

# FEMINIST

GREEN NEW DEAL

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## Collective Coalition Statement on the 2020 U.S. Election Outcome

Last weekend, the people of the United States decided. We celebrated the defeat of Donald Trump and his reign of toxic masculinity as we combined forces to elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

### How we won

We know that **multigenerational feminist movements are a force to be reckoned with**. The Biden/Harris win was only possible because of the tireless **grassroots and feminist organizing power** of Black, Indigenous and Latinx women, and women and gender non-conforming people of color who turned out the vote in their communities. Feminists of all ages played a role in bringing their communities into the fold, and we saw record-high early voting from young people across the country. We see the future as multigenerational and we know our political power, at every level and across movements. We must also reckon with the reality that exit polls showed that 55% of white women – a higher percentage than in the 2016 elections – voted in person for Trump, despite witnessing his four years of misogyny, racism, xenophobia, homophobia, ableism, white supremacy, and climate denialism. We know these forces are alive and well – and that we must continue to organize, educate and mobilize at the grassroots to defeat them. We know that intergenerational feminist movements can deliver us justice.

### The work that lies ahead

As feminists demanding climate action, we are steeling ourselves for the challenging work ahead. President-elect Joe Biden has not yet committed to elements of our agenda while signaling real understanding of our demand for the Green New Deal. Biden's election opens space for new possibilities and accountability to movements' demands. While a starting point is Biden's stated commitment to re-enter the Paris Climate Agreement, we cannot settle there. We know that sustained movement-building is the only way to win transformative change, and we

must continue to uplift the demands of the women, youth, queer, migrant, Black, Indigenous and communities of color who have experienced the worst impacts of the climate crisis, toxic pollution, gender and racial discrimination, and neoliberal economics — and who voted for justice, equity, human rights and climate action. We will continue to call for a socially just, feminist agenda that centers climate policy. We will not settle for less than **a feminist, intersectional executive office that centers care, cooperation, and global justice**, and moves money to match the plans.

**Feminists will continue to resist and struggle for more just futures.** Feminist leaders will show up to challenge fascist, white supremacist, patriarchal governments and policies. We will use all the tactics available to us, from direct action in the streets to our broader advocacy work. We commit to protecting the frontlines and protecting women's and human rights. We will act and organize at all levels, as feminists always have, from our own communities to pushing for progressive changes at the state and federal level.

**Feminist voices will lead in calling out the norm of patriarchy** as it manifests in policy and government. Our coalition will unapologetically call out all people who uphold the patriarchy, especially when others feel unable to, no matter which administration is in power. Women's leadership is not inherently feminist, and grassroots feminists will not allow co-optation of our movements' goals of intersectional justice and liberation for all.

We see ourselves as **connected to and in solidarity with popular movements fighting for liberation and democracy all over the world.** From Nigeria to Chile to Bolivia to Belarus, we are all demanding change to the governing structures that uphold systems of violence. White supremacy, authoritarianism and macho-fascism in the US are not an exception but rather part of broader histories of US imperialism and colonialism, which global feminist movements have long resisted. This regime in the US is connected to other fascist regimes globally — white supremacy here emboldens various forms of supremacy elsewhere. The United States shapes global financial, fiscal, trade and climate policies, laws and norms that deeply affect people's lives. Our movements and struggles towards liberation and justice are thus all connected. We also recognize that there has not been a true democracy in the United States of America as we face a history of colonization and racism that has yet to be reconciled with through justice, accountability and paths for reparations.

**It is time for progressive, justice-centered movements to push unapologetically** and address gaps in current policies and positions. We have paid close attention to lessons from history, and we will not make the mistake of assuming our demands will be heard without our utmost vigilance and pressure. Injustice thrived as business as usual before the toxic crescendo of this past administration, and we do not aspire to return to a 'normal' that was devastating for so many — particularly for queer, migrant, Black, and Indigenous communities. Movements will

lead the way in putting forth our boldest visions, not individuals, and we will call out all injustice perpetrated under all administrations, parties and people.

This is our **moment to center climate and care**. We will call for depth and breadth in policy that addresses the contradictions in existing platforms, such as having a robust care policy but then a lack of gender lens in climate plans. **We know that to truly invest in care, we must divest from and defund violence, in all its forms**. We will push the future administration on the specifics of where policies fall short for the sake of people and planet as we also push ambition on the broader framing -- global justice as key to climate justice, and intersectional policy analysis as key to protecting all people.

**Care jobs are green jobs**. Sustainable work is already here. Low-carbon, care-centered industries that already exist and are woefully underfunded and supported. They are teachers, health care workers, domestic workers, disabled and elderly care workers. These industries largely employ women, especially women of color, and they are devastatingly underpaid and undervalued. These are crucial, life-saving jobs, and they are also climate jobs. In addition to resourcing and opening new low-carbon industries, like renewable energy jobs, we must guarantee good, well-paid, dignified jobs to the workers in care industries, too. Care jobs are the future of our new economy.

**A just recovery includes investing in both construction and care**. A feminist Green New Deal centers public financing for public services and public systems, which is the foundation of a social contract that delivers human rights, gender equality and intersectional justice for historically marginalized communities. We can only *all* recover from these intersecting crises by investing in care like we mean it.

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In December, be on the lookout for our Feminist Green New Deal policy screening tool for decision makers, which will be posted on our website.

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