07-09 term.
- > Agreement seeking resulted in a consensus for Sage as treasurer for
- > approximately two years, beginning June 23 and until the annual state
- > meeting of 2009.
- > Eric Fried of the Poudre Valley Greens volunteered to become state
- > secretary for the 07-09 term.
- > Agreement seeking resulted in a consensus for Fried as secretary for
- > approximately two years, beginning June 23 and until the annual state
- > meeting of 2009.
- >
- > This is an explicit description of a one-year term being approximately
- > one year from the date of the election to the date of the following
- > year's meeting. It is also an explicit description of a two-year term
- > being approximately two years from the date of the election to the
- > date of the meeting two years hence. Although the co-chair terms were
- > reduced from two years to one year, the other offices continued with
- > two-year terms, so both the one-year term and the two-year term are
- > described in the minutes. The description of the term length is
- > repeated for each office, so it does not seem to be a typo.
- >
- > The 2008 meeting was held on May 3, so the nominal one-year term from
- > the
- > 2007 meeting (June 23) to the 2008 meeting (May 3) was approximately
- > ten and a half months. The 2009 meeting was held in July by
- > teleconference, no specific date available on the history page, so the
- > nominal two-year term from the 2007 meeting (June 23) to the 2009
- > meeting (sometime in
- > July) was several weeks longer than two years.
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- > 6. Pros and Cons:
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- > Pros: There is no precedent for setting the annual meeting date based
- > on the date the current officers were elected. Delaying the annual
- > meeting, so as to put the desire of an officer to serve 24 months
- > ahead of the needs of the party to organize for the 2018 election
- > cycle, hurts the party's prospects for the 2018 election.
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- > Cons:
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- > 7. Alternatives to the proposal:
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> 8. References: Moderator Note: This issue has already been corrected
> via Proposal 007-15: length of co-chair term
> (<http://gpco.fullydefiant.com/forum/index.php?topic=251.0>).
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> Here is the second one. Wording still disputed, but this is the main
> thrust is that the annual meeting would be in May in Grand Junction.
> Proposal #2: Set Date and Location of 2017 GPCO Annual Meeting
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> This proposal would set the date and location of the 2017 GPCO Annual
> Meeting as follows:
>
> "As a result of discussion of the History of GPCO Annual Meeting Dates
> and Locations at
> <http://gpco.fullydefiant.com/forum/index.php?topic=308.0>
> Council hereby sets the date of 2017 GPCO Annual meeting to be May 6,
> 2017 and the location to be Grand Junction, Colorado." May 13 or May
> 20 are offered as alternative dates.
>
> Judy

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Dave Bell **Brandy Baker** I wish I could like this this new hashtag twice.
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LuAnne Kozma He was constantly behind Jill at all events in Philly, always trying to be in the photo shot it seemed. Very attention-grabbing.
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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar I KNOW!!! So embarrassing.
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Katija Assana Gruene i have been thinking we should start a public list....Earth First! or some other group like that had a list of "infiltrators" back in the day. ours may need to be titled "narcissists" or "people who claim to be Green, but really don't represent the values of the Party/Movement"
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Katija Assana Gruene there are at least three in TX, all white men too....
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Robert Lee Worthey shared The Slay by Mic's photo.
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drea Merida likes an anti-Jill post

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
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
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
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Ira Merida ridicules Jill Stein's Wisconsin recount request

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notice the reasonable comment by
Ajamu Baraka

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What's on your mind?


 **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar**
15 hrs · 


Russian hackers? REALLY? What is this, 1956?


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 **Guy Benintendi** Hey, I've got a bridge in Brooklyn.....
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 **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** No shit?
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 **Brandon Jerry Villa** God, is that what she's claiming?

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar shared **Ajamu Baraka's** post. 11 hrs · 2

Ajamu Baraka 12 hrs · 1

I believe that Dr. Stein sincerely believed that she had an obligation, grounded in her commitment to the principle of election integrity, to mount a challenge to the results in those three states. And while I don't share that position for reasons that I am not going to try and elaborate on here on Facebook, the notion that her decision was made for any other reason than that is a position that I cannot support. There are many in and outside of the Green Party who support the campaign's decision to call for a recount. But there are also many Green Party activists and supporters who are opposed to that decision. It is unfortunate that after waging a courageous campaign to build an independent, principled political opposition to the two racist, capitalist/imperialist parties, the recount effort has resulted in serious questions regarding the motivations of the recount that threatens to damage the standing and reputation of the Green party, its supporters, and activists.

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rea calls Jill's recount effort a scam

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What's on your mind?

 **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar**
November 30 at 9:02pm · 🌐

We need to start a serious conversation about to whom we want to be relevant. To the duopoly political machine, or to the working class?

"The big downside that I think both Dr. Stein and the Green Party by association could run into is it's going to become obvious it's a fundraising scam, and that's going to affect their credibility going forward," he said.

"If they are seen as too in line with the Democratic Party, that destroys their independent streak. If they are seen as being willing to jump on the bandwagon of the thing of the day to raise a lot of money, that will create donor distrust."

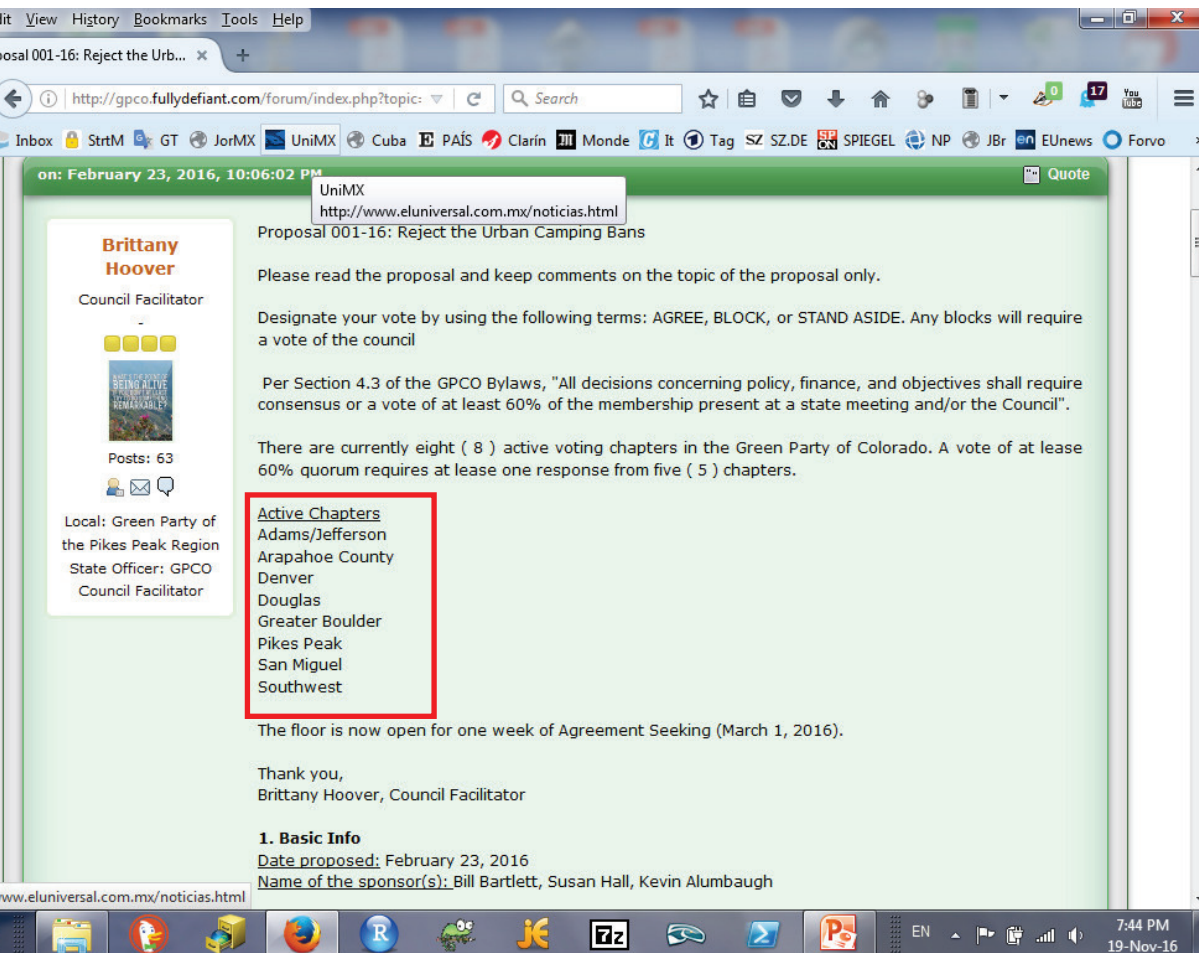


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A Green local shall be placed in **Inactive** if it fails to send any representatives to a meeting or if it fails to have representatives for three or more consecutive votes on the council, or if it no longer has any active members on the council. Council members will be considered inactive if they do not vote on three consecutive votes. They will be notified of their status by the Council Facilitator immediately after missing the third vote. They can be reactivated by notifying the Council Facilitator that they wish to be reactivated and by voting on the next Council vote. Council representatives cannot be reactivated in an Inactive or defunct

2 A Green local can be **reinstated** to Active by submitting a written request (email is acceptable) for reinstatement to the Council or to the meeting, listing its new active members to the Council and being approved by at least a 60% vote of the voting Greens at a state meeting, or at least a 60% vote of the Council.

