

Green Party Issues: The Real Difference

Issue	Green Party	Republicans	Democrats
Invasion and Occupation of Iraq	Oppose	Support	Support
United States Patriot Act	Oppose	Support	Support
Invasion of Afghanistan	Oppose	Supported	Supported
Military Budget	Reduce	Increase	Increase
Israeli Occupation of West Bank and Gaza.	Oppose	Support Supports Sharon's policies and the illegal "security fence" in the West Bank.	Support Supports Sharon's policies and the illegal "security fence" in the West Bank.
Real Campaign Finance Reform & Publicly Financed Elections For more on money in politics, visit OpenSecrets.org	Support Green candidates rely on small contributors and run their campaigns with the help and hard work of thousands of grassroots volunteers around the country.	Oppose Bush's 2004 campaign raised more than \$250 Million.	Oppose Kerry's 2004 campaign raised more than \$230 Million.
Right to Choose	Support Support full access to abortion, with funding for all women in the U.S. and around the world.	Oppose Bush opposes abortion, ordered a ban on US funds for overseas agencies that offer abortion.	Support (?) Support abortion rights -- but Clinton signed the same ban in November, 1999. Gore favored outlawing late-term abortion in the US. Kerry is opposed to a ban on partial-birth abortions.
Health Care for All	Support single-payer national health insurance, with guaranteed treatment and medicine regardless of age, ability to pay, employment, or prior medical condition, and with choice of doctors and hospitals.	Oppose Oppose guaranteed universal health care, support health policy based on corporate profits for insurance, HMO, and drug companies instead of human need.	Oppose Clinton and Gore promoted health policy based on corporate profits; deleted plans for universal health care from the Democratic platform. Kerry is unwilling to support a single-payer system, although he supports making "affordable" health care a right.
Clean Water	Support Demand immediate arsenic reductions.	Oppose Bush wants to delay a 9 month order to reduce arsenic in drinking water.	Weak Support Clinton delayed action for 8 years before signing an order just before Bush took office.
Energy Policy Reform	Support Favor decisive steps, lower energy consumption, sufficient funding for renewable sources. Oppose new oil drilling and nuclear power.	Oppose Defend global warming status quo by securing oil sources in Middle East and fighting for exploration of oil in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)	Weak Support Favor exploration of new sources of oil. Favor mild steps away from greenhouse gas emissions through nuclear power.
Labor Rights: Wages and Unions	Support Demand a living wage (minimum pay that people can live on, approx \$10/hr in most communities), democratic workplaces, strong unions, and repeal of Taft-Hartley restrictions.	Oppose Workers Oppose raising minimum wages and have worked to weaken unions and labor standards.	Minimal Support Support incremental minimum wages increases, claim to support worker's rights but refuse to overturn Taft-Hartley Act restrictions on union organizing.
Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)	Oppose	Support Fight for a Constitutional Amendment to defend the DOMA from judicial scrutiny	Support The DOMA was signed into effect by President Clinton in his re-election campaign in 1996

(Global) Corporate Power Trade Agreements and Institutions (NAFTA, FTAA, CAFTA, WTO)	Restrict	Expand	Expand
Death Penalty	Oppose	Support	Support
Electoral Reform, Voting Rights and Democracy (More information: www.fairvote.org)	Support Call for major democratic reforms to strengthen citizen participation and minority representation, including proportional representation, instant run-off voting, monitoring of elections, and public financing of campaigns.	Oppose No position on democratic reforms. Republican ideologues on the Supreme Court threw the 2000 election to Bush.	Oppose No position on electoral reform, even after the 2000 Florida election scandal. The Clinton Justice Dept. refused to investigate obstruction of African American votes.
2004 Election Irregularity Investigation	Support Green Presidential candidate Cobb initiated, led, and raised money for Ohio and New Mexico recount.	Oppose Republican officials allegedly manipulated and obstructed votes in some states	Oppose Kerry quickly conceded the election, most Democrats remained silent on irregularities. Only a few elected Democrats joined Cobb's recount campaign.
Reform the Presidential Debate Commission	Support	Oppose	Oppose
Strict Standards on GMOs (Genetically Modified Organisms)	Support Greens support thorough testing and strict controls of all GMOs.	Oppose	Oppose
Corporate Agriculture	Oppose	Support	Support
Drug War	Oppose	Support	Support
Telecommunications Deregulation - Giveaway of public broadcast spectrum to private companies.	Opposed to Deregulation Supports the creation of substantial public space for non-profit use of airwaves. Today private broadcasters totally control what the public owns.	Supported Supported the giveaway of public airwaves to private companies.	Supported Supported the giveaway of public airwaves to private companies.
Bank Deregulation and Banking Reform	Opposed to bank deregulation.	Supported bank deregulation.	Supported bank deregulation.
Increased Accounting Oversight	Always Supported Supports fundamental changes in the way publicly traded companies' financial records are audited.	Oppose	Opposed until the Enron scandal broke.
Other issues on which most Republicans and most Democrats agree -- and Greens disagree	<p style="text-align: center;"> Plan Colombia The bombing of Iraqi civilians Refusal to ban landmines Privatization of prisons, other public services and resources Severe penalties for marijuana Big corporate mergers and Wall Street bail-outs Forest logging giveaways Powerful agribusiness lobbies instead of family farms Uncontrolled bio-engineering Increased wiretaps and other surveillance </p>		

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