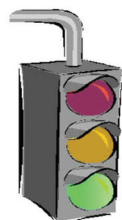


# MYTHS ABOUT THE GREEN PARTY

**Myth #1: Ralph Nader is a member of the Green Party.** He isn't now and wasn't when he ran as a Green in 2000.

**Myth #2: Ralph Nader and the Greens cost Al Gore the election in 2000.** Democrats, who wanted someone to blame, promoted this nasty myth. The Democrats have only themselves to blame. They can blame themselves for running a lackluster campaign against a second rate opponent they should have clobbered at the polls. The choice the duopoly offered voters was between a corporatist state with a theocratic flavor, or a corporatist 'lite' state. Given this unappetizing choice, many potential Democratic



Republicans put us in the Red.

Democrats have turned Yellow.

*Go Green!*

STATE	WINNER	EV	B/G DIFF.	NADER	BUCHANAN	LIBERTARIAN	OTHER
FL	Bush	25	537	97448	17484	16415	6640
NH	Bush	4	7211	22198	2615	2757	328
IA	Gore	7	4144	29374	5731	3209	3191
NM	Gore	5	366	21251	1392	2058	704
OR	Gore	7	6765	77357	7063	7447	4763
WI	Gore	11	5708	94070	11446	6640	4289

voters stayed home, voted for Bush out of disgust for Clinton, or were energized by Nader's campaign.

The actual election results in the 6 closely contested states in 2000, reproduced above, show some interesting features (data taken from the 2003 New York Times and the 2004 World almanacs).

The table above shows that the Nader vote exceeded the Bush margin in two states. Even the vote for Socialist parties in Florida exceeded this margin. One relevant question is how many of those voted for Nader would have voted for Gore if Nader and the Greens had not run? We will never know for sure. There is reason to believe that Nader energized people to vote for him and Democrats to vote for Gore. A second relevant question is how many of those who voted for Buchanan would have voted for Bush if Buchanan hadn't run. The Buchanan vote in 4 states that Gore won exceeded the Gore margin. Buchanan ran to the right of Bush. If that had happened, Bush would have won even without Florida. The Democrats are responsible for their losses in 2000 and 2004.

As a political party the Greens have every right to run candidates. Third parties can win when the major political parties become corrupt and/or incompetent.

**Myth #3: Greens are solely concerned with the environment (enviro-nuts).** This is a blatant simplification. Of course the environment is important. Clean air, water, and land are vital to all of us. Greens look at our nation and the world holistically. Their views are embodied in their ten key values. These are: Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Community-Based Economics, Decentralization, Feminism/Equality, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus.

**Myth #4: Greens are really anarchists, socialists, or communists in disguise.** None of these political ideologies remotely apply to Greens. Anarchists don't believe in any Government.

Socialists and Communists believe in total control and planning including state or public ownership of all enterprise.

Greens believe in direct and open democratic participation by the people in the decisions that affect their lives. They believe in local control of their government within a framework of democracy and civil liberties. They would encourage smaller locally owned and managed private businesses and cooperatives. They would regulate large corporations to ensure honest corporate behavior. They do not support large, centralized, state-owned and managed enterprises. Greens believe in both personal and global responsibility and support efforts to move toward a sustainable world economy. They also believe we should consider the needs of future generations in making decisions.

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## STARVATION AND ANTI-SEMITISM IN TRINIDAD, COLORADO

In the southern Colorado Rockies, lies the small prison town of Trinidad, home of the Trinidad Correctional Facility, a Minimum Restrictive prison with a population of close to 500 people. The prison is also home to rampant anti-Semitism and a corrupt prison bureaucracy.

There are three Jewish inmates at the facility, Tim Sheline, Patrick Kramer, and a third who wishes to remain anonymous. Sheline and Kramer have had their constitutionally mandated Kosher meals terminated, and the third has had his request for Kosher meals denied. In the Dept. of Corrections, Kosher Diet participants have to sign a religious diet agreement which states that Kosher participants can't take a regular tray of food, can't trade or give their food to other inmates, and can't order non-kosher food items off of the canteen. Both Sheline and Kramer have had their Kosher meals terminated for taking food back to their cells, a violation not included in the agreement. Since the termination of his Kosher meals on April, 25th 2005, Tim Shelin, 54, has remained Kosher by purchasing Kosher items off of the canteen. "I'm limited by menu and money, I spend only about \$50 a month on food," Sheline said. "I eat mostly peanut butter and saltines; the two cheapest Kosher canteen items. I've now lost 35 pounds."