001-16. Poudre Valley is not on the list of active



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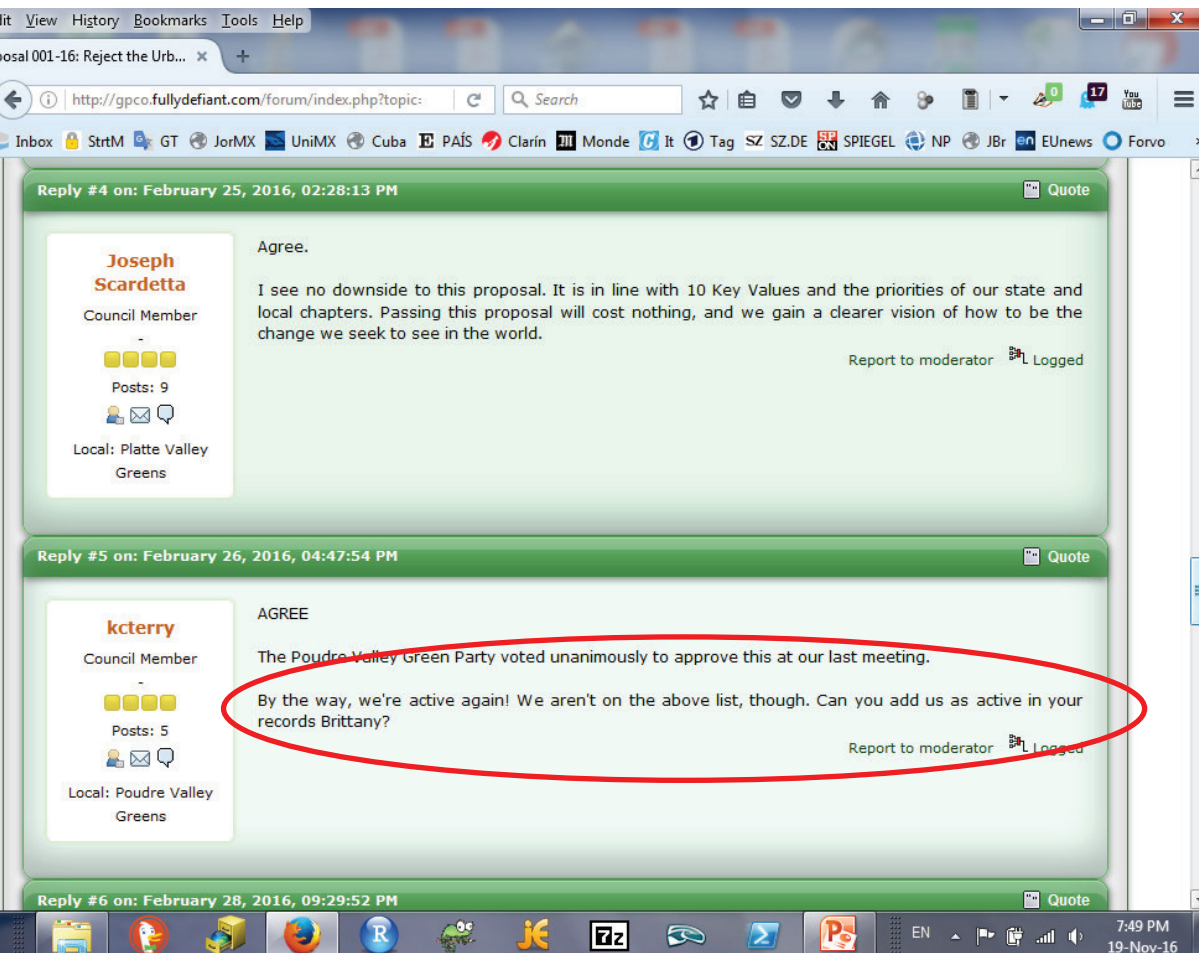
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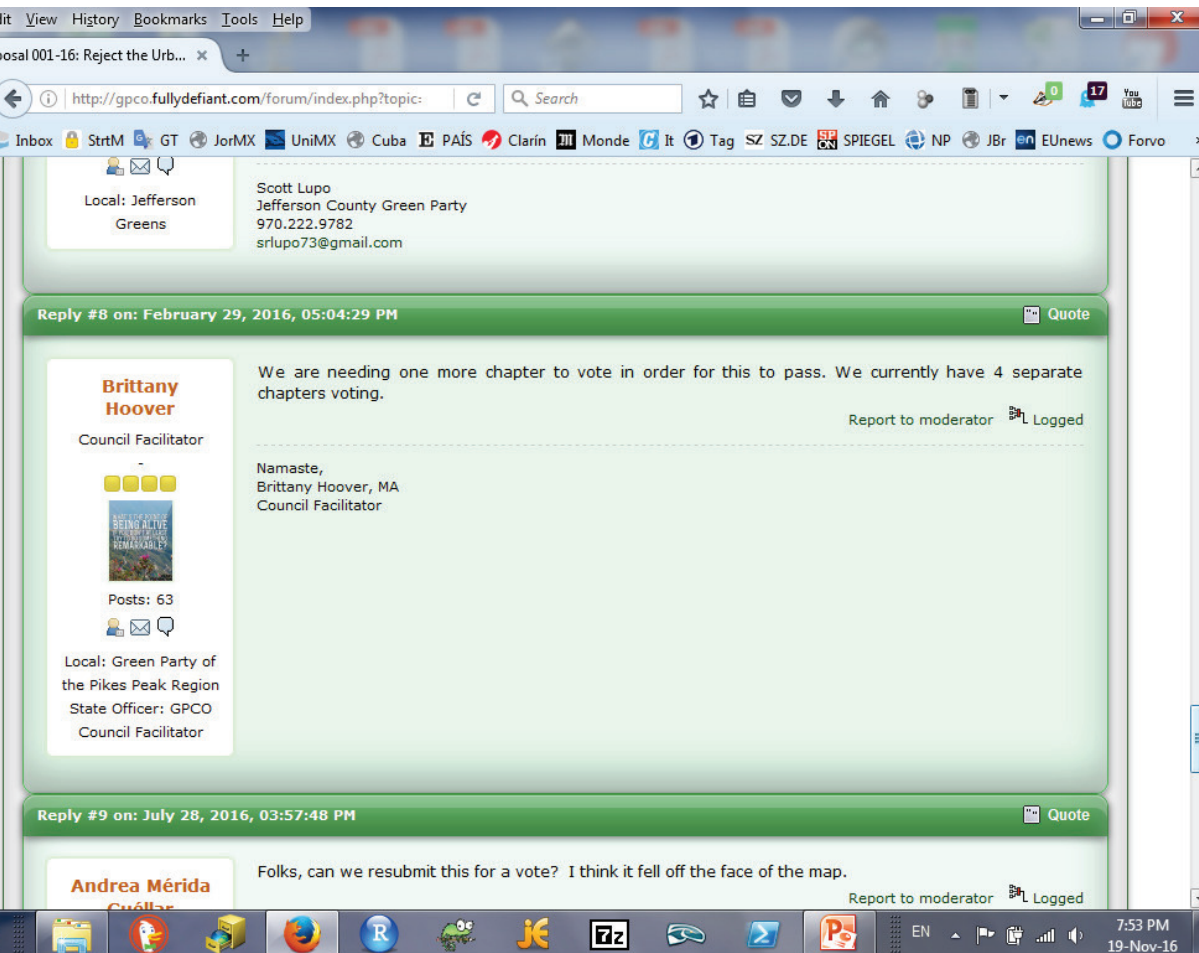
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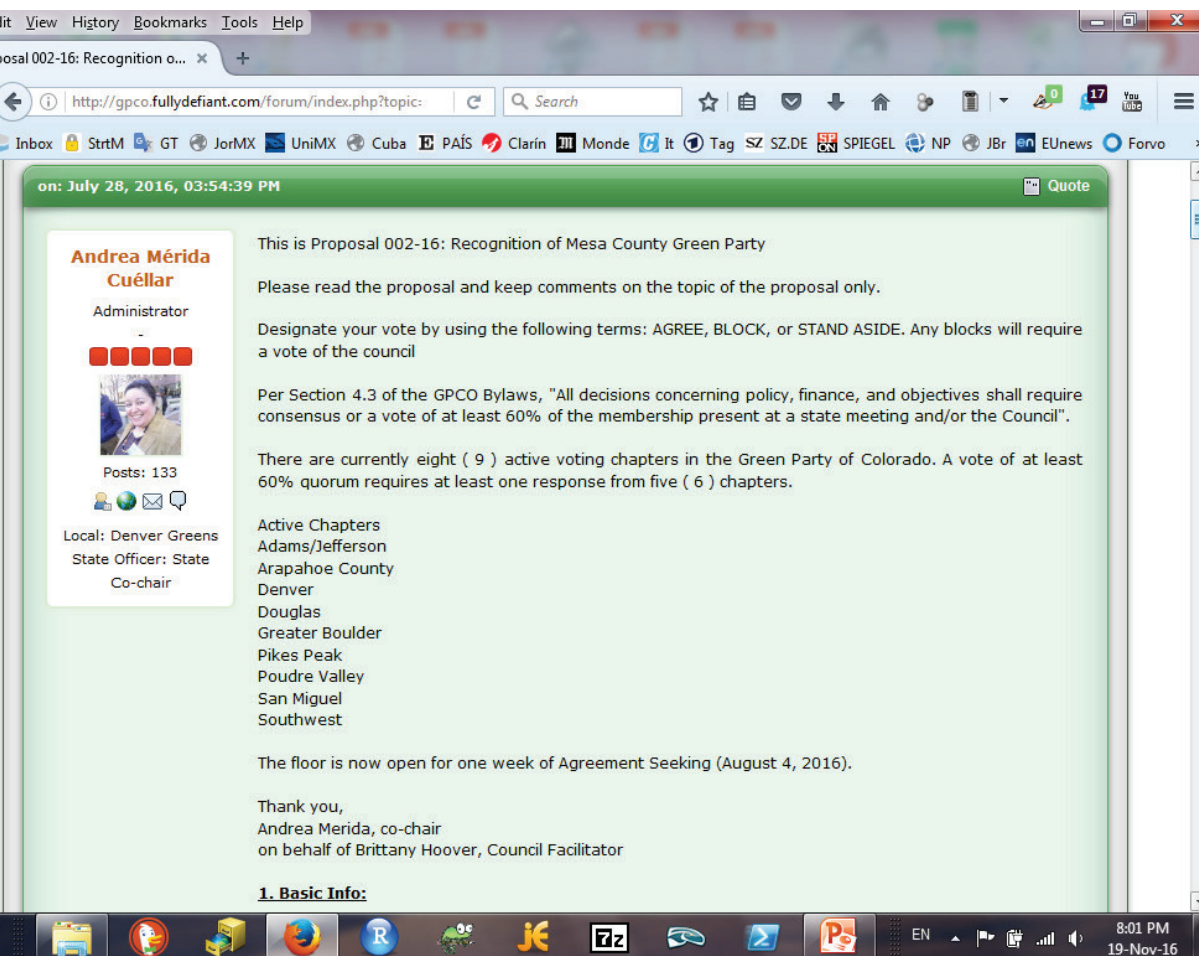
Platte Valley and Poudre Valley locals; neither is on the active chapters. KC announced that the Poudre Valley was active again. He asked the facilitator to put Poudre Valley back onto the active list. I don't see this form of re-activation in the state by-laws. I see a 60% vote.



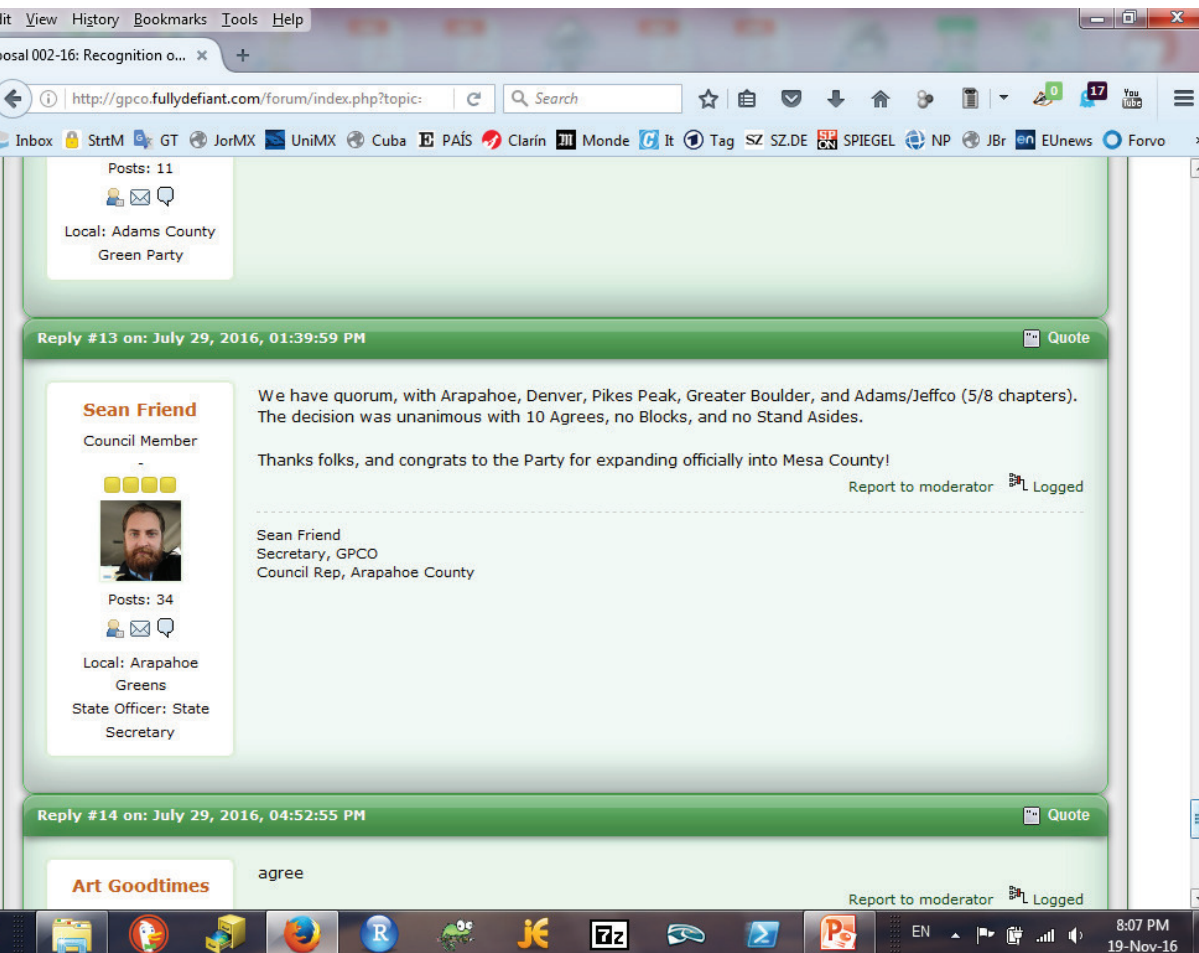
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ted? Boulder, Arapahoe, and Jefferson are the only
g that are on the list of active chapters. Is Platte Valley
Valley the fourth?



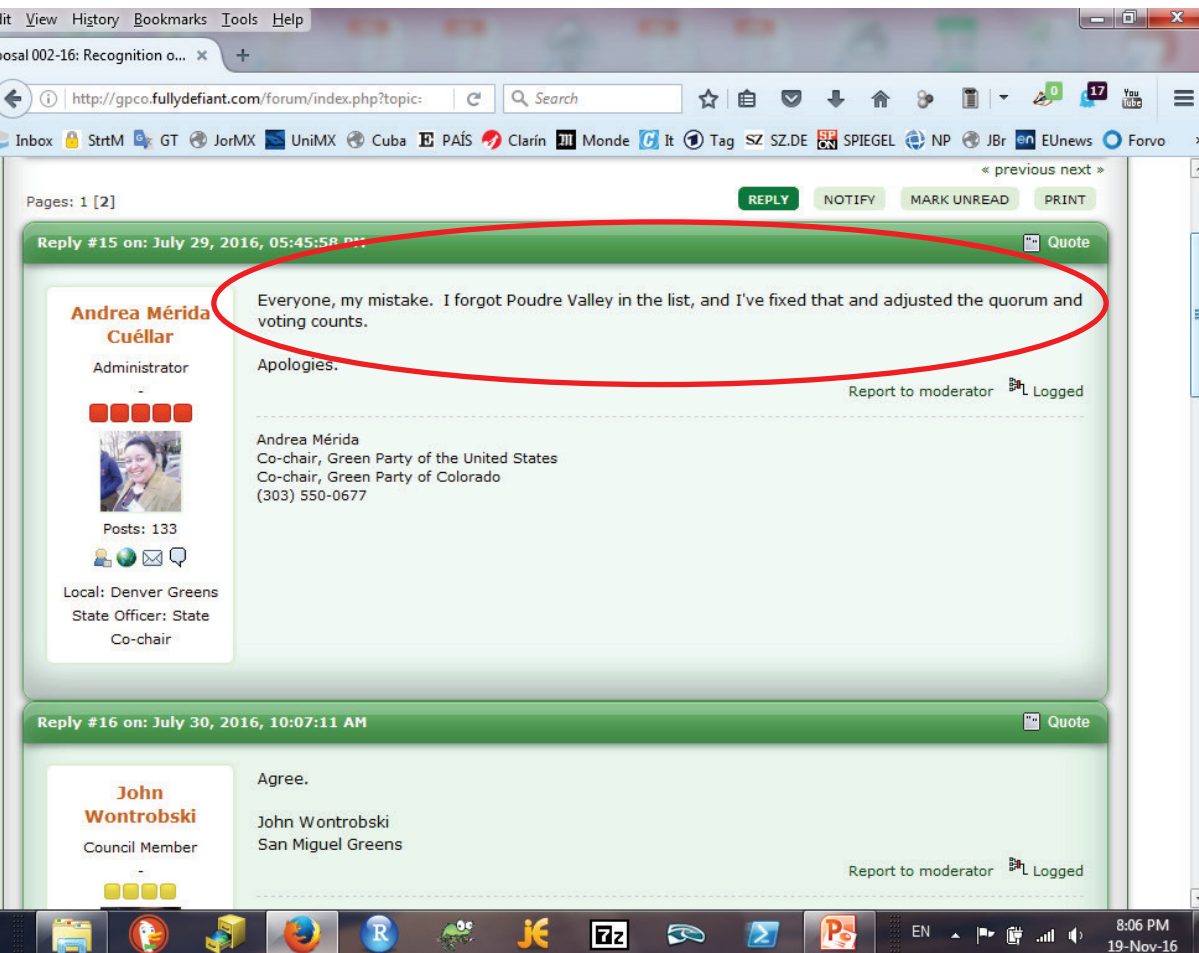
02-16, Poudre Valley now appears on the list, but have been added in an edit. Note the “eight (9) active chapters” and “at least one response from five (6)”. And see the next two slides.



