

A Green Party Introduction

The party of sustainability, justice, peace and democracy -- the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) -- will hold its 2013 National Committee Meeting in Iowa City, Iowa, from July 25-28, 2013.

The Green Party's 2013 Convention in Baltimore showed the party's growth over the last decade and already increasingly important Green presence in U.S. politics for the 21st century. More than 220 Green Party candidates ran for office in 2012.

The Green Party was founded in 2001 as a national party, after spending the 1990s building on the local and state level. Today, about 134 Greens hold elected office across the nation, and approximately 300,000 voters are registered Green. Many thousands more identify themselves as Green in states that don't have party membership by voter registration. Greens are organized in all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and the number of state Green parties affiliated with the national party stands at 44, more than double the number in 2001. In the 2012 general election, the Green Party had ballot lines in 37 states, including the five largest states.

Internationally, U.S. Greens are part of a global movement of Green Parties in 100 countries, reflecting a shared commitment to heal our planet that transcends national identities and political boundaries

Greens have been elected to thousands of seats around the globe in local, regional, national and international parliaments. On the national level, Greens hold approximately 300 seats in national parliaments around the world, including in most European countries as well as in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chad, Colombia, England, Madagascar, México and New Zealand. There are also 46 Greens holding seats in the European Parliament.

Most Greens elected at the regional, national or international level have been elected in multi-seat electorates (districts/constituencies/ridings) through proportional representation. However, Greens have increasingly been winning in single-seat electorates, most recently Elizabeth May to the Canadian House of Commons in May 2011.

The GPUS participates as a member of the Federación de Partidos Verdes de las Americas, and globally as a charter member of the Global Greens. In 2012, over 400 Greens from 76 countries attended the third Global Greens Congress held in Dakar, Senegal. The Congress approved the Rio+20 Summit resolution, which calls for actions supporting a Green economy across the globe.

Ten Key Values

- 1. GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY.** New types of political organizations will expand the process of participatory democracy by directly including citizens in the decision-making process.
- 2. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.** All persons should have the rights and opportunity to benefit equally from the resources afforded us by society and the environment.
- 3. ECOLOGICAL WISDOM.** A sustainable society utilizing resources will insure that future generations will benefit and avoid dire consequences from wasteful resource management.
- 4. NON-VIOLENCE.** Without being naive about the intentions of other governments, we will work to demilitarize and eliminate weapons of mass destruction. National security is more reliant on diplomacy and good stewardship.
- 5. DECENTRALIZATION.** Restructuring of social, political and economic institutions is required to fix a system which is mired in bureaucracy, and controlled by a powerful few.
- 6. COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMICS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE.** A vibrant and sustainable economic system is rooted in independently-owned small businesses. Government must do more to assist socially and economically responsible businesses.
- 7. FEMINISM AND GENDER EQUITY.** Respecting differences of opinion and gender strengthen our country and communities.
- 8. RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY.** High value must be placed on cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity.
- 9. PERSONAL AND GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY.** Individuals should be encouraged to improve their personal well-being and join with people and organizations around the world to foster peace, economic justice, and the health of the planet.
- 10. FUTURE FOCUS AND SUSTAINABILITY.** Short-term profits should not damage long-term economic development and new technologies. Fiscal policies must be held to account for implications to future generations.

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Green Platform: <http://www.gp.org/committees/platform/2010/index.php>
Green candidate database & campaign information: <http://www.gp.org/elections.shtml>
Green Party News Center: <http://www.gp.org/newscenter.shtml>
Green Papers: <http://www.greenpapers.net/>
GP-TV Green Party Livestream Channel: <http://www.livestream.com/greenpartyus>
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Video Page: <http://www.gp.org/video/index.php>
Green Pages: <http://gp.org/greenpages-blog/>
Green Party Ballot Access Page: <http://www.gp.org/committees/ballot/>
International Committee of the Green Party: <http://www.gp.org/committees/intl>
Federación de Partidos Verdes de las Americas:
<http://www.verdesamericagreens.org/docs/english.htm>
Global Greens: www.globalgreens.org
Global Green Charter: <http://www.globalgreens.org/globalcharter>

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