

THE TEN KEY VALUES OF THE GREEN PARTY

1. GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY

For democracy to work, governments must be accountable to the citizens who elect them, rather than corporate entities and business interests. Government should be *by* the people and truly *for* the people. The Greens work to increase public participation at every level of government.

2. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Greens oppose the current condition of poverty and injustice, and are working to end oppression, including but not limited to that based on class, sex, race, citizenship, age, physical disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. We seek to empower individuals to utilize their First Amendment rights to the fullest extent.

3. ECOLOGICAL WISDOM

The Greens advocate maintaining an ecological balance and living within the natural resource limits of our communities and our planet. Greens recognize the interconnectedness of the global environment and the necessity of ecological wisdom.

4. NON-VIOLENCE

We must develop effective alternatives to existing patterns of violence between individuals, groups and nations around the world. This includes seriously reducing cold war military budgets and the elimination of global nuclear weapons stockpiles.

5. DECENTRALIZATION

Power and responsibility must be restored to local communities, within an overall framework of ecologically sound, socially just values and ways of living.

6. COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMICS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

We support local, independently owned and operated businesses, demand a living wage and responsible corporate citizenship, and are opposed to corporate welfare and privatization of community resources.

7. GENDER EQUITY

We must break down the prejudices that our patriarchal society places between men and women, and build a culture that recognizes the inherent dignity and equality of all humans in terms of its language, standards, and consumer power.

8. RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

We must honor cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity within the context of individual responsibility to all. We must reclaim America's finest shared ideals of *liberty and justice for all*.

9. PERSONAL AND GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY

Individuals, governments and corporations are responsible for making choices that will protect our planet. The Greens urge individuals to better understand our interdependence with local and global ecosystems, economic forces, and political climate.

10. FUTURE FOCUS

We must all consider the long-range impact of personal choices and public policy on generations to come. Our society must shift away from the sole pursuit of short-term economic gain towards a more holistic, long-term vision of quality of life.