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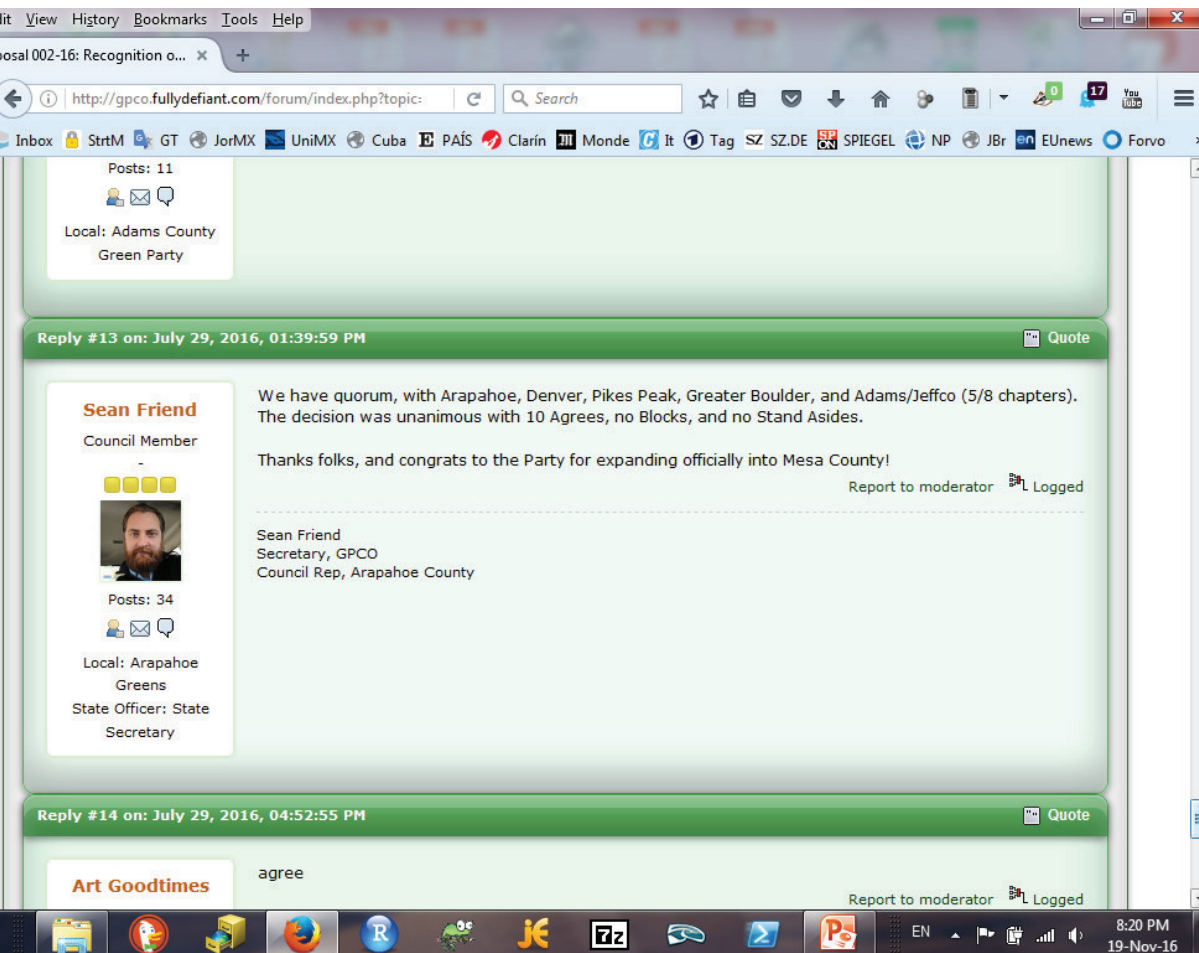
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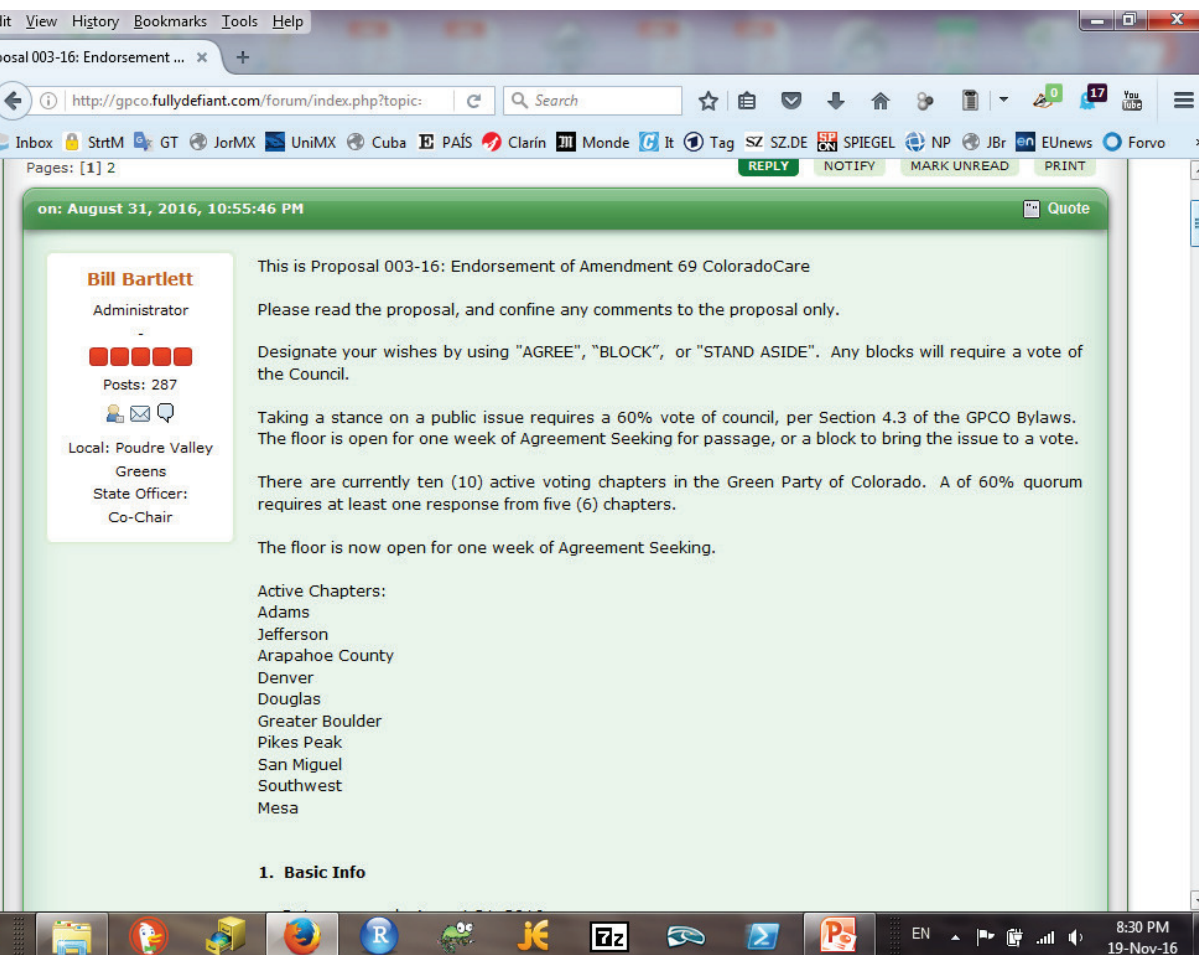
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y, passage is announced with Platte Valley not included as chapters contributing to the quorum. So was it Poudre was a valid vote on proposal 001-16?



03-16, Poudre Valley is not on the list of active although new chapters are listed.



004-16, Poudre Valley is listed as active.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://gpco.fullydefiant.com/forum/index.php?topic:>. The browser's address bar also shows a search bar and various navigation icons. The page title is "Proposal 004-16: Recognition o...". The browser's address bar shows a search bar and various navigation icons. The page title is "Proposal 004-16: Recognition o...".

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on: September 05, 2016, 07:21:15 PM

Brittany Hoover
Council Facilitator
Posts: 63
Local: Green Party of the Pikes Peak Region
State Officer: GPCO Council Facilitator

This is Proposal 004-16: Recognition of Adams County Green Party

Please read the proposal and keep comments on the topic of the proposal only.

Designate your vote by using the following terms: AGREE, BLOCK, or STAND ASIDE. Any blocks will require a vote of the council

Per Section 3.1 of the GPCO Bylaws, "AA Green local must present its proposed bylaws for approval, and be approved by 60% of the voting Greens at a state party meeting, or by the state council."

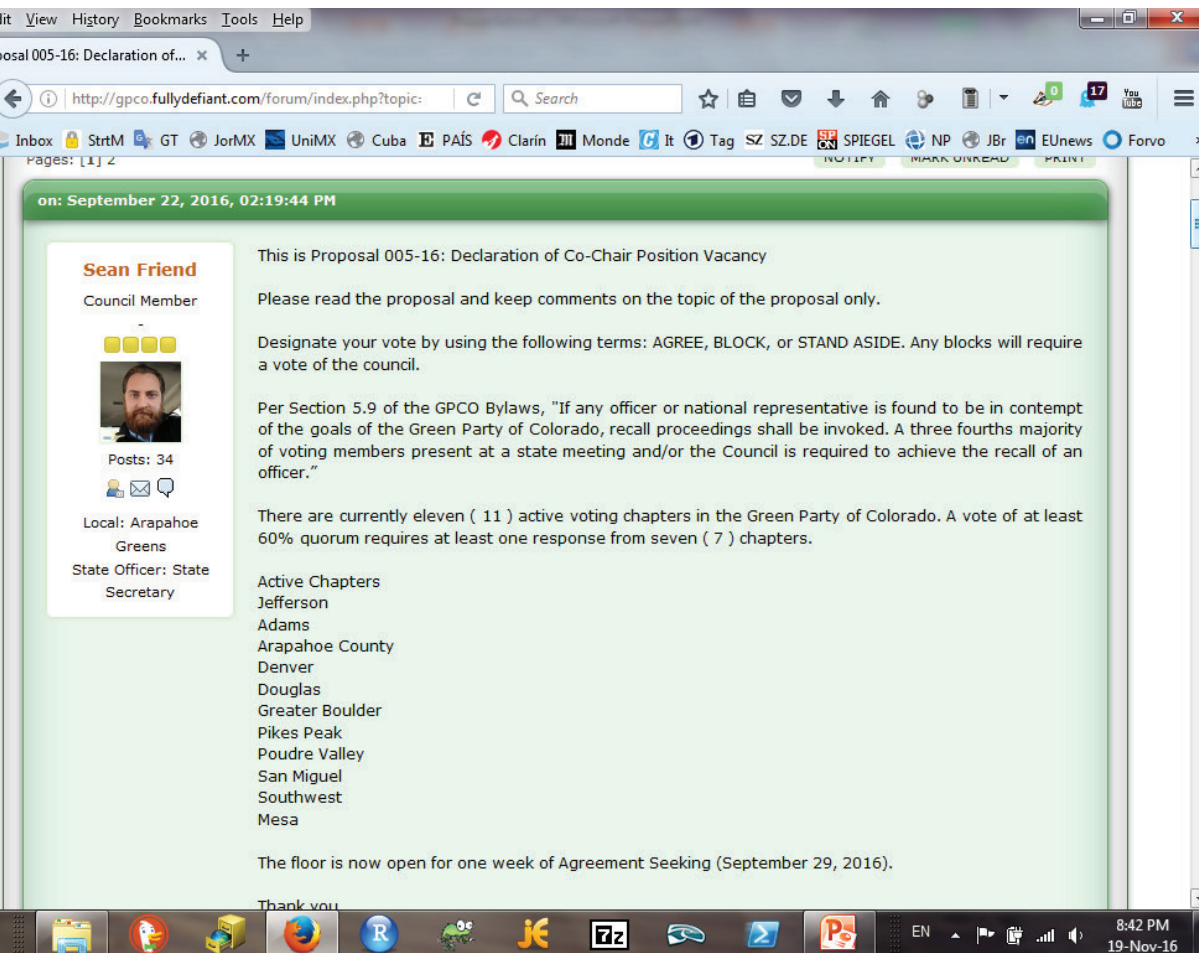
There are currently ten (10) active voting chapters in the Green Party of Colorado. A vote of at least 60% quorum requires at least one response from six (6) chapters.

Active Chapters
Jefferson
Arapahoe County
Denver
Douglas County
Greater Boulder
Pikes Peak
Poudre Valley
San Miguel
Southwest
Mesa County

The floor is now open for one week of Agreement Seeking (September 12, 2016).

1. Basic Info:

05-16, Poudre Valley is listed as active.



A Libertarian friend of mine, Merissa Hamilton, raised the question of why do people perceive the Libertarian Party as racist. I shared the following exchange from January, 2014 with her. I thought you might also be interested in this:

In 2012, I ran as a Green Party candidate for US Representative in Colorado's First Congressional District (Denver and part of Arapahoe County). My friend Frank Atwood ran for the same office as the Libertarian Party's candidate. He and I each had a particular interest in promoting alternative voting systems. Frank advocates approval voting; I advocate proportional representation. We had shared various forums on voting methods previously. At the end of our Congressional campaigns in 2012, we discussed the idea of having a "rematch" campaign in 2014, in which we would make joint campaign appearances. The idea was that we would present our campaigns as if it was a race between the Green and Libertarian candidates, rather than a race between the Democratic incumbent and a Republican challenger. We proposed having a series of joint campaign forums in which Frank would present the Libertarian Party's perspective and I would present the Green Party's perspective. Part of the idea was to have public point-counterpoint campaign rallies: Green versus Libertarian.