On August 22nd, Sheline suffered a mild heart attack and was transported to Trinidad Community Hospital. He was surprised to find that his inmate account had been debited \$10. It is prison policy to charge inmates \$10 for "self-proclaimed emergencies," but the fee does not apply to real emergencies like heart attacks. Tim earns 60 cents a day working on a maintenance crew, and the \$10 fee cuts deeply into his food budget. "They (the prison officials) know that I live off of the canteen, so go figure," Said Sheline.

In addition to the Kosher meals, Jewish inmates in TCF are not allowed to worship in a 'secured area' as every other faith is allowed to. The official reason for this is that there are no volunteer(s) available to hold a Jewish worship. They have not been able to even have a Torah study, because they have not been able to get a Torah inside the walls. According to the DOC website, [www.doc.state.co.us](http://www.doc.state.co.us), there is a Torah on the religious section of the canteen, but canteen



lists from TCF, obtained by The Red Pill, do not have Torahs listed.

Sheline and the other Jews in Trinidad, have exhausted the grievance procedures trying to right these wrongs only to find many grievances are being lost or misplaced by the prison bureaucracy. Some of the grievance hearings were officiated by the prison officials who were accused of wrong doing in the grievance itself.

Lost grievances and fixed hearings are mild in comparison to retribution. After Sheline began filing grievances he was moved into a cell with a member of the Aryan Nation, a racist prison gang, on April 8th. Later that month, on April 24th, while Sheline was observing Second Seder during Passover in his cell, his cell-mate assaulted him. Despite the fact that the Aryan admitted to assaulting Sheline, the prison refused to move Sheline out of that hostile environment until late July, when it came to light that Sheline's cellmate was pressuring him for sex.

Colorado Department of Corrections officially denies any and all wrong doing.

There are ways you can help. Write or call the Warden of TCF, Richard Harlan P.O Box 2000, Trinidad, CO 81082. (970) 845-3226. Write or call Joe Ortiz the Executive Director of Colorado Dept. of Corrections at 2862 South Circle Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80906-4195 (719) 579-9580. Tell them to clean up their act. •

—EDITOR'S NOTE—

*This story is a Red Pill exclusive. In the future other media will cover this story, but remember you heard it here first.*

# THE FOURTEEN POINTS OF FASCISM

History has provided enough fascist governments to allow one to study their defining characteristics, as recently done by political scientist Dr. Lawrence Britt. The following is a list of criteria common to fascist regimes. Is our government and the media active proponents of fascism? You decide.

## 1. Powerful and continuing nationalism.

Flags are seen everywhere, flag symbols on clothing and in public display. When was the last day you did not see overuse of the flag?

**2. Disdain for the recognition of Human Rights.** People tend to look the other way or even approve of torture, summary executions, assassinations, long incarcerations of prisoners with no charges. (The Patriot Act suspends Habeas Corpus)

**3. Identifying enemies or scapegoats as a unifying cause.** People are rallied into a unified patriotic frenzy over the need to eliminate a perceived common threat or foe. Note: U.S. funds helped create the Taliban.

**4. Supremacy of the military.** Even when there are widespread domestic problems, the military is given a disproportionate amount of government funding. 200 billion for Iraq so far.

**5. Rampant sexism.** Some would argue that being against same sex marriage is sexist.

**6. Controlled mass media.** 80% of the media are currently owned by five corporations.

**7. Obsession with national security.** Remember all the terror alerts?

**8. Religion and government are intertwined.** Religious rhetoric and terminology are common from government leaders even when the major tenets of the religion are diametrically opposed to the government's policies or actions.

**9. Corporate power is protected.** In 1980, the average CEO made 42 times the average hourly workers pay, in 1990, it rose to 85 times more, and in 2000 to 531.

**10. Labor power is suppressed.** When was the last time a company gave concessions to a Union?

**11. Disdain for intellectuals and the arts.** Free expression of the arts and letters is openly attacked.

**12. Obsession with crime and punishment.** Under fascist regimes, police are given almost limitless powers to enforce the laws.

**13. Rampant cronyism and corruption.** No bid contracts, behind-closed-door energy

policy drafting, overwhelming lobbying.

