



Stein – Sanders: Green Party “VP In Waiting” Lets Us Take Democracy BACK

This is my last gasp to Jill Stein and Green Party delegates who head to Houston this week. You have the monumental chance to:

- 1) Elevate the Green Party to Major status
- 2) Promote your principles in 3 months better than you’ve done in 30 years
- 3) Break the two-party hegemony
- 4) With help from “conserva-tarians”, send Trump to fourth place
- 5) Take democracy back from parties that have corrupted it
- 6) And Just MAYBE elect Jill Stein as the 45th or 46th U.S. President.

Any ONE of these is good. Jill, you just might get all six. This week, you can proclaim Bernie Sanders your “VP in Waiting”. He’s not ready to be a Green yet, but he doesn’t have to be listed on the ballot. When voters know that voting Stein – Hawkins is really Stein – Sanders, you are instantly in the debates, instantly a major player, and just possibly the winner in a 4-way race. (No House of Reps needed; in a 4-way race 35% of a state’s vote wins 100% of the state’s electors.).

Jill, just designate your VP as a “placeholder”, committed to resigning within 12 months in favor of Bernie Sanders. The Constitution permits this. Nothing is more beautiful than taking power over the Republican and Democrat insiders who’ve tried to keep inordinate power for themselves.

I for one would be a VP placeholder (“Stein – GREEN-stein”). But if you can’t stomach a non-Party member, there are many Greens who’d do the same, perhaps even Ralph Nader. Do NOT fear that you are helping elect a “lesser-evil”. (Delegates might as well stay home.) The biggest evil is the party systems that lie and cheat, and enable liars and cheaters. Bernie draws from Trump and Clinton voters. Incidentally, so does Gary Johnson. If you draft Bernie this week, you WILL engender a cascade of conservative defections to the Libertarian ticket. You create an instant 4-way race – the most vigorous democracy we’ve had in over a century.

Take democracy BACK!

“Building the Bern” – DRAFT HIM ANYWAYS (July 27, 2016).

Why EVERYONE (except Trump) is helped by a Green Party with Bernie Sanders

Bernie Sanders has been temporarily cowed by Establishment Democrats. Though he has sworn allegiance to the Clinton campaign, the Green Party should draft Sanders ANYWAYS. If he won't formally join as VP to Jill Stein, he can follow a "Placeholder VP", committed to resigning after 1 year.

Greens want people to "come on over". They can begin with Senator Sanders. Remember, he has only been a Democrat since November 2015. Think about all the good Bernie does with the Green Party:

Sanders in play prevents Trump from reaching 270 votes. (Remember, Sanders pulls disaffected voters away from BOTH parties; during the primary season, many voters ranked Sanders-Trump 1-2 or Trump - Sanders 1-2.)

Sanders in play just might beget a Bypass-Trump / conservative candidate via the Constitution Party.

Stein-Sanders MAY even win outright. Assume a Libertarian / Conservative / Bypass-Trump ("LCBT") slate can garner 10 – 20% of the vote. Remember that a 35% plurality wins ALL the state's electors. Here is the realistic scenario:

60% Democratic state	50% Democratic State	60% Republican State
40% Green / Sanders	35% Green / Sanders	40% Trump
30% Trump	25% Clinton	30% Clinton
20% Clinton	25% Trump	20% LCBT
10% LCBT	15% LCBT	10% Green / Sanders

Now, the Electoral numbers for Green / Sanders (left and center columns) vs Trump (right column):

California 55	Florida 29	Texas 38***
New York 29	Pennsylvania 20	Georgia 16
Illinois 20	Ohio 18	Arizona 11
Michigan 16	N. Carolina 15	Tennessee 11
New Jersey 14	Virginia 13	Missouri 10
Washington 12	Wisconsin 10	Indiana 11
Massachusetts 11	Colorado 9	South Carolina 9
Minnesota 10	Utah** 6	Alabama 9
Maryland 10	Nevada 6	Kentucky 8
Connecticut 7	Iowa 6	Louisiana 8

Oregon 7

New Hampshire 4***

Oklahoma 7

New Mexico 5***

Kansas 6

Maine 4

Mississippi 6

Rhode Island 4

Arkansas 6

Hawaii 4

Nebraska 5

Delaware 3

West Virginia 5

Vermont 3

Idaho 4

Alaska 3

Montana 3

North Dakota 3

South Dakota 3

Wyoming 3

D.C. * 3 = Clinton win

TOTALS:

Clinton = 3

Stein-Sanders 214 left + 136 center = 350 !