The Libertarians were open to the idea, but when I emailed the co-chairs of the state and local Green Party organizations about our proposal, Denver Green Party co-chair Andrea Merida responded that the Libertarian Party is racist and Greens should have nothing to do with them. Following are some excerpts from our correspondence.

The upshot of this discussion was that I chose to end my association with the Denver Green Party. Instead, I joined the Arapahoe County Green Party. In 2014, I ran as a Green Party candidate for US Representative in Colorado's 6th Congressional District with the support of the Arapahoe and Douglass County Green Party chapters, rather than asking the Denver Green Party for their support to run in the 1st Congressional District again.

Andrea Merida is now a co-chair of the national Green Party and the Colorado Green Party, as well as the primary organizer of the Denver Green Party.

Gary Swing: Has anyone expressed interest in the Green Party's nomination for US Representative for CD1 (Diana DeGette's seat) for the 2014 election? If not, I might be interested in running again. Frank Atwood, who was the Libertarian candidate for that office when I ran in 2012, is planning to run again. Frank and I talked after the last election about the possibility of a rematch with a "tandem campaign," presenting Libertarian and Green messages in joint campaign appearances."

Andrea Merida: "I personally would rather not have our Green issues intermingled with Libertarians. It's true that we have a few things in common, but I think it's very problematic to blur the lines between our parties. This leaves people with no real reason to join the Greens...they can just be Democrats. We MUST have a clear line of demarcation: we have to stand for something different from the rest. Frankly, the Libertarian racist bent and Friedmanite lust for privatization is anathema to me, with all due respect."

Gary Swing: "The idea of a 'rematch' campaign between Frank Atwood and me came up at the end of the 2012 election, following a mutual interview that Frank and I had with PBS. In the past, Frank Atwood regularly attended Denver Green Party meetings and often called himself an unofficial Libertarian liason to the Colorado Green Party. He attended the 2012 state and national Green Party conventions, and in 2010, he participated in a local access television program on alternative systems with Bob Kinsey and me. Frank has a strong personal interest in promoting approval voting whereas I have a strong interest in promoting proportional representation voting systems. A large part of my personal interest in the idea of a 'rematch' or 'tandem' candidacy with Frank would be to debate alternative voting systems. I think it could also be a creative way to try to draw some attention which has been lacking in past campaigns.

Frank is a very nice guy. He is a perfect gentleman, who has been quite friendly towards the Greens in Denver and Colorado. I do see certain issues where the Greens and Libertarians have points in common, such as opposing illegal wars and protecting civil liberties. I consider the Libertarian Party's economic ideology to be a fantasy that is disconnected from and irrelevant to reality. I think the Greens are the only nationally organized political party whose platform even begins to address the reality of the world's present situation. The Greens and Libertarians have starkly different positions on issues related to health care, social, welfare, economic policy, and the environment.

I strongly disagree with your categorization of the Libertarian Party as inherently racist. Any political group has a few bad apples, but this isn't the Constitution Party that we're talking about here.

Frank is definitely planning to run again as the Libertarian candidate for CD1 against Diana DeGette in 2014, and he will probably get his party's nomination. He told me that the Libertarians placed 75 candidates on the ballot in Colorado in 2012 and that they aim to nominate even more candidates in Colorado for 2014. Their candidate for president received far more votes than Jill Stein did in 2012, and the Libertarians have a substantially higher profile than the Green Party does currently.

The Green Party has the ability to nominate candidates by assembly for any of hundreds of offices in Colorado from county commissioner to the state legislature, Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, State Board of Education, CU Regent, US Senator, and seven US Representative seats. Where are the Green Party's candidates for partisan offices? The only person I know of who plans to run as a Green in 2014 is Harry Hempy for Governor. I'm not suggesting that the Greens should try to nominate as many candidates as the Libertarians, but I would like to see the Greens running candidates at all levels: local, county, state, and federal. If Greens want to run for the local school board, mayor, or city council, that's great. But you don't need a ballot qualified Green Party to nominate candidates for local non-partisan offices."

Andrea Merida: "Not a racist party? I mean, look at the first line in their 2012 platform preamble, 'As Libertarians, we seek a world of liberty; a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives and no one is forced to sacrifice his or her values for the benefit of others.' This is precisely why Ron Paul and others would completely rescind the Civil Rights Act of 1965: they believe that equity is disruptive to liberty. That immediately puts people of color, as well as the have nots, at the mercy of those with political and economic power. Not only is that racist, but it's also classist.

I understand that you have a relationship with Frank; I respect that. One of the most frustrating things about dealing with white privilege is this penchant some of you have, of circling the wagons around each other. Unfortunately, you don't get to decide what's racist and what isn't. I do. Other people of color do. To qualify racism for me is an example of patriarchy and privilege, and I will give you the benefit of the doubt that it was not your intent to do so. If Frank is not racist, then he should be able to answer for that line. There are other lines, too."

Following Brittany Hoover's resignation as GPCO Council Facilitator, Harry Hempy volunteered to serve. Bob Kinsey (Pikes Peak) and Michael Haughey (Jefferson County) supported Harry's offer.

Co-chair Andrea Merida immediately appointed herself to be Council Facilitator, without acknowledging Harry's offer and without informing Council she had taken over.

----- Original Message -----

From: Michael Haughey
Sent: Sat, 19 Nov 2016 14:37:45 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Resignation as Facilitator.

I concur – Brittany, you have been outstanding! Especially in the face of all the forum vitriol this year.

Harry – I support your being the new facilitator. I would also support Bill if he is able to commit the time.

Bob – the co-chair replacement vote is already in progress – ends Tuesday – and you have already voted. You might want to verify that your vote is what you wanted if you thought the vote was something else.

Michael Haughey

JC Greens

From: Bob Kinsey
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 11:14 AM
Subject: Re: Resignation as Facilitator.

Hi Brittany and Harry,
I get your need Brittany to reduce you stress and work load with all you are trying to do. But thank you so much for all you have done. As I understand it, one big thing we have to get accomplished is to replace Bill B.

until the next annual meeting. We discussed our preferences for that at our last El Paso Meeting but I haven't received any notification that I am aware of that the vote is being called for. Soon I hope.

I am grateful that you Harry are willing to take up the responsibility of facilitation. I haven't seen anyone else volunteer to this point. I am sure you would do a fair and competent job.

Bob Kinsey

'Unlimited Growth is the Ideology of a Cancer Cell'

----- Original Message -----

From: Harry Hempy

To: Brittany Hoover, Andrea Mérida, Greg Marsh, Michael Haughey, Scott Lupo, Kevin Alumbaugh, Susan Hall, Laura Clark, Chris Allen, Bill Bartlett, Michelle Feurer, Bob Kinsey, Karyna Lemus, John Wontrobski, Ashley Gorton, Andy Hamilton, Jonathan Lullo, Sierra Garcia, Shane McDonnell, Sean Friend, Brianna Friend, Dustin Fiore, Art Goodtimes
Sent: Sat, 19 Nov 2016 10:28:09 -0500 (EST)

Subject: Re: Resignation as Facilitator.

First, thank you, Brittany, for your service to Council. I know you have always put your sincere best efforts into the council facilitator job.

Next, a vacancy in the Council Facilitator position severely hampers Council's ability to function. Appointment of a new Council Facilitator is needed ASAP.

I am willing to be appointed to serve as Council Facilitator. After 40 years working at IBM I have lots of experience following rules and facilitating processes. Outside of my employment I have facilitated numerous organizations, including the Parent-Teacher organization of the Tucson Unified School District, consisting of about 90 members, representing 184 schools. I commit to facilitate fairly and in compliance with party bylaws, rules and procedures.

Another excellent candidate for Council Facilitator would be Bill Bartlett. Bill has a long history of facilitating Council operation. Bill's facilitation has always been fair, well-informed and effective.

To be clear, the state chair has authority under the bylaws to unilaterally appoint a new Council Facilitator. Council's agreement to the appointment is not required, so the state chair can make the appointment immediately.

Sincerely,

Harry Hempy

On 11/18/2016 10:07 PM, Brittany Hoover wrote:

Hi fellow Greens,

I regret to announce my formal resignation as council facilitator effective immediately. I have been considering stepping down for a while and recent events have confirmed that it is the best thing for both me and the council. Some of you may be unaware, but I work two part time jobs

for a total of 50 hours per week, plus I am a full time MBA student. It was difficult enough to keep up with the demands of this position before, but the responsibility of mediating the recent divide within the party has become too much. I can't give the council the attention it needs and deserves without effecting my personal life, which I've tried desperately hard to get back on track after a severe bout of depression last year. I plan on continuing to volunteer with Greens by focusing my effort with the Pike's Peak chapter and I hope to help at the state level again sometime in the future. I wish you all the best.

Best Wishes,
Brittany Hoover, MA, ATC, CSCS

Dave Bell's reaction to Judy Harrington's support of Harry Hempy's proposal

At a Poudre Valley chapter meeting, state co-chair Dave Bell accused then-Poudre Valley co-chair Judy Harrington of violating the chapter's bylaws by co-sponsoring Harry Hempy's proposal regarding the state annual meeting time and place and by taking a stand in favor of the proposal despite Mr. Bell's well known objections to Mr. Hempy's proposals and to Mr. Hempy himself. Mr. Bell insisted that "this chapter votes as one" and that Ms. Harrington had violated by-law 4.1, which reads "In all decisions, PVGP will strive to achieve consensus. Failing consensus, decisions shall require a vote of at least 75% of the voting members present at a general or special meeting." When Ms. Harrington and another chapter member pointed out that the cited bylaw did not address the situation at all and that there was no bylaw against a representative co-sponsoring proposals, Mr. Bell wrote one and pushed chapter members to pass it at the March 15 chapter meeting. The new bylaw reads "5.2.3 Council delegates may, individually or as PVGP, introduce, sponsor, or co-sponsor proposals for consideration by the council only after consensus is achieved amongst PVGP members."

Topic reply: Amend Bylaws to Clarify Two Year Term of Office
GPCO Forum sent it out on Mar 12, 2017, 2:18 PM

A reply has been posted to a topic you are watching by Andrea Mérida Cuéllar.

View the reply at:

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The text of the reply is shown below:

Couple of things: I'm removing the hyperbole from your background statement and simply am including that GBGP wishes to clarify the length of service of the office.

Also, none of the background in your justification/goals section is irrelevant, because of

Proposal 007-15: length of co-chair term. It's here:

<http://gpco.fullydefiant.com/forum/index.php?topic=251.0>

You made an amendment to that proposal, Harry. So, how do you want to address that in an amended Justifications/Goals section?

Regards,

The GPCO Forum Team.

Good start here Judy.

I have one other item I'd like to add, and a clarification of the first item.

The clarification: Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe the first agenda item was one I

suggested we cover. To be clear about my intention, the focus of the discussion would not

be our decision/voting process per se, but rather a discussion about, and potential bylaws

modification to, Section 5.2 (Structure - representatives to GPCO Council) to clarify the

role and expectations we have of the delegates we send to the GPCO council.

As of now, the

role isn't defined very well, and I'd like to modify the wording so it's congruent with

PVGP's consensus- and direct democracy-based structure.

The addition: Dave, Andrea and I discussed the need for a proposal modifying the GPCO

bylaws to establish a minimum amount of time a person needs to be registered as Green

before being able to vote on state party matters at a state meeting. The point being that

we need to safeguard our party from external takeover attempts and outside pressure by

non-Greens. Dave and I would like to introduce this on behalf of the PVGP if you all are

on board with it, so I wanted to bring a draft version to your attention and hopefully

come to consensus for us to move forward with it at the state level. See below for the

wording of the proposal.

Let me know if this all makes sense and see you all tomorrow,

KC

Here's the proposal:

---1. Basic InfoDate proposed: March 17, 2017Name of the sponsor(s): Poudre Valley

Green Party2. Title: GREEN REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE MEETINGS3. Text of the

actual Proposal: Change section 4.1.1 of the GPCO bylaws to read4.1.1. In order for

official decisions to be made at a state meeting, a quorum of at least 60% of local

chapters must be represented, with a minimum number of voting participants (registered in

the Green Party of Colorado not less than 90 days) equal to twice the number of local

chapters represented.After the state meeting, amend Section 4.1.1 to read4.1.1. In order

for official decisions to be made at a state meeting, a quorum of at least 60% of local

chapters must be represented, with a minimum number of voting participants (registered in

the Green Party of Colorado not less than 12 months) equal to twice the number of local

chapters represented.4. Background: Though never specified in the bylaws or Procedures and Guidelines, tradition has held that a person could register Green on site at the state meeting and be eligible to vote at the meeting that day. This situation has resulted in highly irregular situations as in statewide candidates choosing running mates who were only registered Green minutes before being nominated. This proposal brings order to the situation and provides locals with windows of organizing opportunity to reach out to new registered Greens and conduct orientation as they are able. Additionally, given the passage of Proposition 108, even with the opt-out clause that parties can choose for state assemblies as opposed to primaries for nominations, a lack of clarity around that new law could possibly draw unaffiliated voters to our state nomination conventions. We must ensure the integrity of our Green Party processes, and a minimum of 90 day registration (at first) and later a one-year registration after the state meeting, gives local parties a window to reach out to new voters and to provide orientation. The end result would be that our nominations and state party processes would more likely continue to be carried out according to Green values.5. Justification/Goals: To maintain the integrity of Green values in our party processes.6. Pros and Cons: A con could be that locals feel pressure to provide orientation for new Greens, but the state party can collaborate locals to put together periodic webinars, etc. to relieve that pressure.7. Alternatives to the proposal: This action needs to be decided democratically, as opposed to an ad-hoc rule.8. References: Currently, Section 4.1.1 reads, "4.1.1. In order for official decisions to be made at a state meeting, a quorum of at least 60% of local chapters must be represented, with a minimum number of voting participants (registered in the Green Party of Colorado) equal to twice the number of local chapters represented." "What you need to know about Proposition 108," The Denver Post: <http://www.denverpost.com/2016/09/22/colorado-proposition-108-unaffiliated-voter-s-primaries/>



Damian Gonzales

May 12 at 7:26am · Welby, CO · 🌐

Note: Damian is the secretary of the Adams County Green Party in Colorado

If you cannot or will not directly confront your position(s) of privilege in a hierarchy of oppression, you cannot reasonably expect to contribute to any revolutionary movement which intends to eliminate hierarchy as a whole. You are not entitled to a seat at the revolutionary table with the people whose emotional and other labor you are asking for and benefit from constantly, both within and outside of the movement.

