

LAVENDER GREEN CAUCUS

Green Party of the United States

The National Lavender Green Caucus (NLGC) is the Green Party's advocacy group on gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer (GLBTIQ) issues. The NLGC is committed to working for the elimination of heterosexism and all its manifestations in our culture such as homophobia, hetero-supremacy, violence, prejudice, and injustice against GLBTIQ communities. NLGC also works for the elimination of racism and sexism and all their manifestations in GLBTIQ communities and in society as a whole. Our work is centered in the ten key values and four pillars of the Green Party of the United States. The caucus recognizes that freedom and social justice for GLBTIQ individuals will only come with the liberation of all people, and we actively view ourselves as a part of a broader movement for social justice. www.lavendergreens.us & www.gp.org

Same-sex/Same-gender Marriages & Freedom of Kinship

THE GREEN PARTY supports equal access to civil marriage rights to all couples whether comprised of individuals of the same, similar, or different sex or gender. Greens demand freedom of kinship-the right of Americans to live and love as they see fit.

Medical Marijuana & Needle Exchange

THE GREEN PARTY says yes to federal funding for needle exchange. Greens oppose the exaggerated and racially biased 'war on drugs' and support access to medical marijuana.

Low-Cost AIDS Drugs

THE GREEN PARTY has protested threats from the Clinton & Bush Administrations against South Africa and other African, Asian, and Latin American nations for offering low-cost AIDS drugs.

Equal Rights

THE GREEN PARTY supports the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer people to equal access to affordable housing, living wage jobs, civil marriage and benefits, medical benefits, child custody, immigration rights, education, and in all areas, the right to equality of life with all other people.

Anti-gay/bi bias in the Military

THE GREEN PARTY demands an end to all anti-gay/bi discrimination in the military.

Reproductive rights

THE GREEN PARTY supports access to birth control and abortion as essential to one's right to control one's own body and reproductive choices. Health care treatments related to fertility when made available must be provided without discrimination in regards to sexual orientation or gender identity. Women's right to control their own bodies is non-negotiable. Both women and men have a right and a responsibility to make informed choices about their bodies and reproduction. Feminism is a basic principle of the Green Party.

Self Determination of Gender Identity and Sex

THE GREEN PARTY supports the rights of all people to self determination in regards to gender identity and sex. Greens oppose intersex genital mutilation. Greens support the right of intersex and transgender individuals to freedom from coercion and involuntary assignment of gender or sex. Greens support access to medical and surgical treatment for assignment or reassignment of gender or sex, based on informed consent.

Civil Liberties

THE GREEN PARTY upholds and exercises the right of dissent. Greens oppose the corporate domination of our media. Greens oppose any restriction of human rights, citizenship, or privacy because of HIV status or sexuality. Anti-racism is a basic principle of the Green Party.

Rights of Indigenous Peoples

THE GREEN PARTY recognizes both the sovereignty of tribal governments and the federal government's trust obligations to Native American people including, but not limited to, the obligation of the federal government to honor treaty rights. Greens demand justice for the kanaka maoli. Individuals who identify as two spirit, mahu, or other traditional identities must be afforded the right to freely express their identity and honor their traditions without fear of discrimination in the workplace, public accommodations, civil marriage, child custody or other areas of life .

Universal Health Care

THE GREEN PARTY supports universal health care coverage under a single-payer system-quality universal coverage of every U.S. resident regardless of income, age, or prior medical condition. The Green Party and its candidates accept no contributions from HMO, insurance, pharmaceutical or other corporations or their lobbies.

Democracy

THE GREEN PARTY supports proportional representation, instant run-off voting, public campaign financing, same day voter registration, and other reforms that increase the democratic access to power of all parties and groups-including gay, lesbian, bisexual, intersex, transgender and queer Americans. Greens demand inclusion of third parties and independents in political debates and other public forums, and an end to laws-designed by Democrats and Republicans in collusion-that hinder third party and independent candidates from running for public office.

International Human Rights

THE GREEN PARTY believes the U.S. should support international human rights law and support access to rights under international law by individuals both at home and in all countries around the world. Greens support U.S. foreign and domestic policy which supports and encourages the adoption of the Yogyakarta Principles concerning the application of international human rights law in regards to sexual orientation and gender identity in countries around the globe. <http://www.yogyakartaprinciples.org/>

Peace

The Green Party is the Peace Party! -- Democrats put the vote over the top to surrender Congress's constitutional power to declare war over to President Bush. Green congressional candidates have vigorously criticized the Bush Administration's anti-constitutional plans to invade Iraq, its use of threats against national security as an excuse to attack basic constitutional rights and protections, and the timidity of Democrats. Democratic votes, with one exception in the Senate, voted to pass the USA PATRIOT Act.

The Green Party wants the U.S. to adhere to the Constitution and to international law. We urge international negotiation-not to bribe and threaten other countries into supporting Bush/'s illegal invasion plans, but to find nonviolent solutions and save human lives.

IF YOU BELIEVE in full human rights and equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer people and the need for a political party that demands social and economic justice, nonviolence, a healthy environment, and expansion of our freedoms and human rights in a democracy....

'REGISTER Green! VOTE Green! JOIN the Lavender Greens!'

The Lavender Greens are an officially accredited caucus of the Green Party of the U.S. www.gp.org. The caucus is represented by a seat on the National Committee of the Green Party of the United States. There are state and local chapters within many state Green Parties. To join the Lavender Green Caucus, please visit our website: <http://www.lavendergreens.us>