**14. Fraudulent elections.** Fascist nations often use their judiciary to manipulate or control elections. Re: 2000 and 2004 elections. •



## BILL DON'T LIKE BLACKS

Highly influential right wing conservative culture warrior, Bill Bennet, shocked the country this week on his nationally syndicated radio show. Bennet said that, "if we aborted every black infant for the next ten years, we would see our crime rate plummet." Notoriously unapologetic, Bennet refuses to apologize.

Bennet is also notoriously hypocritical. He is smugly morally superior in public and wrote the best selling "Book Of Virtues." Just three years after selling this book to the public, it was revealed that Bill Bennet had lost over \$8 million dollars to Las Vegas slot and poker machines.

Another major seller for Bennet was a book he wrote about developing "warrior culture," entitled "Why We Fight." Of course, Bill Bennet personally evaded the draft for Vietnam five times with student deferments. Perhaps a better title for his piece of condescending blather would be "Why I Don't Fight, But Poor People Should."

There is a broad-based belief in the African American community that the Bush administration is especially unhelpful to them, and Bennet's Neo-Nazi, Master Race comments have only reenforced the notion that "George Bush Don't Like Black People." •

# AT THE CONFLUENCE



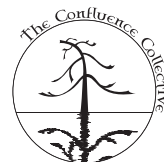
A new community center has opened here in Grand Junction. But this ain't no Boy's and Girl's Club or Botanical Garden shit; this is The Confluence Collective.

The Confluence Collective is a horizontalist (read: non-hierarchical) community center and living space that is a base for community organizing in the Grand Valley. We have a radical lending library--featuring books and visual media, a free bike shop (coming soon), space for group meetings, weekly vegan dinners open to everyone (Sundays @ 6:00pm), a free computer lab with internet access, and a free store for you to come and root through, looking for the perfect pair of pink spandex trousers.

Because of a recognized need for a politically radical community center, The Confluence came together. There are thousands of radical and far left people in this town of all shapes and colors, but a serious lack of people connecting with people. The isolation was lethal and silencing, but the Confluence seeks to end that. Our goal is build a radical community within GJ and provide the tools and the space for organizations within the community.

Already, groups are starting to use the resources we offer. Meeting space and the library are utilized, The Red Pill publishes from here, and a new Fair Trade group has started meeting here to work for fair trade here in GJ.

So all y'all reading this here publication had better make your way down to the Confluence Collective located at 1450 Elm Ave (we're on the northwest corner of 15th and Elm with the crooked juniper in the yard). We would love to meet you. •



# State of Disunion

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF MINUTES

Bush spent reviewing capital punishment cases while governor of

Texas:  
15

## NUMBER OF COMPANIES that control the US voting technology market:

3

PERCENT of votes cast using ES&S (the largest voting-tech firm, and big Republican campaign contributor) in the 2002 midterm election:

52

NUMBER OF DAYS since Colorado Department of Corrections has served a meal to inmate, Tim Sheline, after taking him off of his Kosher diet:

166

NUMBER OF TIMES blacks are more likely to be incarcerated than whites:

6

PERCENT that the rate of embezzlement has increased from 1984-1998:

23

ODDS THAT an embezzler is white:

150:1

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES (out of a total 191) with a US military presence:

131

NUMBER OF FELLOW SKULL AND BONES MEMBERS that Bush has named to important positions:

10

PERCENT of Americans unaffected by Bush's 'sweeping' 2003 tax-cuts:

75



**Saturday, October 8, 2005 • 3:30PM**

Western Colorado Congress's Keynote speaker, Jim Hightower, will be speaking at the *MSC College Center*. Cost for the lecture only is \$5 for students, and \$25 for non-members.

**Wednesday, October 12, 2005 • 7:30PM**

MSC A Voice of Reason's Documentaries for Change Film Series will be presenting a evening of short documentaries at the *Saccomanno Lecture Hall*.

**Every Sunday • 6PM**

Come to The Confluence Collective for a weekly vegan dinner. We'll cook the main dish. Please bring a vegan side dish, dessert or drink. Dinner starts around 6:30PM.

*The Confluence Collective (15th and Elm).*



**Friday, October 14, 2005**

International Relations Club will be presenting a UN Food and Agriculture Global Tele-Conference on World Hunger

For more info on events @ MSC related to World Hunger Month  
Call 970 248-1707

**Wednesday, October 26, 2005 • 7:30PM**

MSC A Voice of Reason's Documentaries for Change Film Series will be screening "Orwell Rolls in His Grave" At the *Saccomanno Lecture Hall*.

**Tuesday, November 3, 2005**

Last day to mail in ballots for the fall election.