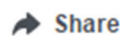
Radical spaces are and should be controlled from the "bottom up," as in everyone should be working to amplify the voices of the oppressed and to quiet our own voices when engaging in discourse with those who are marginalized by a hierarchy which privileges us. This is even more true in real life than on the internet. If you enter into a radical space intent on doing serious work, you will be laughed and/or shouted out of the room if you think you're going to stop the conversation and ask the people at work to speak more nicely of oppressors or to stop expressing anger at the dominant classes.

It is YOUR JOB to get up-to-speed with the discourse of those spaces. It is your job to remember that even if you're the only cis man in a feminist space or the only white in an anti-racist space, you are NOT at a disadvantage. You cannot be oppressed in that situation. It is not the job of that group to continually stop having productive discourse in order to comfort and remind you that you're not being oppressed.

I'll start: I'm a pan cis POC man, do not talk over me if you are White or hetero/cis. Do not try to control my reaction to heteronormative patriarchy. I am mentally ill, so do not try to school me on ableism if you are a neurotypical. You do not know more about my struggle than I do. I am always doing the homework to acknowledge my male privilege and work against the patriarchy as an institution. If I see women talking about


feminism, I CAN NOT offer my input as equally valuable to theirs, I can't have a kneejerk reaction about comments about killing men or white people sucking. That is my homework to do: to stay out of the way of my comrades doing important work, and to assist them and amplify their voices from the sidelines.

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   Lawrence Dunn, Sean Michael McMullin and 47 others


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 **William Li Campanello** Them's an awful lot of rules... No wonder folks shy away from "Green discourse".

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 **Damian Gonzales** It's pretty easy. Stay in your lane.


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 **April Michelle MacKay** The super highway of revolution?


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 **William Li Campanello** Seems to me you're merely reinforcing the very constructs you seek to transcend.

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 **Sean Michael McMullin** No one's trying to transcend any constructs here. So long as the oppressions exist, we need to be able to talk about them. And privileged folks need to stop trying to silence oppressed folks.


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 **Damian Gonzales** How so?


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 **William Li Campanello** By slinging around labels as if they were objects and reifying them with the energy of righteousness.

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 **Damian Gonzales** Those labels may be meaningless to you but to me that is who I am. They define who I am and what I've been through. You don't get to tell women how to be women, you don't get to tell me how to be me. I've experience things as a Latino man that have shaped who I am etc.

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 **Sean Michael McMullin** Labels are super important. If you take away our ability to talk about oppressions that target specific groups, how on earth are we going to dismantle them?

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William Li Campanello Labels are labels. It's all they are. Identifying with psuedoconstructs and then excluding those who don't fit in is the worst excess of identity politics, a politics that divides and eviscerates human wholeness and insures defeat and disinterest.

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William Li Campanello This is one of the main reasons so many people, even quite progressive ones who might otherwise ascribe to platformpolicy, want nothing to do with the Green Party.

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Damian Gonzales That's the way YOU choose to see it. These are issues Sociologists and others have been working on for decades. You absolutely refuse to even consider what I'm saying and all you hear is want you want to hear. You want to make it seem like I'm the one attacking you. If that's the reason they won't join us then I don't want them. What good are they to us if they want to keep they're eyes shut?

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Chris Blankenhorn The fact that race is a social construct has absolutely no bearing on the fact that people of color experience racism every day. Whether or not the oppression is based on a real thing or not is irrelevant because the oppression undeniably exists. To claim that race is a construct and that to combat racism is to reify the construct is to side with white supremacy and seek to diminish the experiences of marginalized individuals.

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April Michelle MacKay Have you heard about the new Poor Peoples Movement?

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Damian Gonzales What is it?

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April Michelle MacKay Here's a link. I think that it is important to note that mlk was assassinated after he began to organize for economic justice and was openly anti-war. The empire runs on these.
<https://poorpeoplescampaign.org/>




A New Poor People's Campaign for Today

Learn more about the effort to build a new Poor...

[POORPEOPLES CAMPAIGN.ORG](https://poorpeoplescampaign.org)


Blankenhorn is Chris Blankenhorn, Co-Chair of Green Party US, GPUS Youth Caucus, Illinois

 **Preston Thacker** We have a continuation of the PPC here in Savannah, called PPC-CAT (community action team)


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 **Damian Gonzales** I'll do some digging.


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 **Christi Catlett Oates** Zac Garcia Quinn Webb Rachel Gray - interesting - I hope no one in the GP is talking of killing anyone and if they do regardless of what race they are and what class of person they want to kill I will remind them we are a party of peace and our job if we are to be in alignment with the four pillars of the party platform is to promote peace. We don't do that by bashing and spewing angry hatefulness at anyone - even our 'opposition' - that is not a winning strategy and that is not in alignment with the peaceful values of the party.


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 **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** What always fascinates me is what some liberals mean as "peace " always requires the oppressed to be complacent about their suffering. It's never about justice.


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 **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Christi, why did you find the need to tag others? Do you need people to gang up on Damian?

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 **Zac Garcia** I asked Christi to tag me in these kinds of discussion. I like to see the various opinions of others on controversial subjects. I don't think anyone wants to "gang up" on anyone. Whether or not we agree on a particular subject, I'd like to hope we're all working for a common cause.


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 **Rachel Gray** Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Cobb Greens & Friends will be holding a Peace Talk in Kennesaw on Saturday if you are able to join us. The only group I'm looking to oppress are US weapons manufacturers.

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 **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Nope.

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Richard Moser https://befreedom.co/.../strategy-begins-by-reclaiming...



Strategy Begins by Reclaiming the Discourse on White Privilege

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Linda Templin Having done feminist work in Texas, I can say that there is some blowing off steam that is natural when discussing the war-zone that women live in. It gives me a starting point for understanding the serious impacts of blatant racism, casual racism, and head-in-the-sand ignorance.

I will never be done getting up to speed on the experiences of POC. I am happy to be learning, supporting, and using the info to build organizations that work for everyone.

Thank you for this post. It is encouraging.

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Christi Catlett Oates I think all this talk about race and class is divisive and distracts us from uniting on the real issues of election integrity, environmental sustainability and fixing the broken system. I don't feel it is a winning strategy to bash any group, even white privileged people. Speaking as a white privileged person who has used my privilege to donate many thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours to growing the party, I think it would be a losing strategy to try and alienate or turn off people like me by telling me that it's okay if I get bashed because I'm white and privileged. Doesn't make any sense to me.

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Linda Templin I haven't been bashed for being white. People who are getting mauled by government workers have some real grievances to air as we work towards solutions.

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Christi Catlett Oates Linda Templin I have been by my own Green Party co-chairs!!! unbelievable 🤔

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Linda Templin What a drag. I'm sorry that happened. I work with a nonprofit that supports work in Africa. It is a trick to not get into white savior mode. My colleagues have been patient with me when a bolus of ignorance come out of my mouth.

Multicultural work is... See More

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Christi Catlett Oates, do you mean to suggest that POC aren't "really" getting killed by cops?

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Zac Garcia I don't think anyone who affiliates with the Green Party would suggest there aren't horrifying levels of racial injustices. Race is an important and relevant issue. I will never know the struggles of being a descendant of a black slave, of knowing that... [See More](#)

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Christi Catlett Oates Andrea Mérida Cuéllar really? that's what you took from my post? not at all, please read carefully and with a more objective, open mind. I am an advocate for peace, not oppression.

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Damian Gonzales Zac Garcia Right and if you're outside a group and they have an issue don't speak for them or over them. That's all I'm saying.

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Zac Garcia Absolutely agree, Damian.

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





Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Christi, you need to watch your words. "Real issues." You are saying that our issues aren't real, and worse, you are attempting to prescribe priorities for us.












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Christi Catlett Oates Andrea Mérida Cuéllar you are misunderstanding, I think attacking, shaming and ridiculing GP members for being white and privileged is a non-issue compared to the real issues of racial and social injustice (ie cops killing POC). You seem to have a lot of negative presumptions about me and my motivation and rationale and thought processes and I wonder if you are focused so much on white privilege that you arbitrarily assign those negative qualities to me because I'm white? That is a dangerous and unhelpful scenario. Again, please read carefully and with an open mind. I am not your enemy - I encourage you to focus your energy, passion, and anger toward the real enemies - the 0.01% who rule the broken, rigged, 2 party system. Election integrity, environmental protection, decriminalization of marijuana, these are other real issues in addition to the social and racial injustice. I just don't understand why so many people are trying to attack middle class white folks many of whom, like myself, are huge supporters of the GP. I work so so so hard, spending practically all my free time and all my extra money on growing the party so it saddens me to see so many people so invested in attacking me because I am white and middle class. Don't feel sorry for me duh, but geez, isn't there anything better for you to focus on?

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-  **Damian Gonzales** Why do you feel personally attacked by this post?
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Any person who tells us who our priorities are, and tone polices us, but doesn't help in our struggle, is my enemy. Is that you? If not, then take the advice to clean it up and do some personal discernment. Learn how to be intersectional.
Like · Reply · 1 · May 12 at 11:50am
-  **Damian Gonzales** you can b...2 things #intersectionality
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-  **Damian Gonzales** BTW good leftbook group. You'll learn a lot.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** And it's POC selfie day.
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-  **Christi Catlett Oates** **Damian Gonzales** I have had our co-chairs point blank dismiss our gp fb page as being nothing but a bunch of 'white privileged women' and have you not seen the comments Andrea has made accusing me of a bunch of things I'm not? I find this entire thread a distraction from doing real work on real issues. If you really think I am the enemy I feel sorry for the party. I have personally donated many thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours to growing the party but hey, if you really think I'm part of the problem then hey, maybe I don't need to be in the GP.
Like · Reply · 1 · May 12 at 12:05pm
-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Please articulate EXACTLY what I'm accusing you of.
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-  **Christi Catlett Oates** honestly, read your own posts, I don't have time for this discussion anymore.
Like · Reply · May 12 at 12:06pm
-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** And here you are AGAIN, with the "real issues" crap
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-  **Damian Gonzales** OUR LIVES ARE REAL ISSUES
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** You are a fragile white woman that cannot take critique from people you claim to be allied with. P
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-  **Damian Gonzales** I shouldn't have to say that.
Like · Reply · May 12 at 12:06pm

-  **Christi Catlett Oates** OMG y'all are reading so much into this post and making so much out of nothing. If your goal is to run me out of the party, then Bravo!
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-  **Damian Gonzales** Peace.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** 🙌
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-  **Christi Catlett Oates** Damian Gonzales are you serious? please calm down, take a breath and read my posts. I am saying that attacking white privileged people may not be the best strategy or the best use of your time.
Like · Reply · May 12 at 12:08pm
-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Who are you to say, at all?
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-  **Damian Gonzales** No one attacked them. You all had to throw yourselves on the floor claiming to be oppressed by this post.
Like · Reply · 2 · May 12 at 12:09pm
-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** It's pretty shameful, really.
Like · Reply · May 12 at 12:10pm
-  **Christi Catlett Oates** ??? again really? did anyone claim to be oppressed by this post? ask yourself? do we want to turn off and turn away avid supporters because they are white and middle class? is that a winning strategy?
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Honestly, I'm not interested in organizing you. I'm interested in replicating Chokwe Antar Lumumba's work in the Green Party.
Like · Reply · May 12 at 12:11pm
-  **Christi Catlett Oates** I am simply challenging your strategy but if you stand by it then cool - maybe you feel you don't want white middle class people in the party because they can't understand or relate to your struggle. If that is the case then just say so.
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** I just did. Your needing to control our expression is counterrevolutionary.
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Damian Gonzales You're the one reading too much into things. If telling the truth will scare away white middle class people then they were never our ally to begin with.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Exactly.

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Christi Catlett Oates ok, well, if you think this is productive then peace out! I'm going to go on to try and find something more productive than attack fellow GP members by calling them names and telling them to be quiet and let the POC talk 😊

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar And leave Bruce Dixon alone while you're at it. He is a warrior that deserves your respect, not your pushback.

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Linda Templin The Sierra Club has had this very thing brought up in their group. They have a new program to educate white members about working intersectionally. They have published some useful materials.

The leadership got pushback from the rank and file for supporting blm. What they are putting forth is that communities of color have everything to do with the environment. Their neighborhoods are the most impacted. We have to learn about environmental and economic justice issues from multiple perspectives.

Everytime something unintentionally unkind comes out of my mouth, i am excluding POC by being annoying. POC are busy. They can't explain every last thing.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Linda Templin you just continue to impress me. Thank you for working hard to come together with folks. Solidarity!

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Rachel Gray My take is that the young millennial and Z generation are moving away from defined labels. They want to be gender fluid and with every decade, America becomes less a salad of separated 'races' and a true melting pot of citizens with various combinations of ethnic backgrounds.

I also think any label that needs an acronym runs the risk of seeming exclusionary...as in hard to grasp...and not reflective of real people who are not acronyms but a mix of experiences, hardships and dreams. For instance, I am still not sure (as in confused and uncertain) if a Hispanic Georgia Green member is considered a POC per the GaGP bylaws.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Y'all can't handle Bruce Dixon's truth, eh? lololol

Like · Reply · May 12 at 9:54am



Rachel Gray I'm not sure what truth you are speaking about. As a woman who has been a progressive journalist for years I have sought truth. If you mean calling me privileged, then no...that is not true. Yes, much more than others...but a lot less as I was born white, but very near the poverty line...but still much more privileged than my parents and grandparents.