Trump = 185

*There is precedent for the second-highest vote-getter earning the fewest electoral votes: Stephen Douglas finished second to Lincoln in 1860, but in that four-way race only received the electoral votes of one state. Like Douglas, Hillary Clinton is the true first choice of few outside the establishment. She might be many voters' second choice, but that gets her nowhere.

Clinton in 2016 is just as pernicious as pro-slavery, establishment-tied Douglas in 1860. For Greens today, Clinton is worse than Trump. Absent a runaway Congress, a president Trump has little power. Clinton as president ensures 8 more years of suppression. She might NOW be better ideologically to many Greens, but like Bill Clinton, she'll tack to the right. She'll also smash little political uprisings, so the Greens will not see the light of day legislatively.

** Utah is NOT a Trump state. Sanders crushed Clinton in the Utah caucuses; Cruz crushed Trump.

*** New Mexico could be a Gary Johnson state, with him getting 25%-30% in a 5-way race. New Hampshire too, if the Free State movement takes hold fast.

*** Texas might even be beyond reach of Trump if the LCBT pick some combination of Ted Cruz, Ron Paul, Phil Gramm, Rick Perry, and Kay Hutchison.

Now, what if Bernie steadfastly refuses to campaign? Fine, **we push anyhow**. We push for democracy, for moral character, for righting wrongs, and for the breakup of the two-party hegemony. We don't just "feel the Bern", we ARE the Bern!. We nominate a VP who can ably fill his shoes on the Campaign trail, and in the first year should a Vice President Sanders abstain from inauguration in January.

Consistent with no one Green looking power-hungry, we nominate a SUCCESSION of four or five Vice Presidents, each of whom is committed to resigning in less than two years. I happen to be a candidate for Green Party VP. , one committed to serving just 10 – 12 months prior to running for Governor. (Yes, in most states governor is more important than Vice President). I can uncover wrongdoing as ably as Bernie. I can rail against pernicious practices of the establishment even BETTER than Bernie. That's because I want to reform it, not tear it down. Should I actually serve as VP to a President Stein or Sanders, know that our roles are so different that it is NOT a contradiction. Bernie rights wrongs with Big Government; I would right wrongs with small government and private efforts. We all believe in repairing the world (in Judaism it's "Tikkun Olam"), and we are in a hurry to get there. If s/he tries to use extra-Constitutional powers, it's my job (and Congress') to rein it in. Thomas Jefferson served John Adams ably as Vice President, reining in an at-times wayward president, and our nation prospered. There is nothing wrong with that kind of division for a few months. Again, as a condition of my getting nominated, I obligate myself to resign within 12 months and let a succession of VPs, including Ralph Nader, follow.

If we help smash the Two-Party Hegemony now, Greens have a good chance at Congressional seats in 2018 and the Presidency in 2020. Dr. Stein can run then with fortitude, and a media without blinders can report that she is a better candidate than almost everyone else put before us in our lifetimes.

The Green Party is PROPERLY here to break up the Democrat Party. We should not be cowed by "you'll elect Trump" arguments. Green Party delegates might as well go home. The right kind of steadfastness is: leaders like Jill and Bernie polling better than Clinton and then able to say "**Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Kaine, get out – YOU are the vote-splitters**". We have real people voting for the interests of the country, real people who petition for ballot access, real donors who are not seeking political influence. The Democrats are the bloated troglodytes. It is time to push them to the periphery, or break their party structure entirely. A Sanders message that "YOU are the impediment; YOU are the vote-splitter" will resonate.

A President Stein or Sanders can show a lot of love to principled Democrats. I personally see five long-standing Dems who'd be worthy of Cabinet positions. And Stein - Sanders can have a cabinet that actually MAKES good changes. Even "rank-and-file" Democrats will appreciate that.

P.S. – Aside from the Corporatists, there is no loser here.