

THE GREEN NEW DEAL AS A HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENT

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**H. RES. 109**

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal.

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*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

Natural Rights	Individual Rights	Communal Rights	Political Rights	Social Rights	Global Democratic Rights
(D) to secure for all people of the United States for generations to come— (i) clean air and water; (ii) climate and community resiliency; (iii) healthy food; (iv) access to nature; and (v) a sustainable environment; and	(A) to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers;	(E) to promote justice and equity by stopping current, preventing future, and repairing historic oppression of indigenous peoples, communities of color, migrant communities, deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities, and youth (referred to in this resolution as “frontline and vulnerable communities”);	(1) it is the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal—	(B) to create millions of good, high-wage jobs and ensure prosperity and economic security for all people of the United States;	(C) to invest in the infrastructure and industry of the United States to sustainably meet the challenges of the 21st century;

<https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hres109/BILLS-116hres109ih.pdf>

“The Green New Deal calls on the federal government to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create high-paying jobs, ensure that clean air, clean water and healthy food are basic human rights, and end all forms of oppression.” Lisa Friedman, NY Times Feb. 21, 2019

# THE 1948 UN DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

## Natural Rights

**Article 1.** All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. **Article 2.** all rights and freedoms, without distinction, race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

## Individual Rights

**Article 3.** right to life, liberty and security of person. **Article 4.** No one held in slavery or servitude. **Article 5.** No torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. **Article 6.** recognition as a person before the law. **Article 7.** equal before the law and equal protection of the law. **Article 8.** effective remedy by competent national tribunals. **Article 9.** No arrest, detention or exile. **Article 10.** fair and public hearing. **Article 11.** (1) presumed innocent (2) No one held guilty on account of any act or omission.

## Communal Rights

**Article 12.** No one subjected to interference with **privacy, family, home** or correspondence, nor attacks upon honour and reputation. **Article 13.** (1) movement and residence within the borders. (2) leave any country, and to return. **Article 14.** (1) seek asylum from persecution. (2) may not be invoked in prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes. **Article 15.** (1) nationality. (2) No one deprived of nationality nor right to change. **Article 16.** (1) Men and women of full age, marry and found a family. equal rights during marriage and dissolution. (2) Marriage only with free and full consent. (3) The family fundamental unit of society-protection by society and the State. **Article 17.** (1) own property alone as well as in association. (2) No one deprived of property.

## Political Rights

**Article 18.** thought, conscience and religion. **Article 19.** **opinion and expression**; information and ideas through media. **Article 20.** (1) peaceful **assembly and association**. (2) No one compelled to association. **Article 21.** (1) take part in the government. (2) equal access to public service. (3) will of the people basis of government; equal suffrage.

## Social Rights

**Article 22.** social security, economic, social and cultural rights. **Article 23.** (1) right to work. (2) equal pay for equal work. (3) human dignity. (4) trade unions. **Article 24.** rest and leisure, limitation of working hours. **Article 25.** (1) standard of living for health and well-being. (2) Motherhood and childhood special care and social protection. **Article 26.** (1) right to education. (2) Education to full development of personality and shall promote peace. (3) Parents choose education [for] children. **Article 27.** (1) participate in cultural life, to enjoy arts and to share in scientific advancement. (2) protection of the moral and material interests from any scientific, literary or artistic production.

## Democratic Rights

**Article 28.** social and international order. **Article 29.** (1) duties to the community. (2) rights and freedoms of others - meeting requirements of morality, public order the general welfare in a democratic society. (3) no case contrary to purposes of United Nations. **Article 30.** Nothing aimed at destruction of any rights and freedoms.