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Sean Michael McMullin Rachel, you're asking folks to stop using labels because they're divisive, but that's literally how language works. Words delineate things so that we know what we're talking about. As a bisexual person, it's extremely important that I be able to talk a... See More

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Yeah, my justice is more important than your comfort.

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Rachel Gray I am not telling anyone what to do. I'm saying that even positive labels might feel like they are being forced on someone inaccurately or in a condescending way. I would not want to label another person, and I would not want to be labeled by others who don't know me.

As far as comfort...I've been a progressive reporter for years, beyond activism for ACORN in native New Mexican communities, Boys and Girls Clubs in South Cobb and as a medical missionary in villages of Uganda.

I do not place my needs before others literally as often as I can. But again, you don't actually know me.

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Sean Michael McMullin But again, you're taking a privileged position here. It's not about what "qualifications" you think you have because you're a good white savior. It's about the fact that oppressed folks are using words that you don't like, and as someone who is not a member of that oppressed group, you don't have any right to try to control how they talk about their oppression. That has consistently been Damian's point here and you're not addressing it.

And no, as a 'non black person from a racist area', you are not the perfect person to break down divisions within communities of color. Try focusing on using your privilege to dismantle racism within the privileged circles you find yourself in.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar The fact that you need to sculpt how we express ourselves says that your credentials aren't working. You are not yet qualified to analyze our situation. By tone policing and rolling out your resume, you ARE putting your needs ahead.

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Rachel Gray Sean Michael McMullin actually my statement was that I might be the best person to discuss issues of oppression of communities of color to poor white rural communities.

So if I ignore oppression I am an oppressor, but if I'm an activist striving for change I'm a savior?

I can't change my skin color. So what is your solution...to not be involved? I've been a journalist and activist for years, and the communities I've worked in don't see me as privileged they see me as an involved community member of journalist.

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Rachel Gray Again, I have not asked any of you to change your actions, but to understand how the labels you use like white and privileged might feel to let's say my cousin who was born very poor and stated a family with her Mexican immigrant husband.

You all seem to defend labels, but don't want to really know the people you are labeling.

I would never use a derogatory, race baiting, label on purpose to pigeon hole someone's life and purpose. I'm merely asking for that same consideration based on the race and gender I was assigned at birth.

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Damian Gonzales Recognize your privilege and use it to empower people who don't have that privilege.

Like · Reply · 1 · May 12 at 11:14am

Damian Gonzales You don't get to speak for the Black movement/Latino movement etc. But they need assistance. Be there for them. FOR THEM.
Like · Reply · 1 · May 12 at 11:15am

Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Race baiting? Enough with the tokenism already.
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Rachel Gray Right Damian. I've used what little privilege I've been blessed with to work diligently for communities across the color spectrum.
Like · Reply · May 12 at 11:29am



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Damian Gonzales Race may be irrelevant to you but we have to live Through it EVERYDAY. I have never once had a day off from racism. Race will be the center of our organizing, as it should. You all should read up on Intersectionality.

PSA:

Calling attention to racism is not racism.

Identifying division is not divisive.

Saying it's raining doesn't mean you made it rain.

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Rachel Gray Race is in no way irrelevant to me. I was born in a very racist part of the country, and I have dedicated a lot of my life to addressing racism head on. My point is that labels do not accomplish much in fighting against racism. It only further divides. ... [See More](#)
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Damian Gonzales Rachel Gray Sorry I didn't mean you you. You in general.
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Damian Gonzales All I'm saying is as non-blacks our opinion shouldn't carry any weight pertaining to the Black community etc etc
Like · Reply · May 12 at 9:34am


Damian Gonzales I don't get to speak for women about women issues. etc etc


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 **Rachel Gray** I think as a nonblack from a racist area, I might be the perfect person to break down the real issues in communities of color so that rural small town whites are willing to listen and change.


Also, I have a lot of white friends and family who are married and started families with men of other ethnicities or have adopted children of other ethnicities...and I think their opinions and view points should not be ignored or white washed.




Jill Stein is white...but she spoke loudly for natives and immigrants. I value her opinion over Kasim Reed and Condoleezza Rice.





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 **Chris Blankenhorn** Using ones privilege, necessarily with input from impacted individuals, to combat systems of oppression ALONGSIDE front line communities is different than speaking for and over them.


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 **Chris Blankenhorn** I am very vocal about anti-oppression issues and certainly have my own internally crafted views, but they always get filtered through the The expressions my comrades who experience these systems and I try really hard to amplify their voices with my privilege, rather than push my own perspectives. This filtering of our gut instinct and worldview through the perspectives of those we seek to advocate for is essential.


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 **Damian Gonzales** We do not live in a post-racial society, we will not end racism by pretending it doesn't exist or by worrying more about White feelings than creating a just world for People of Color.


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 **Rachel Gray** I do not worry more about white feelings, and my history as a progressive journalist has been devoted to justice for minority communities.


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 **Damian Gonzales** NO ONE IS BASHING WHITE CISHET PEOPLE. ALL I'M SAYING IS ALLOW ROOM AT THE TABLE FOR OTHER DISCUSSIONS AS WELL ECONOMIC and ENVIRONMENTAL BECAUSE WE ARE AFFECTED BY DIFFERENT THINGS MORE HARSHLY THAN YOU.


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 **Rachel Gray** Again, the than you is where you make assumptions. I come from a very poor background...and we need to remember that the Green Party fights for the working class...so I am working hard at not alienating people we desperately need in our movement.




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 **Damian Gonzales** Being poor/rich is just one type of oppression/privilege. There are others. Look up intersectionality.

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 **Damian Gonzales** You're using a class reductionist argument.


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 **Preston Thacker** Great post. We must avoid the Environmental Reductionism and liberal identity politics that have been prevalent in the GP in the past. Liberation of the oppressed, not concession to our oppressors.


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 **Damian Gonzales** I exist to empower all oppressed peoples. I know that sounds a little dramatic, but it is literally the only thing I care about. I'm a very one track minded person. Big picture, not detail oriented.


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 **Rachel Gray** Then please realize there are many people in the 'white' community who also need your voice to stand with them.

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 **Damian Gonzales** Last time I checked white people held 99% of the political power and money in this Country. There isn't a white caucus for the same reason there isn't a men's caucus. You may not directly benefit from being white but you experience privilege because of the color of your skin that I or my black/native/Asian etc brothers and sisters will never experience. You may feel that we are trying to take something from you, but we are just trying to raise up ourselves.

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 **Damian Gonzales** You already have all the seats at the table. We're DEMANDING ours.

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Rachel Gray I don't think you are trying to take anything from me. I do find it funny to be lectured by a man repeatedly about power...but most men don't think female struggle still exists.

Listen, I was one of the few reporters who supported Commissioner Lisa Cupid in her vote against the Braves deal.

You are literally a pot calling the kettle white. We are on the same side. I have just as much right to ask not to be called privileged as you do not to be called a racist label.

Again...you don't seem to want me to speak for communities of color bc I'm white...but then you are really sensitive to me wanting to be the voice of poor rural white America.

Basically it doesn't sound like you want me in your party...but I'm not really a newcomer and don't intend to leave...unless it is for the DSA.

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Damian Gonzales This was so much spicier than I expected when I posted this. BTW I got my gender/ethnic studies degree from leftbook. Where'd you get yours from?

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Sean Michael McMullin I got my tumblr snowflake degree from SJWU just last week!

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Zac Garcia You've certainly stirred a discussion rich pot! 😊

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Rachel Gray Ernie Pyle School of Journalism from IU where I also studied African Politics including genocide.

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Damian Gonzales I was being self deprecating to cut through the tension.

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Zac Garcia Damian, your post is a great reminder. I'll follow your lead. I'm a cisgender, hispanic/white, mostly hetero, millennial male. I got into progressive politics from listening to Black Panther inspired Hip-Hop. Dead Prez, The Coup, Paris, etc. They talked about killing congressmen, presidents. I heard their anger, and it's not mine to say whether they are justified in that. I didn't grow up a poor black kid, where 1 out of every 3 of my friends would end up in prison. I don't get to decide what's right for anyone to feel or say, specifically because I cannot know what it's like to feel what they are feeling.

Where I think there was some break down in this discussion is in what we, as Green Party members (I believe most everyone on this thread would identify as such, and if not, I apologize for my assumption), are trying to accomplish with our words. Are we trying to grow the party? Are we trying to educate others on social, racial, and economic injustice? Are we trying to change our system of government and elect officials who embody our beliefs to incorporate the calls for justice from the oppressed? These are rhetorical questions, as I'm sure we'd all agree that this is our intent. So how do we do this?

I don't want to put words into anyone's mouths, so I'll speak for myself. I believe the way to grow the party and to educate is with respectful communication. I'm not going to tell you not to be angry, that's your right. I will say that I have tried both routes of discussion and argumentation, and I've found that empathizing with another's paradigm is more effective in getting them to empathize with your own than by flat out arguing with them. Grouping classes of people into labels is important for all kinds of things, such as sociological work as mentioned above, pinpointing which groups are most affected by which societal factors. As was also noted, in language we need categories to understand what another person is talking about. I think the important call here is to also remember that categories and labels carry connotations, and we need to think about what connotations we want to bring to our discussions. Again, what are we trying to accomplish?

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Damian Gonzales Word. I think this was the most level headed post here. Respect. I certainly don't want people that disagree with me to not be in the Party or whatever, I want them to grow and to understand and I'm not always the best at being patient and steady-handed. There are dynamics here they don't understand. All I'm hearing is "All lives matter" when I hear people try to argue against intersectionality.

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Zac Garcia Brother, I hear that. It's tough to not jump to anger, especially when there's so much to already be angry about. I just try to remember that if I'm on a Green page, more than likely the people I'm talking to are my cohorts. We may have logistical and strategical disagreements, but in the end, we all want to make essentially the same changes. With people who identify with other ideologies, I try to remember that, while we may disagree, they come from a different place. They want what's best for their country and community, too. They just think it's something different from me. Usually it's from fear, so I just try to send them some love and remind them that the world isn't such a scary place, because really we're all in this together.

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Rachel Gray I am a huge supporter of Black Lives Matter...which is not easy with a family full of white cops who often see color negatively.

I'll I'm asking is to see that many 'white' people are also on the frontlines, so belittling us in a category of 'privileg... [See More](#)

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Damian Gonzales Don't conflate privilege with belittling. It is undeniable that there are somethings you have access to that I don't as Brown/ you white, but that I do and you don't as a Woman/ me a man. As Americans we are more privileged than the average person from India. Nothing is binary.

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Damian Gonzales Just use what you have to fight oppression. Why is that so hard.

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Zac Garcia Rachel, I hear that you feel belittled by being ascribed the term "privileged". It's true, you are white by no action or organization of your own. You didn't choose to be born white. However, I think what Damien is asking here is to recognize that, regardless of whether or not you want it to be so, there is a systemic social, economic, and power structure that favors white, male people in our predominantly Eurocentric and patriarchally structured country. I don't think anyone wants to undermine the work you've done, or to insult you by virtue of your skin color, but disregarding race entirely is equally counterproductive as overemphasizing it.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Personally, I'm trying to grow the Party in a different direction than some of these folks want. It's time for an intersectional, revolutionary party of the working class. I'm not worried about what white liberals want.

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 **Zac Garcia** What direction, Andrea? Does it diverge from the platform at GP.org? If so, how?



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Kenneth is a 26 year-old first generation American who is a member of the Green Party and is a...

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
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 **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** See "Ecological Economics." I'm a national co-chair of the Party, btw.


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 **Zac Garcia** I love that page. I actually just had a discussion with someone who wanted to label the Green economic platform as strictly "socialist". I directed them to that page where it discusses the platform's divergence from both traditional socialism and capitalism.

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 **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Well, but don't be confused. We're moving away from STATE domination in either form. We are actually socialists, and a hard-core socialist wrote that plank.


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 **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** What we want to move away from is the aberration that was Stalinism through Gorbachev.


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 **Damian Gonzales** Ecological Socialism is incompatible with non-intersectionality. Think more Kropotkin less Lenin.


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 **Zac Garcia** "Community-based economics constitutes an alternative to both corporate capitalism and state socialism. It values diversity and decentralization." It's funny, you read the page and call it ecological socialism. I read the page and call it ecological capitalism. I feel like it pulls the good from each economic ideal. Again, I don't feel like we differ at all ideological, just in semantics.

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 **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Except that there is no good that germinates from capitalism. In that, we are opposed.

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 **Zac Garcia** I'm not quite ready to say that we are opposed in that. Would you be up for more discussion on that front?

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Zac Garcia Pricing and monetary valuation of goods and services arise from having capital, a product of capitalism. I fully agree with you, that unfettered capitalism can only lead to economic oppression and social injustice. Do you believe there can be such a thing as "cooperative capitalism"?

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Damian Gonzales Any situation where a worker is working for a wage instead of equity (Owning the means of production) the worker is being oppressed.

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Chris Blankenhorn We reject both capitalism (private control) and state socialism (govt control) in favor of worker and community control. Trading private for govt masters does not significantly change the organization of labor and does not lead to a more democratic pro... See More

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Damian Gonzales Socialism is about who owns and manages the workplace.

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Damian Gonzales We don't want the Government owning it or private individuals. We want the workers to own it. And by extension the communities.

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Chris Blankenhorn There is no such thing as non-exploitative or non-predatory capitalism. By its basic definition capitalism is a top-down hierarchical system.

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Damian Gonzales Or what he said lol ^

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar I do not support any form of capitalism.

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Zac Garcia Absolutely agree. Would there would remain a somewhat competitive marketplace by which consumers could choose between different versions of the same goods or services.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar I don't care how much you shine it up, but capitalism cannot be good or compassionate or whatever.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Socialism does not mean there is no commerce. It simply means that the worker controls, and benefits wholly from, the means of production.



Andrea Mérida Cuéllar I would invite you to study the Mondragon Cooperatives a bit.

