

# Green Party Message 2000 and 2016: Republicans Are The Lesser Evil

The endless and probably unanswerable debate over whether the Green Party in fact aided Trump's victory has nearly completely obscured the arguably more serious point: that they openly wanted to.

Let us hope grassroots Greens demand new leadership with a less Pyrrhic strategy.

Note: As cherry-picking is such a widespread and deceptive tool, here also is the list of corresponding statements found from Green leaders on ways the Democratic candidate is a lesser evil than the Republican candidate: Start list><End list.

## Bush-Gore 2000

[Ralph Nader, Green Party presidential candidate, 2000](#)

[Q: If someone put a gun to his head and told him to vote for either Gore or Bush, which he would choose?] Bush... If you want the parties to diverge from one another, have Bush win.

[Ralph Nader, 2000](#)

[Q: Does that mean you would not have a problem providing the margin of defeat for Gore?] I would not — not at all. I'd rather have a provocateur than an anesthetizer in the White House.

[Ralph Nader, 10/20/2000](#)

[After lambasting Gore] If it were a choice between a provocateur and an 'anesthetizer,' I'd rather have a provocateur. It would mobilize us.

[Ralph Nader, 5/7/2000](#)

[Q: Would it bother you that...Al Gore lost the election?] No, not at all... There may be a cold shower for four years that would help the Democratic Party... It doesn't matter who is in the White House.

[Q: Would [Al Gore] not be better on [environmental and consumer] issues than George W. Bush?] ...No... regulatory agencies under Clinton/Gore are as bad or worse than under Reagan/Bush...

## Trump-Clinton 2016

[Ralph Nader, 8/10/2015:](#)

The two party tyranny that blocks voter choices and dominates the political scene on behalf of big business needs to be broken up and Trump is the one to do it. It takes a billionaire. Ross Perot got 19 million votes as an independent candidate in 1992. And Trump has every possibility of doing the same, and by the same token, opening up opportunities for multi-party systems; more voices, more choices... He is with the progressives on challenging the rigged trade agreements... it's a breath of fresh air... By being brazen, Trump is punctuating the progressive agenda -- the progressive critique of big business, Wall Street over Main Street... I've always said the only people who can break up a two party tyranny that stifles the voices of small parties and independent candidates are billionaires, and we got one called Trump.

[Jill Stein, Green Party presidential candidate, 7/10/2016](#)

It's outrageous that she's not being prosecuted and indicted... More Clintonism is not the answer to Trump. It's very important that we actually stand up, and if we have to take some hits, we take some hits, but we've got to build our power...

[Jill Stein, 7/24/2016](#)

The scary things, the horrific things that Donald Trump says, Hillary Clinton has already done.

[Jill Stein, 7/27/2016](#)

[Q: How would you feel if your role in this election helped put Donald Trump in the White House?] ...The answer to neofascism is stopping neoliberalism. Putting another Clinton in the White House will fan the flames of this right-wing extremism. We have known that for a long time, ever since Nazi Germany.

[Jill Stein, 7/28/2016](#)

What we fear from Trump we've gotten from Clinton. Trump talks hate for Muslims, but Clinton's wars killed 1M+ Muslims. Both unfit to serve.

[Jill Stein, 7/28/2016](#)

Clinton's saber-rattling against Russia, a nuclear power, is an existential threat to human survival. She is dangerous.

[Jill Stein, 8/17/2016](#)

Part of the problem, you know, with Hillary's abuse of the rules, she was sort of too big, you know, too big to jail...

[Jill Stein, 9/19/2016](#)

Donald Trump, I think, will have a lot of trouble moving things through Congress. Hillary Clinton, on the other hand, won't... Hillary has the potential to do a whole lot more damage, get us into more wars, faster to pass her fracking disastrous climate program, much more easily than Donald Trump could do his.

[Jill Stein, 10/12/2016](#)

If Trump's campaign is flailing, does a "spoiler" vote even exist anymore?

[Jill Stein, 10/13/2016](#)

What we're worried Trump will do, Obama has done...

