

B1 Fighting for a better future through coronavirus

Proposer: Rosie Rawle (Oxfordshire)

Agenda item: B Motions of Policy and Organisation (Closed 18th July)

Summary

Coronavirus has not only caused crises in our society, but it has revealed the deep flaws in the current neoliberal political and economic order. It is vital that we acknowledge and assert the structural problems in our society, and recognise our collective power at this critical point to win the radically egalitarian democracy that can act as the foundation for a better world. This motion seeks to reaffirm this core narrative that has been developed by the current Executive Committee through the coronavirus crisis, and insert these key messages into the Record of Young Greens Policy Statements.

1 Notes:

- 2 • That society is facing combined crises of health, economy, and climate,
3 and that the present system of neoliberal political economy has failed to
4 deal with these crises
- 5 • That neoliberalism, which emerged from historic defeats of labour and
6 social movement, is sustained by a broken and undemocratic political
7 system
- 8 • That public sector austerity has already caused the death and misery of
9 hundreds of thousands, at the very least

10 Believes:

- 11 • That confronting the crises in our society requires that we take a radical
12 step away from the existing political and economic order.
- 13 • That the current crises have revealed with crystal clarity what has always
14 been true: that the work that keeps society going is not done by bosses or
15 landlords, but by working people.
- 16 • That building collective power - by strengthening trade unions, renters'
17 unions, feminist collectives, community groups, and all manner of
18 organisations - is necessary to overcome this order.

19 Resolves:

- 20 • To insert the following into the Record of Policy Statements:

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22 The state system that has dominated for more than 40 years, neoliberal
23 capitalism, has culminated in crises of economy and society in the context of
24 coronavirus.

25 Confronting the interlocking crises that our society faces - the climate crisis,
26 health crisis, global debt crisis, employment crisis - requires that we take a
27 radical step away from the existing political and economic order.

28 We must ensure that society's next stage is a radically democratic and
29 egalitarian one, not a more sinister, more authoritarian capitalist compromise.

30 Building collective power - by strengthening trade unions, renters' unions,
31 feminist collectives, community groups, and all manner of organisations - is
32 necessary to overcome this order.

33 We must use this collective power at this critical point to win the radically
34 egalitarian democracy that can act as the foundation for a better world. This
35 means, as a bare minimum:

- 36 • A comprehensive worker-focused stimulus or rescue package
- 37 • Winning a just transition for workers of all nations, through a Green New
38 Deal
- 39 • Universal Basic Income and Universal Basic Services
- 40 • Free, accessible lifelong education
- 41 • An end to housing precarity, rent amnesties and controls and investments
42 in social housing
- 43 • Democratic trade justice, supply chain justice and debt cancellation to
44 countries in the global south
- 45 • Rolling back attacks on and empowering trade unions to truly protect
46 workers
- 47 • Collectively agreeing a binding social contract and social rights grounded
48 in relative abundance and security, instead of relative poverty and
49 precarity
- 50 • Building a democracy of mass participation and empowerment for all people

Supporters

Matthew Hull (Camden Green Party); Tom Hazell (Oxfordshire Green Party); Ellen Parry (North Surrey);
Robert Nixon (Oxfordshire Green Party)

B2 Motion on Population Control

Proposer: Joshua Alston (Leeds)

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Summary

To add a Young Greens stance on population control advocacy within the environmental movement to the record of policy statements.

1 Motion on Population Control

2 This motion notes:

3 The richest 10% of the global population produce more than 50% of global climate
4 emissions.[\[1\]](#)

5 Longstanding racist anxieties surrounding global population rise particularly
6 among people of colour are particularly popular among the global far-right.[\[2\]](#)

7 Fear of a declining white population and white replacement have been a constant
8 justification for white supremacy since earliest colonisation, and has been
9 embraced by far-right terrorists.[\[3\]](#)

10 Elements of the environmental movement have adopted 'populationist' explanations
11 for climate change. This theory views climate change as primarily caused by
12 demographic expansion among people of colour in the Global South and argues for
13 population control as a solution for this.[\[4\]](#)

14 This motion believes:

15 Climate change cannot be adequately explained by global population rise, owing
16 to the ongoing global inequality in carbon emission between the wealthy and the
17 poor.

18 Blaming climate change on global population creates a false explanation for
19 climate change which is unmoored for the global economic forces that produce
20 climate change, and therefore constitutes a form of climate change denial.

21 Population control creates a racist narrative in which people of colour having
22 too many children are blamed for climate change.

23 Population control reflects violent far-right ideas which views population rise
24 among people of colour and the global south as a threat to white security. These
25 ideas have no place in the environmental movement.

26 This motion resolves:

27 To insert into the Young Greens record of policy statements the following:

28 'The Young Greens believe that climate change results from our current fossil
29 fuel based economic system. The need to change this urgent. Global population
30 rise cannot adequately explain climate change. Population control advocacy
31 creates a racist narrative where responsibility for climate change is placed on
32 people of colour who are seen as having too many children.

33 Advocacy for population control has no place in the Green Party or the wider
34 environmental movement.'

- 35 [1] Timothy Gore, Extreme Climate Inequality: Why the Paris climate deal must
36 put the poorest, lowest emitting and most vulnerable people first (Oxfam, 2015)
- 37 [2] Eric Kaufman, Whiteshift: Population, Immigration and the Future of White
38 Minorities (New York: Abrams Press, 2019) – note Kaufman is a white supremacist.
39 Do not pay money for this book.
- 40 [3] Rose Schwartzburg, Guardian, 'The White Replacement Theory Motivates Alt-
41 Right Killers the World Over'
42 <[https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/aug/05/great-replacement-theory-](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/aug/05/great-replacement-theory-alt-right-killers-el-paso)
43 [alt-right-killers-el-paso](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/aug/05/great-replacement-theory-alt-right-killers-el-paso)> [Accessed 18/7/2020]
- 44 [4] For example Michael Moore dir. Planet of the Humans (Los Angeles, 2020)

Supporters

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B3 Guidance on Antisemitism

Proposer: Sam Alston (Harriengay)

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Summary

The Young Greens support the use of the attached guidance on Antisemitism to enhance understanding of the issue for disputes resolution within the Green Party and if appropriate will make use of it in it's own processes. The Young Greens support the use of the attached guidance on Antisemitism to enhance understanding of the issue for disputes resolution within the Green Party and if appropriate will make use of it in it's own processes.

1 Please find the guidance attached:

2 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vgrraz9L33VAJodk2->

3 [ulAHb46PIFrSu0/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vgrraz9L33VAJodk2-ulAHb46PIFrSu0/view?usp=sharing)

Supporters

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