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Damian Gonzales There can be markets in socialism. Worker community cooperative markets.

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Chris Blankenhorn I'm confused that you are asking for cooperative capitalism while also calling for competition. Cooperative and competitive tend to be antithetical ideals.

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Zac Garcia I hear your point. I think that's the biggest fear of the word "socialism", that it brings the connotation of the State run hierarchy, where the only goods available are those publicly produced without a choice or marketplace. I haven't heard of Mondra... [See More](#)

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Yep, go check it out. You're describing Mondragon.

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Chris Blankenhorn The correlation to statism is largely due to a combination of misinformation, propaganda, and people using the word socialism to define things that aren't socialism. (I'm of the belief that bureaucratic state systems like the USSR, were just another type of state managed capitalism as opposed to free market capitalism.)

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Damian Gonzales What Bernie was preaching was in no way shape or form Socialism. Just Social Capitalism.

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Zac Garcia I suppose I was using terms liberally. I would describe cooperative capitalism as private companies owned by all of its employees, which is to say that their work is their investment, as opposed to a few monetary investors or the State. These companies would then trade their goods and services in the marketplace. Is this different from what you're describing? If so, how so?

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Damian Gonzales That's socialism Who owns the means of production?

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Damian Gonzales That's the million dollar Identifying question.

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





























Damian Gonzales Who owns the factory and what it produces?

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Damian Gonzales Who makes the decisions of what to build and how?

-  **Damian Gonzales** If the answer is the workers than it's socialism.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** Markets have little to do with it.
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-  **Zac Garcia** What's the answer for capitalism?
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Socialism.
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-  **Zac Garcia** As in, who owns the means of production, necessarily and by definition, in a capitalist economy?
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** The rich.
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-  **Zac Garcia** What if, by virtue of the quality and demand for the product, the workers become the rich?
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-  **Damian Gonzales** When individuals are allowed to exchange excess capital for labor. When Individuals are allowed to use excess capital to own the workplace.
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-  **Zac Garcia** Is it no longer socialism?
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** They would all become rich.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** when the workers no longer democratically control the work place. Socialism has degraded into capitalism.
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-  **Zac Garcia** So it's at the point where monetary investment replaces labor investment. That is the line drawn.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** No
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Investment?
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-  **Zac Garcia** As in, when someone is no longer working within the company but is still able to profit from its success by virtue of a monetary investment.
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-  **Zac Garcia** Is that the line?

-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** No, it's who gets to determine how profits are used.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** If it's the workers, socialism. If it's board members, capitalism
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-  **Damian Gonzales** Board members don't actually produce anything. They just decide what to produce and how to spend the profits. That should be up to the workers. The people actually making the goods/services.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** And the communities who use the products.
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-  **Chris Blankenhorn** The main issue here is you are trying to grasp socialism through the lens of capitalism. Socialism seeks to break and expose the spectacle, not reform it.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** Socialism is the antithesis of capitalism. Democracy is not possible under capitalism, socialism is centered around it.
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-  **Zac Garcia** I think you're right. Having never experienced socialism, I'm having difficulty really seeing how what you're describing works in a practical setting. I'll definitely check out Mondragon. Thanks for chatting, everyone! I really appreciate all of your insights.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** Look up Richard Wolff. He's great.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** Democracy at work on youtube
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-  **Zac Garcia** Awesome, I definitely will. I'm always ready to learn more. Again, I appreciate everyone's input and patience. I hope you all can consider it at least as practice in educating a capitalist in the truth of socialism. If the Green Party wants to win over the mass millions, there's going to have to be a lot of this kind of open discussion, I think. Thanks again!
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Solidarity, southern Latinx person!
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-  **Chris Blankenhorn** Always happy to discuss with people who actually want to engage.
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Linda Templin According to bookchin, cooperatively owned enterprises are communalism. This gets away from the authoritarian communist and the non-democratic capitalist models.

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Damian Gonzales Gray was blocked. No useful discourse was going to be had and it was turning ugly.

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Chris Blankenhorn In case it hasn't been said, if Damian's statement makes you uncomfortable, that's a good thing. It means that you are critically engaging with his statement and running his perspective through your thinking. This is the first step to making necessary adjustments in your role as an ally and co-conspirator along side front line communities. The discomfort is good and necessary to make the massive and transformational changes that we need to in our society.

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Sean Michael McMullin



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Andrea Merida Cuellar For the fragile white people on this thread trying to "manage" Damian's commentary, I DARE you to read MLK's words, in their entirety. Don't synthesize for your own appeasement. READ. Here is a pointed quote directed at you all:

First, I must confess that over the past few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Council or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says: "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action"; who paternalistically believes he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by a mythical concept of time and who constantly advises the Negro to wait for a "more convenient season." Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection.

https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Article/Letter_Birmingham.html

Letter from a Birmingham Jail [King, Jr.]

While confined here in the Birmingham city jail, I came across your recent statement calling my present activities "unwise and untimely." Seldom do I pause to answer criticism of my work and ideas. If I sought to answer all the criticisms that cross my desk, my secretaries would have little time for...

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Jason Justice New white cracker Greens- if you can't be intersectional, GET THE FUCK OUT OF OUR PARTY. We don't have time for your cowardice.

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Christi Catlett Oates this is bridge burning language not coalition building language and I don't think it is in alignment with the GP values of peace.

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Damian Gonzales If you're here to disrupt the movement, which is what it seems like, then it is you who is not in alignment with the GP values.

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Christi Catlett Oates Damian Gonzales I would say that it is you who is causing the disruption by attacking members, I have done soooooo much to grow the party, why would I waste my time disrupting it? I simply think that attacking potential and current members is a losing strategy - that was my only point.

Damian Gonzales we have set forth an anti-oppression anti-capitalist platform. If you're not working towards that (You're not) You're not working towards Green goals and values.

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Damian Gonzales It doesn't matter how many people we get if they're not working for green values.

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Christi Catlett Oates I'm not sure how you know what I am working for or not working for. I know the one of the four pillars is peace and here I am working for that by trying to be respectful in my communication.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar You're still trying to silence people's expression here.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar And as Damian's state party co-chair, I can attest he's doing waaaaay more to grow this party than you think.

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Christi Catlett Oates well yeah, if the expression is FU cracker! lol, geez. I know Damien is working super hard and I have supported his efforts and appreciate him for doing this. I'm just surprised to find GP members okay with telling people to F off and throwing racial slurs.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar You mean a fellow white person? lol

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar We're not here to guard your tender feelings, I'm sorry. You are being resistant to anything we're saying about how we should express, or the priorities you've prescribed. You are being offensive in that rigidity, and now you want us to protect you from being called a cracker or whatever? Pfff.

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Christi Catlett Oates I see, it's okay to throw racial slurs if people are conforming to your expectation...hmmmm, let's let that sink in a minute

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar No. Expect resistance to your disrespect for our boundaries.

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Damian Gonzales You came here throwing stones at something we view as foundational.

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Christi Catlett Oates ok, white people suck and aren't welcome in the GP unless they shut up, listen and stand in the background - good luck with that.

-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** No, really, it's just your posture here that sucks.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** If that's what you want to get from this post whatever.
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** Petulant bullshit. Go stamp your feet somewhere else.
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-  **Chris Blankenhorn** Who uses a racial slur?
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-  **Chris Blankenhorn** Are we actually calling cracker a racial slur?
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-  **Chris Blankenhorn** JFC white people.
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-  **Damian Gonzales** privilege is a slur too don't ya know s/
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-  **Chris Blankenhorn** Lol. Then let me slur myself. Im privileged as shit. White, male, cis, hetero, college educated, home owner, come from a middle class Christian background, fully employed, able bodied, im sure I'm missing some but you get the point.
Yet, none of tha... See More
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** #MemberOfGPUSCochairBlankenhornFanClub
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-  **L.J. Harker** Not even a Green and I love this guy. Well said, Chris. Well said, indeed.
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-  **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** You gotta roll with these homies, LJ.
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-  **L.J. Harker** IKR? Have to up my comrade game.+
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-  **Chris Blankenhorn** We've been told in this thread that our position is bad for recruitment. But it seems good for bringing in the type of comrades we need, like LJ. I'm not sectarian or partisan, a member of SPUSA as well as a green, and a comrade is a comrade. Green or not, my place is alongside the people fighting the fight. Living the struggle. Luckily we have honeypots like this the flag who's who. 😊 Very humbled by the love.
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LeRoy A Bartell Jr So after reading this exchange I'm actually laughing out loud.

As a black male in America the term cracker is far more offensive to me than to a white American. Especially because it comes from the sound of a whip cracking on a slaves back.

Cracker is used to describe the oppressors which right now is the establishment and the system designed to give the privileged an advantage. I doubt a cracker(white male) shouting cracker is going to scare the serious away. I personally found a white man calling out crackers hilarious.

Perhaps if we focus on the point of intersectionalism, the conversation would not have gone so bad. Meaning be bold in pointing out the oppression and all of its ugliness in order to confront it.

I am glad you said we do not have time for cowardice because the battle is just begining. Power doesn't relinquish power freely and without struggle.

Intersectionalism means we all have a voice and duty to one another to stand up with one another against all forms of oppression.

In my opinion, we need to draw upon our diversity in order to become stronger. And none of us have all of the answers but together we can come pretty close.

Who here is working towards a capitalist platform btw?

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Damian Gonzales I'm fighting against capitalism.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr I feel that capitalism is the root cause of much of our suffering. Wars are being fought right now because of capitalism. I served in two bs wars over oil and opium.

Right now the establishment loves capitalism. I'm fighting to wrestle power away from the establishment. Because none of this will mean

anything while the power rests in the establishment's hands. We will eat whatever they damn well want us to until we take away their power.

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Damian Gonzales Right. Which is why I'm teaming up with other leftists fighting the same battle. Not liberals who support reformism. Revolution. Not reform. Allowing people to have pride in themselves, not being colorblind. etc etc.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Why pick and choose who aids you in your revolution? I'm far more concerned about affective results. I want progress and real change. Call it revolution, call it reform. What I don't want is for my son's and daughter to fight in another rich mans war. I'm willing to do what it takes to prevent that.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr We are all in this revolution for a reason. Who are we to tell anyone their reason is not just? How is that Intersectionalism?

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Damian Gonzales If we follow them down their path your sons and daughters will be fighting in more wars. Their path doesn't solve any problems. Only offers bandaid solutions. And when we offer real solutions they fight us.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar People who are not intetsectional are counterrevolutionary.

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Damian Gonzales We spend more energy fighting them then we do advancing our goals or doing out-reach.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr No one said follow them. I'm about using what benefits the movement and forget the rest. If they fight us on real solutions, fight back. But first, be sure your solution has proof. To them their solution is real. Without discussion and putting words into practice, how do we know our solution is the right one? Once again, I rather rely on diversity of thought than to presume we have all of the answers.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Is that energy wasted? Are your goals fool proof? Is open honest discussing fighting? Is there even a discussion?

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr I also do not see how these discussions prevent outreach. Either reach out or don't.

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Damian Gonzales Intersectionality is foundational to our movement. We're not fighting to end one form of oppression, but all forms. Not agreeing with that is not agreeing with our movement.

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Damian Gonzales It's attempting to uphold systems of oppression.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Not all even understand what that all means. Perhaps instead of fighting, why not educate? Why can't that be part of the outreach?

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Aren't those willing to come to you easier to reach?

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Thanks for your honest and open discussion Damian Gonzales. My phone is dying. I really want to know more of your point of view. Like I said. I want affective change. Labels mean nothing to that end.

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Damian Gonzales We did attempt. They refused to even consider our position. You can re-read this entire thread. All they heard is that "we hate white people". When all that was said is that we need to allow room at the table for non white, non het, non cis voices. And they fought against that.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr I agree with you. What I did not see locally is any of those actually trying to take a seat. If any one of those groups were turned away from the table, I'm not aware of it happening.

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Damian Gonzales "I think all this talk about race and class is divisive and distracts us from uniting on the real issues"

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr I'm none white and Preston was a Co-Chairman. Another at the seat is a Mexican American. No one person had the power to kick anyone from the table. Walking away is a personal choice.

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Damian Gonzales I beg to differ. I think that statement inherently turns us away.

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Damian Gonzales That attitude. That only issues that affect white cishet people are real issues.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr I agree, the quoted statement is not intersectionalism. Maybe that is due to lack of understanding. I also agree that we should strive to confront it.

I'm not sure which attitude you are referring to.



LeRoy A Bartell Jr Respect For Diversity

We believe it is important to value cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity, and to promote the development of respectful relationships across the human spectrum. We believe that the many diverse elements of society should be reflected in our organizations and decision-making bodies, and we support the leadership of people who have been traditionally closed out of leadership roles. We encourage respect for all life forms, and increased attention to the preservation of biodiversity.

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Christi Catlett Oates Quinn Webb - at your request

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Chris Blankenhorn So the statement that marginalized individuals weren't turned away, but weren't present should be a giant red flag for your local.

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Qadija Tatum-Aamir This the way I would explain it to my children... If you want to OVERSTAND, BE QUIET and LISTEN... A man can not tell a woman, how to be a woman...One cannot tell a gardener, how to grow her garden, if they never gardened before. An oppressor cannot tell the ones who are oppressed, they shouldn't feel the way they do and not revolt. There are some things, you may never experience, so never know what it is like...but should be conscious and humble enough to know this and act accordingly... ButterflyHawk

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Christi Catlett Oates Justin Flachbarth LeRoy A Bartell Jr

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Calling in more backup, eh?

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Christi Catlett Oates Al Herman per request

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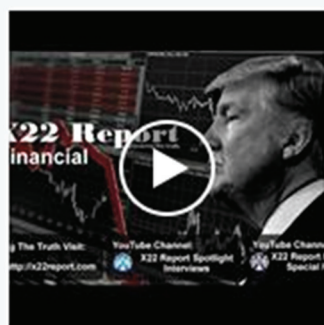


Anthony Mandel Not to scare anyone, but if this guy is right, the 99% are going to be equal real soon. No one is going to care about your origins or skin color. Only survival.

