



**“Building the Bern” – Why EVERYONE (except Trump) is helped by a Green Party / Sanders presidency.**

Bernie Sanders has temporarily been cowed by Establishment Democrats. Though he has sworn allegiance to the Clinton campaign, the Green Party should draft Sanders ANYWAYS.

Think about all the good it does:

Sanders on the ballot in 30 states INSTANTANEOUSLY makes the Greens a major party.

Sanders on the ballot helps the Green Party to 50 state ballots the next time around.

Sanders on the ballot 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 on the ballot just may beget a Bypass-Trump / conservative candidate.

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:

<b>60% Democratic state</b>	<b>50% Democratic State</b>	<b>60% Republican State</b>
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):**

<b>California 55</b>	<b>Florida 29</b>	<b>Texas 38***</b>
<b>New York 29</b>	<b>Pennsylvania 20</b>	<b>Georgia 16</b>
<b>Illinois 20</b>	<b>Ohio 18</b>	<b>Arizona 11</b>
<b>Michigan 16</b>	<b>N. Carolina 15</b>	<b>Tennessee 11</b>

New Jersey 14  
Washington 12  
Massachusetts 11  
Minnesota 10  
Maryland 10  
Connecticut 7  
Oregon 7  
New Mexico 5  
Maine 4  
Rhode Island 4  
Hawaii 4  
Delaware 3  
Vermont 3

Virginia 13  
Wisconsin 10  
Colorado 9  
Utah\*\* 6  
Nevada 6  
Iowa 6  
New Hampshire 4

Missouri 10  
Indiana 11  
South Carolina 9  
Alabama 9  
Kentucky 8  
Louisiana 8  
Oklahoma 7  
Kansas 6  
Mississippi 6  
Arkansas 6  
Nebraska 5  
West Virginia 5  
Idaho 4  
Alaska 3  
Montana 3  
North Dakota 3  
South Dakota 3  
Wyoming 3

D.C. \* 3 = Clinton win

**TOTALS:**

**Sanders 214 + 136 = 350**

**Clinton 3\***

**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 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.

\*\*\* Texas might even be beyond reach of Trump if the LCBT pick some combination of Ted Cruz, Ron Paul, Phil Gramm and Marco Rubio.

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 even in the first few months as acting President should a 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 7 – 14 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 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 both believe in repairing the world (in Judaism it's "Tikkun Olam"), and both of us are in a hurry to get there. If 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 14 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: a leader like Bernie Sanders polling better than Clinton and then able to say "**Mrs. Clinton, get out – YOU are the vote-splitter**". 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 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 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.

**Jill Stein** – runs in 2020, with 50 state ballot access.

**Gary Johnson** – potentially runs WITH Jill (see my 99%er article and my May 2015 (!) article about a Ben Carson – Carly Fiorina ticket).

**William Weld** – Ambassador to Ireland. Stands / runs in 2020 as potential Liaison to Governors, a valuable post for any president committed to downsizing the federal government.

**Elizabeth Warren** – so she won't be the first female Vice President. She can run the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She is melancholy now...this will help her get over not jumping in.

**Hillary Clinton** – would be miserable as president. She has more to hate, and less ability to deflect hatred, than Bill Clinton ever did. She will love being Ambassador to Sweden, or if staying home, directing the FBP (Federal Bureau of Prisons) following a short stay in an orange jump-suit / pant-suit.

**Bill Clinton** – He can cavort with Mr. Epstein and his “fantasy/Porno Island” crowd without scrutiny. He can continue giving highly-paid speeches to big Corporations and Arab governments. And he can stay largely away from a four-year rehash of presidential peccadillos, of pre-presidential infidelities, and perhaps grow to become an esteemed statesman.

**Donald Trump** -- would be unhappy as president, especially if he inherits a recalcitrant congress and a vigilant electorate. He's a talented man who will get little done. He has made a good legacy for himself now and “enhanced” it over the last 12 months; the rest is downhill. I have four beautiful non-government positions for a Talented, egotistical Donald Trump. He'll be very happy. Very, very happy. We can make Donald Trump great again. Incredible, tremendous. Really great. Really.

**The “Never Trump” movement** – theirs will be the greatest victory. The perversion of democracy would be corrected by the Green Party's choice of Sanders. In the competitive primaries and caucuses, Trump's biggest victories comprised no more than 8% of the state's adult population. Blame open primaries (a stupid idea) and the seriatim resignations of Trump's 16 competitors (had 3 or 4 conservative candidates joined Scott Walker when he bowed out, Donald Trump would be golfing right now.) The failure of conservative non-candidates (Kristol, Lee, Levin, Romney, Sasse) to band together will not be a haunting stigma. Indeed, these men, plus Carson, Cruz, Fiorina, Graham, Huckabee, Jindal, Pataki, Rand Paul, and Marco Rubio, plus some very prolific small-government conservatives (Amash, Bachmann, Beck, Borelli, Elder, Foster, Ingraham, Hewitt, Kennedy, Malkin, Medved, Napolitano, Petersen, Prager, Sowell, & Walter Williams) are among the people who have ALREADY been named to one would-be cabinet. (see [www.stewartforliberty.com](http://www.stewartforliberty.com)). The Green Party is at minimum a vehicle to their Jeffersonian resuscitation, and perhaps a major participant in the most vigorous democracy this republic has ever seen. With it, the movement emboldens congress (you NEED principled congress to stand up to a socialist president). This political tumult is exactly what we need, and the Never Trump people will applaud.