

06/28/18. From: Don Fitz. To: MOGP Democracy Platform Subcommittee. Version 6. The Democracy Platform Subcommittee offers alternative Versions A and B (for Greens to choose between) in four sections: 2, 3, 4g and 4j.

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Missouri Green Party Democracy Platform – 2018

Overview:

Going to the polls is an essential component of self-governance; but democracy is vastly more than selecting between candidates. Democracy includes deciding how we organize all aspects of our society, including our community space, work lives, and our daily interactions with each other. The Missouri Green Party (MOGP) envisions a society which thoroughly includes citizens, not just in "input," but in decision-making for all important aspects of our social existence.

The United States' experiment in democracy was founded on settler colonialism, white supremacy, slavery, heteropatriarchy and domination by propertied classes. While significant gains have been made in the expansion of suffrage, many US citizens are regularly denied the right to vote. This denial is often tied directly to the systems of oppression on which the United States was founded.

The undemocratic aspects of the electoral system go beyond the direct and indirect denial of the right to vote, they include a set of institutions that diminish the public's capacity to elect representatives who reflect their interests and propose measures for a democratic vote. Some of these institutions allow the wealthy to have out sized voices relative to those of the broad working class. Others maintain and strengthen the *status quo*, such as unfair electoral districting practices.

Even a massive overhaul of the electoral system could lay the foundations of a truly democratic society only if there were simultaneous efforts to overcome oppression in terms of class, race, gender, sexuality and disability.

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Section 1. Eliminate anti-protest laws. The first amendment of the US Constitution guarantees citizens the right to protest and make their opinions heard. This is an essential part of democracy and self-government.

Section 2 has alternative versions A and B to choose between:

Section 2. Version A: Worklives. The vast majority of citizens are disenfranchised throughout their worklives. Employees should have the democratic right to organize all healthy and safe processes of production at their workplaces and determine, in cooperation with their larger society, how goods and services should be produced in a sustainable way.

Section 2. Version B: Worklives. Employees should have the democratic right to organize all healthy and safe processes of production at their own workplaces and determine, in cooperation with their larger society, what goods and services should be produced. In all institutions and corporations with 10 or more employees, those employees should have the right to elect their supervisors and at least 51% of management, executives, and corporate board members.