Part 1&2 economy will collapse

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Chris Blankenhorn What does this strawman fear mongering contribute? Just another attempt to tell oppressed communities not to worry about it because we're all fucked anyway?

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar Yeah. We don't actually give a damn until we're poor too. Good. Enough liberal whispering. Let me go find some rednecks to collab with it.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr If you want the discussion on the table, bring it to the table. Preston Thacker, you had ample time to bring issues to the table but brought none. The most significant issue you did bring to the table you then walked away from before there was a discussion.

We all have a right to be heard. Speak up.

Now Damian Gonzales, as a black cis/male who spent my last 26 years in the South, I might have an idea about where I stand in this hierarchy. My question is, how do you eliminate hierarchy in our society? And how do I assist? I can not begin to presume to have the answer for oppression.

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar You want to eliminate oppression? Let's end capitalism. Let's all be equal partners in the production of wealth.

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Damian Gonzales I can see why Preston wouldn't feel comfortable continuing to work with Greens in Savannah.

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Damian Gonzales He is who we should be building connections with. Not turning him away. He understands what we're attempting to build here more than most.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Damian Gonzales, in what way do you see my post as turning him away?

On the point of turning people away, this attitude of I have all of the answers and those that do not see my point of view are inferior is a major turn off. If you want to make change you have to be willing to listen as much as you speak. You must also speak when people are willing to listen.

I have encouraged time and again that he speak. He was a Co-Chairman. The fate of the organization was in his hands as much as anyone else in the organization.

Work with the Greens? As one of the founders, he was the Greens so please do not presume to lecture on the purity of understanding the revolution.

You do not own the revolution. There will be no revolution without unity of purpose. In my original post I ended with a questions. These questions were asked to increase understanding.

As far as working with the Greens. I'm sure you were not told that we were looking for issues that are important to the community and that Preston was trusted to help us find organisations we could assist in making change. That's my beef.

No one turned him away. Things got challenging and he chose to walk away. Let's hope we all have the courage to stay the course when we become a real threat to the establishment. Right now the revolution is joke when everyone continues with this purist attitude.

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Damian Gonzales I'm sorry, It did seem that I was insinuating that YOU were driving him away. I meant the argument in this thread against intersectionality. Not you specifically. There seem to be a large group of Greens in his local that are trying to resist intersectionality and our anti-oppression fight.

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Damian Gonzales While I agree persistence is key to success, It's hard when the people who are supposed to be your ally are fundamentally against you because you make them feel uncommfy. Again, that isn't directed at you.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Lol, we are not a large Group of greens. I'm the treasure in said group.the group started in January, and like all groups, we have growing pains as we figure out what the hell we are doing. I for one have constantly and consistantly advocated that we a... [See More](#)

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Preston Thacker I don't mind Trots but I can't help but feel like this is accurate...



When you haven't split
the party in 8 minutes

Trotskyism lrl

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Damian Gonzales Just remember WE hold authority on who the youth reps are. Job is always open for you.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr If I send my 15 year old son to join you, will be good enough?

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Cory Vincent Exactly.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Acknowledgement and respect for your ethnic/racial/gender background should not mean disrespect for others.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Page 15 of formal consensus by C.T. Butler

Nonviolence expects people to use their power to persuade without deception coercion or malice using truth creativity logic respect and love.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Key word is respect. Perhaps we should all exam ourselves and our actions. Just a suggestion. There are basic principles we must follow or else we end up just like the establishment.

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Damian Gonzales I can't control if they misinterpret what I'm saying as disrespect. What I was saying made them feel uncomfortable and they attacked claiming the fight that I am waging is not a real issue and that I was hurting not helping.

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Damian Gonzales Saying that someone has privilege is not an insult.

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Depends on the person you are calling privilege. I am not offended being called a male. I know some, that society would call male, that would take offense being called male.

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Damian Gonzales Privilege isn't binary. There aren't privileged people and non-privileged people, It's a spectrum. Being a Male, in USA makes us incredibly privileged. But there are also other factors of our lives that make us more opposed also. Privilege is shameful only if you uphold it. And you can only fight it by acknowledging it.


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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Explanation was respectful and educational.

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 **Damian Gonzales** I think to think of it like an STI. There should be no shame in catching something. Almost everyone at some point does. But it is a disease, it needs to be treated. You don't treat an infection by ignoring it, even if it's uncomfortable to deal with. With these diseases though, they're systemic. You can't absolve your privilege or oppression, the system continues to reinforce it. Until you see the ways in which you are privileged and the ways in which you are oppressed and the systems that uphold that, you're fighting in the dark.

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 **Linda Templin** We need privilege condoms and regular check ups until the disease is eliminated.

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 **LeRoy A Bartell Jr** How do you know if someone doesn't see their privilege or how they are oppressed?

Let me guess, the hunny pot set up to see if one's feelings get hurt when trigger words are used?

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 **Damian Gonzales** This wasn't meant to be a honey pot. Especially not for active greens. Just have open discourse about this subject and when someone is wrong explain why.

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 **LeRoy A Bartell Jr** "Luckily we have honeypots like this the flag who's who. 😊 Very humbled by the love."


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 **Damian Gonzales** Yeah I didn't write that.

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 **Damian Gonzales** I don't understand what your fight with me is.


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 **LeRoy A Bartell Jr** There is a difference between a fight and open discussion. I thought we were having the latter.


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 **Damian Gonzales** An attempt to be educational was made and shot down. (Not referring to you just this thread in general, read the whole thing. Quite educational.) that attempt was shot down and derided as divisive and not a real issue. Which if you understand what I was saying, is SUPER FUCKING OFFENSIVE. So things got heated because of that. End of discussion. If you want to learn more about intersectionality I can discuss that with you.
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 **LeRoy A Bartell Jr** I'm going to assume you weren't trying to be condescending.
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 **Damian Gonzales** Can you show me an example?
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 **LeRoy A Bartell Jr** In the context, I think when you said 'if you understand what I was saying' should be taken as 'you know what I mean?' so not so much. So I assumed right.
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
 **Damian Gonzales** Asking you to use your privilege to empower others is not an insult.
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 **LeRoy A Bartell Jr** I'm just asking we all self exam. Not you directly
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 **Megan Marie Witt** Thank you Damian. I agree. 🐢
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 **Megan Marie Witt** What is Pan Cis? (sorry I'm old and not very knowledge on all the terms.) is that regarding sexuality?
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 **Damian Gonzales** The best policy is to just ask, so thank you. Pan-sexual is basically Bi but stresses that I'm also attracted to Non-binary people, transgendered, etc and Cisgender gender is when you identify as the gender you were assigned at birth.
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 **Megan Marie Witt** Thank you.
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Damian Gonzales Hugh Esco

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Damian Gonzales This is the Post.

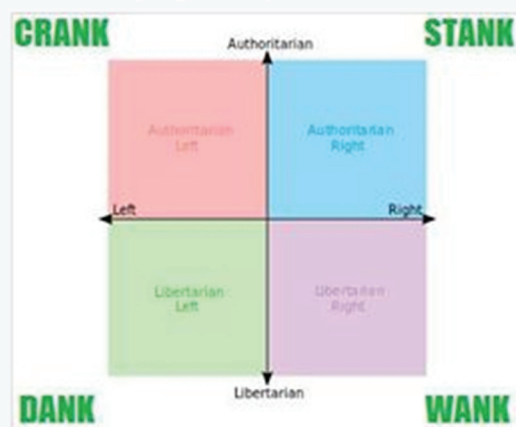
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Zac Moore jus gonnah put this here.



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Damian Gonzales Danky dank.

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Zac Moore issues that unite us and we can organize to win on > identity politics that divide us. let's use a softer touch, too. Bring your issues into winnable, specific campaigns for government, but don't make the campaign your identity.

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Zac Moore how bout we get more discussion on how to move this forward. Georgia is a lead voice on the issue. <http://gp.org/cgi-bin/vote/propdetail?pid=510>

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Damian Gonzales Identity politics are gross. That's not what this is. It's called intersectionality and we won't make any gains without it.

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Damian Gonzales It's about empowering all oppressed peoples.

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Damian Gonzales I'm not falling into a class reductionist trap. There are issues communities of Color face outside of environmental and electoral. With out these communities on our side we'll never get anything done. Which the platform clearly supports.

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Zac Moore economic justice and environmental justice are all over the platform, you are correct.

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Kevin Hatfield Reason enough to support GP:



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Christi Catlett Oates I just want to take a moment to personally apologize to anyone I offended on this thread. You certainly have the right to prioritize the issues in the way that you want and to be angry at whoever you want and to use whatever kind of language you want. I apologize if my words were unclear in that regard.

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Damian Gonzales While I honestly appreciate your apology, I'm really more concerned about the optics of the situation. While I've gained many friends defending my point against you (people appreciate when you stand up for them), I've also began to develop a reputation as racist against whites(which isn't a thing) based on accusations in your open letter. And now I have green party members in Georgia calling me telling me they're thinking about leaving, in part because of your actions (in part against me, in part against Bruce and everything he's worked towards). So that's where I'm at.

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Damian Gonzales After seeing that you're still defending your actions, I am forced to not accept your apology, as I don't think it was genuine.

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Damian Gonzales Further more, your apology did not cover how you came onto my page and began a racist tirade.

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Christi Catlett Oates so I have a question for you all - is it important to adhere to our party pillar value of 'peace' even when we are offended and outraged? if so, how do we do that?

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Zac Garcia I think here it's most important to remember that different people will have different interpretations of peace. The best thing any of us, whom I believe all are adhering to their own interpretation of the Green pillar of peace, can do is model our own interpretation of peace. Others might have a different interpretation to model and it's not my place to tell them whether it is or isn't peace. I appreciate that you are interested in promoting peace and humbly request you continue to model it as you see it and allow others to do the same without judgement.

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Christi Catlett Oates great point Zac, thank you for your insight 😊

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Damian Gonzales We don't view self-defense as anti-peace. The ideas behind being a non-violence peace Party is rooted in our understanding that wars are destructive. And that our ideal society will not develop by force. It has nothing to do with being a pacifist and allowing people to shit on you.



Damian Gonzales And peace isn't one of the four pillars. Not that it's not important. Just for clarification. One of the key values is non-violence. But it explicitly talks about systemic violence.

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Damian Gonzales I would also argue that a negative peace is more destructive and violent to marginalized folx than even what we have now.

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Zac Garcia I hear you on negative peace. It's an important line to draw, and one crucial to positive and effective change on systemic oppression. And just for a clarification note, am I misinterpreting the four pillars? Peace, Ecology, Social Justice, and Democracy?



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Damian Gonzales <http://www.gp.org/platform>



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Damian Gonzales Democracy, Social Justice, Ecological Sustainability and Economic Justice and Sustainability.

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Damian Gonzales I think we changed it at some point for this very reason.

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Damian Gonzales I read that platform religiously.

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Damian Gonzales It gives me hope.

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Zac Garcia What is the infographic that I pulled from? I'm not arguing with you, true confusion on my end.


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 **Damian Gonzales** I think that's what the four pillars were at some point in the past.


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 **Damian Gonzales** Not sure why it hasn't been updated





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 **Zac Garcia** Gotcha, time for a homepage update? Just for message consistency and clarity. 😊

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 **Damian Gonzales** I think we may have changed this just last year tbh

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 **Jim Petersen** I'm so ignorant I have to look all this stuff up. But thanks for the discourse. The very process of working within the political party structure would seem to indicate we're pushing reform over "revolution" though, no? So in order to succeed we need more of this dialog not less. And more proselytizing in order to gain enough numbers to succeed.





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 **Damian Gonzales** Not really. Democracy allows for us to install any type of government or economy that the majority can agree on. Our path through electoral politics may be paved with reforms but make no mistake that some of those "reforms" will radically transform the Country. Away from private ownership, away from government ownership, away from the wage system, away from war profiteering.

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 **Jim Petersen** Getting to majority though is the delicate part

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 **Zac Garcia** These conversations have revealed a systemic division in the Green Party that I feel is necessary to bring into the light. Both sides of this seeming conflict have drawn support, and that is a great thing for the Green Party. I believe it is a strength of the party platform that we have these conflicts of interpretation. It speaks to the universal appeal of the platform, and that universality is desirable if we want to elect government leaders from our party to make the radical changes we all desire.

The Green Party has drawn people from every race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, LGBTQ spectrum, formal education level, age, and nationality. We have a party platform that supercedes all of these boundaries. It seems inevitable that we have these conflicts. If we put 100 people in a room from each of these groups and told them to do something as simple as to fix a chair, we'd have at least 30 different ways to fix it. And we, as a party, are charging ourselves with fixing our communities, our states, our country, and our world. With so much askew and so much at stake, how can we expect not to have these conflicts of priority in so complex a task?

Each group of people is absolutely necessary to create a party that empowers the people as a whole, but that does not mean each of us needs to agree on a single issue which every group within the party needs to prioritize. There will be some that prioritize positive peace and justice in the face of systemic oppression, global warfare, and economic slavery. There will be some that prioritize the switch to renewable resources and concern for the climate and ecology. There will be some who prioritize election integrity and demanding true democracy against our trajectory towards authoritarianism. Each of these speaks to the pillars of the Green Party and each is vitally important to its success, and it is in their intersections that we will find our representatives.

Each person in the Green Party is working toward creating a future that actualizes these principles, and each person will have a different strategy to do so. It is not my place to stand in the way of anyone who pushes for any of these positive changes we all want to see, or to push my priorities over those of another Green member. I thank [Damian Gonzales](#) for bringing up such an important discussion which has shed light on so many important issues.

As I've said before, I again humbly request that each of us allow one another to have our own interpretation of what Peace, Ecology, Social Justice, and Democracy mean in the context of the Green Party platform. It is written out and explicated very clearly at [gp.org](#) and, as with any great work of philosophy or literature, still leaves room for individual interpretation, and it is in that universality that we have the strength of the majority.

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