



# The Green Party on Racial Justice

## From the Green Party Platform:

The foundation of any democratic society is the guarantee that each member of society has equal rights. Respect for our constitutionally protected rights is our best defense against discrimination and the abuse of power.

We strongly support the vigorous enforcement of **CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS**; the aggressive prosecution of hate crimes; and the strengthening of legal services for the poor.

We do **NOT** support, as a matter of conscience, the **DEATH PENALTY**.

We support affirmative action to remedy discrimination, to protect constitutional rights and to provide equal opportunity under the law.

We support effective enforcement of the **VOTING RIGHTS ACT**.

We agree that police brutality has reached

epidemic levels in the United States and we call for effective monitoring of police agencies to eliminate **POLICE BRUTALITY** and **RACIAL PROFILING**.

We acknowledge that the institution of slavery had as its underpinnings the ideology and practice of white supremacy, which we as Greens condemn. Therefore, we call for an end to official support for any remaining badges and indicia of slavery and specifically call for the immediate removal of the **CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG** from any and all government buildings because we recognize that, to many, this remains a painful reminder of second class status on the basis of race.

Furthermore, we recognize that people of color have legitimate claims in this country to reparations in the form of monetary compensation for these centuries of discrimination.

For the rest of the Green Party platform, see: [http://www.gp.org/platform\\_index.htm](http://www.gp.org/platform_index.htm)

For info on Green Party activity in Oklahoma, see: <http://www.greens.org/oklahoma/home.html>

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