

An Appeal to the Politically Homeless

The assaults on women's access to abortion in Texas are only one manifestation of a broader historical tendency by men and capital to control the labor of women, be it reproductive, nurturing or otherwise.

Feminist women and pro-feminist men understand that the liberation of women is at the foundation of any movement for human liberation. As Ani DiFranco put it, feminism "is about a shifting consciousness that'll bring an end to war".

And yet, for any with a sense of history, or even just eyes to see, we know that opposition to and backlash against the gains which women have made towards liberation have come from both the political right and the political left. On the right, capital has aligned with reactionary forces in the faith community to control women by asserting control over our reproductive capacity. On the left, capital has aligned with forces of reaction within so-called progressive communities to control women by asserting control over our sexuality.

It may be the threats by the right which bring us together today. Women without access to abortion can hardly, with full agency, choose motherhood. And absent that choice, reproductive justice is an illusion.

But dogma on the left is no less a threat. Prostitution and pornography reframe objectification, denigration, violence and rape as women's work to serve the sexual demands of entitled men for the profit of pornographers, pimps and traffickers. Gender ideology reframes our conception of biology to silence women's voices and agency to serve porn-manufactured sexual demands of entitled men for the profits of those offering surgical and pharmaceutical interventions as a remedy to a pathologized adolescent awkwardness.

Those who share a vision of women's liberation and an end to war are left politically homeless.

***abortion access
for all women now***

it is past time we create a political home of our own

The Green Party began as a values based political party which claimed feminism as one of its key values.

The Green Party of the United States, like so many political and service organizations in the mileu of the political left is under attack and at serious risk of being thoroughly captured by gender-identity ideology. The jury is still out: is the Green brand worthy of salvation?

Given the escalating crisis our species faces from war and imperialism, mass extinction and the catasrophic climate crisis we do not have time to start over. The IPCC has given us till 2030 to right the ship, at the risk of ecological collapse should we fail to do so. No candidate divorced from material reality will be able to successfully contest for power and lead our communities, our nation and our global neighbors back from the brink. It will take thoughtful courageous leadership, grounded in material reality to make the difference required.

Our success depends on your contributions to the effort, to your engagement as a party member, volunteer, activist, candidate for internal leadership or for local public office. We look forward to an opportunity to work with you in these various capacities.

***Your generous contribution helps us to wage a struggle
for the very soul of our feminist-valuing political party.***

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