

Seize the Future

A BOLD, PROGRESSIVE CLIMATE AGENDA FOR 2024 AND BEYOND

The polycrisis is wreaking economic insecurity, mass death and genocide, climate disasters, and other kinds of instability on working people worldwide.

Winning durable change requires a policy platform that tackles the root causes of the existential challenges of our moment. Neoliberalism has failed the working class by providing stopgap measures to the interlocking problems of economic inequality, never ending war, racism, and environmental degradation.

Progressives must put forward policies that link kitchen table issues to political economic crises and the compounding climate emergency. It's time to seize the opportunity for change that delivers a greener, fairer future for all.

We see four crucial issues around which progressives should organize in 2024 and beyond:

Cost of Living

The cost of living crisis is a climate crisis.

- 🕒 Slash housing costs and deliver healthy, green, affordable homes for all
- 🕒 Lower household costs by investing in essential public services
- 🕒 Invest in safety nets to reduce costs and raise standards of living

Good Jobs & Infrastructure

The energy transition requires empowered workers and robust planning.

- 🕒 Empower the green working class
- 🕒 Construct supply chains that build worker power and community benefit
- 🕒 Coordinate the energy transition

Ending Forever Wars

The US should pivot foreign policy away from funding militarization to focus on peace and resource provision to climate-vulnerable communities.

- 🕒 End the genocide in Gaza by imposing an arms embargo on Israel and use diplomatic tools to avert further regional escalation
- 🕒 Support climate-safe economic development and cancel debt in the Global South to counteract “race to the bottom” globalization
- 🕒 Divest from the military and contribute to decarbonization by scaling back military operations and starting a global military superfund

Disaster Prevention & Migrant Safety

Extreme weather and climate disasters are destroying infrastructure and displacing communities—we must adopt equitable mitigation policies for people in the US and abroad.

- 🕒 Overhaul the home insurance system and invest in restoration and adaptation priorities for at-risk communities
- 🕒 Demilitarize disaster response by funding equitable responses to disaster that increases community resilience
- 🕒 Enable humane migration policy by funding Global South efforts to contend with climate-based causes of migration and championing pathways to legal status.