[Jill Stein, 10/14/2016](#)

Hillary Clinton's foreign policy is much scarier than Donald Trump's, who does not want to go to war with Russia. #PeaceOffensive

[Jill Stein, 10/14/2016](#)

Hillary Clinton is a disastrous nuclear threat right now... this emerges as the clearest and most present danger.

[Jill Stein, 10/19/2016](#)

[Question: Why do you think a nuclear war is more likely under a President Clinton than a President Trump?] If you watched the debate the other night, you would have heard Trump saying that he's looking for collaboration with Putin... I consider the threat of nuclear war not trivial at all, and this is one of the most clear and present dangers to our surroundings. Yeah, climate change is horrific, but it's not happening tomorrow.

[Jill Stein, 10/19/2016](#)

Hillary Clinton wants to start an air war over Syria... on the issue of war and nuclear weapons and the potential for nuclear war, it's actually Hillary's policies which are *much* scarier than Donald Trump's. He does not want to go to war with Russia. He wants to seek modes of working together, which is the route we need to follow, not to go into confrontation and nuclear war with Russia. [Q: I just want to ask Jill if she will take her name in battleground states so she doesn't turn it over to Donald Trump.] Steve, are you okay with nuclear war? How are you going to feel if we go into nuclear war?

[Jill Stein, 10/21/2016](#)

What's scarier than Donald Trump? Hillary Clinton's plans to gut Social Security.

[Jill Stein, 10/21/2016](#)

Donald Trump has said he wants to bans Muslims, but Hillary Clinton has already bombed Muslims.

[Jill Stein, 10/28/2016](#)

The FBI has re-opened the Clinton investigation. [False.]

[Ajamu Baraka, Green Party VP candidate, 10/6/2016](#)

People talk about the coming of neofascism under Trump but the foundation for neofascism has already been created under the Obama admin.

[Ajamu Baraka, 10/15/2016 \[Jill Stein retweeted\]](#)

John Pilger: Why Hillary Clinton Is More Dangerous Than Donald Trump [which states: "Donald Trump is a symptom of this, but he is also a maverick. He says the invasion of Iraq was a crime; he doesn't want to go to war with Russia and China. The danger to the rest of us is not Trump, but Hillary Clinton. She is no maverick. ]

[Ajamu Baraka, 10/16/2016 \[Jill Stein retweeted\]](#)

Expecting people of color to fear Donald Trump after all we've been through the last 200 years, is absurd.

[Ajamu Baraka, 10/18/2016](#)

Donald Trump has somewhat of a commitment to lessening tensions between say the U.S. and Russia than we've seen from the Clinton campaign.

[Ajamu Baraka, 10/19/2016](#)

The #SteinBaraka camp. does not waste time focusing on Trump's misogyny or scapegoating Russia. We focus on People, Planet & Peace!

[Ajamu Baraka, 10/29/2016](#)

I'm more concerned about another 8 years of neoliberal policies than I am with Trump. It's our duty to fight to build a real alternative.

[Ajamu Baraka, 11/2/2016](#)

Even Trump knows that the #TPP will undermine the US economy & empower the elite's control over governments.

[Ajamu Baraka, 11/9/2016 \[on Trump victory post-election\]](#)

I'm not in any way too concerned... we're going to be all right.

[Jillian Thomas, Social Media Director of the Stein/Baraka Campaign, 10/31/2016](#)

[Posted by Jill Stein on Stein's personal Facebook page] A Clinton presidency is DANGEROUS... So yes: If a Trump presidency would mean that we have to fight ignorants in the streets—I'm ready for that... I feel empowered to do the things I know we have to do to truly fix our system, even if that means taking a left turn to get on the right path.

[Cornel West, author, keynote speaker at Green Party national convention, 7/18/2016](#)

[Q: For those who say it's only Hillary Clinton who could defeat that, what is your response?] ...What Donald Trump talks about in the abstract has actually been concretely enacted under neoliberal regimes of the Democratic Party... this idea that somehow we've got to opt for a neoliberal disaster as the only option vis-à-vis the neofascist catastrophe... I can deal with catastrophe, not by panicking and being driven by fear, but I can look the catastrophe in the face and still tell the truth and still go down swinging with a smile...