

Don't rely on the mainstream media to explain what the Green Party is about. Find out for yourself about the hundreds of elected members, about the organization's goals on the local, state and national level, and about a movement that is uniting workers, students, activists, and people of all backgrounds behind a program for permanent change. While we must write letters, submit petitions, and take to the streets, ultimately we must replace those public officials who have sold us out.

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**Ⓞ Ten Key Values Ⓞ**

**Grassroots Democracy**

We will work to increase citizen participation at every level of government, to ensure that our elected officials are accountable

**Social Justice**

We will work to prevent racism, sexism, class oppression, homophobia, and all forms of discrimination.

**Ecological Wisdom**

We will work to maintain an ecological balance and sustainable living for our communities and our planet.

**Nonviolence**

We will work to eliminate the institutional, cultural, and personal patterns of violence in our society.

**Decentralization**

We support a restructuring of social, political, and economic institutions away from a system controlled by the powerful few.

**Economic Justice**

We will create jobs and provide a decent standard of living for all people, including health care for all.

**Gender Equity and Cooperation**

We will work for equity between the sexes, and foster relationships based on cooperation and honesty.

**Respect for Diversity**

We value cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity.

**Personal and Global Responsibility**

We seek to join with people and organizations around the world to foster peace, economic justice, and the health of the planet.

**Future Focus**

Our actions and policies are motivated by long-term goals. We are responsible to those who will inherit the results of our actions.

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**The Green Party of Connecticut**



# Why Green?

We live on a planet whose future is threatened by nuclear power and weapons, industrial toxins, and global warming. Yet who has time for these things when surviving day to day is a struggle?

We live in a country where the three fastest growing industries are theme parks, gambling and prisons. This is a country where the single largest employer is a temporary agency.

We live in the wealthiest state in the US and yet 25% of Connecticut's population lives in poverty. One child in five is malnourished. Hartford Public High School has no accreditation, while in the same city insurance companies make hundreds of millions of dollars.

We live in a state where politicians think adequate health care and education are privileges. Decisions are made based on their own self interest and the interests of the corporations who own them, decisions which have pushed our home towns into decay and despair.

It doesn't have to be this way

## The Green Solution



### The Economy

- ♥ Increase the minimum wage to a living wage.
- ♥ Stop wasteful and unnecessary corporate welfare.
- ♥ Create real, long-lasting, quality jobs where workers have a say in their conditions.
- ♥ Encourage co-ops and other worker owned businesses.

### The Environment

- ♥ Clean up or close energy plants when they poison kids and adults.
- ♥ Invest in energy sources that are clean and renewable.
- ♥ Increase conservation and recycling.
- ♥ Demand enforcement of clean air, land and water regulations.

### Social Justice

- ♥ Strengthen and defend civil rights
- ♥ Provide equal funding for quality education in all communities.
- ♥ Increase affordable housing everywhere.
- ♥ Institute a program for affordable health care for all citizens, as many other nations have done.
- ♥ End corporate dominance over our political system.

### Foreign Policy

- ♥ Stop our country from leading the world in weapons sales.
- ♥ Defend our homeland by correcting the roots of terrorism.
- ♥ Work with other nations to create lasting peace.
- ♥ Recognize the rights of other countries' peoples to both work with us and to be left alone.

The Green Party began in Europe in the early 1970's as an environmental, anti-nuclear and social justice grassroots movement. Since then the Greens have become active in all 50 states, and in 52 countries.



The Greens are rapidly growing in Connecticut, across the nation and around the world. We are ordinary citizens who have said "enough is enough" to the politicians who ignore our needs, and the corporations who are out of control. The future of our children and the future of our planet deserves and demands no less.

Please join us in this journey.

You can have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, or democracy. But you can't have both.  
- Louis Brandeis

In 1975, the gap between the highest and average paid worker was 41 to 1. In 1998, the gap was 419 to 1. In the last ten years, corporate executive pay has increased 442%  
- The Boston Globe, Business Week

Thirty per cent of companies fire workers who actively support the union. An estimated ten thousand workers a year are fired for wanting to join a union.  
- United for a Fair Economy

Over the last ten years, among thirty-four of the most industrialized countries, only Colombia, Switzerland and Guatemala have a lower voter turnout than the United States.  
- Center for Voting Democracy  
Could this be because there is hardly a difference between the two major parties?

