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### The 10 Key Values of the Green Movement:

- ★ Grassroots Democracy
- ★ Social Justice
- ★ Ecological Wisdom
- ★ Nonviolence
- ★ Decentralization
- ★ Community-based Economics
- ★ Feminism & Gender Equity
- ★ Respect for Diversity
- ★ Personal & Global Responsibility
- ★ Future Focus and Sustainability

### Major Programs in the Green Party Platform Include:

- ★ Ending the occupations of Iraq & Afghanistan
- ★ Commitment to human rights throughout the world, including abolishing capital punishment in the U.S.
- ★ Single-payer national health insurance
- ★ Switching to alternative power sources & improving public transport for true energy independence
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- ★ Getting corporations & their money out of political campaigns, overturning the doctrine of “Corporate Personhood”

### Presidential Candidates:

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Jesse Johnson of West Virginia	<a href="http://www.newmenu.org/jesse_johnson">www.newmenu.org/jesse_johnson</a>
Cynthia McKinney of Georgia	<a href="http://www.runcynthiarun.org">www.runcynthiarun.org</a>
Kent Mesplay of California	<a href="http://www.mesplay.org">www.mesplay.org</a>
kat swift of Texas	<a href="http://www.voteswift.org">www.voteswift.org</a>

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