

CCDS Convention Resolution on the Imperative of Defeating Trump and the Trumpist Republican Party in November

(The following text is adapted from an Open Letter published in The Nation, August 3, 2020, entitled, "To Defeat Trump, Discredit His Movement, and Elect Progressives")

Whereas, the priority for the left in 2020 should be the electoral defeat of Donald Trump and the Trumpist Republican Party in November.

Whereas, at present, the only way to defeat Trump and the Trumpist Republican Party will be to vote for his Democratic opponent.

Whereas, the racist, xenophobic, misogynist authoritarianism of Trumpism poses an immediate existential danger to people of color, to immigrants, to reproductive rights, to trade unions, to LGBTQIA people, to Muslims, to Jews, to members of other religions, and to democracy itself, a Trump victory would fortify the authoritarian State, expand imperial aggression, and collapse the political space for democratic and left forces at home.

Whereas, reversing the creeping neo-fascism in our country is a strategic imperative, and the most urgent political task before us.

Whereas, Trump's regime is imposing massive casualties on people of color, immigrants, and women, by means of its work-or-starve campaign to restart the economy in the face of a raging pandemic, through indulgence of random, murderous assaults epitomized by the case of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, by the shutdown of abortion clinics, and by virtual death sentences imposed on incarcerated persons, including those detained by the vicious Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

Whereas, the mob attacks on Democratic state governments encouraged by the president call to mind the reversal of Reconstruction by terrorist partisans of the old Confederacy after the Civil War.

Whereas, thousands are dying of the coronavirus each week, disproportionately People of Color, particularly elderly nursing home residents, the incarcerated, and detained immigrants.

Be It Resolved that CCDS as a socialist organization for democracy and socialism focus its energies on working to insure an overwhelming defeat of Trump and the Trumpist Republican Party, realizing that the only way this can be accomplished is with a Democratic Party victory in November.

Be It Further Resolved that CCDS members be urged to get involved in Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts of the Democratic Party in alliance with progressive forces including the trade unions, civil rights, immigrant rights, women, religious, and progressive political organizations with phone calling, postcard writing, text messaging, social media, and, if possible, door to door campaigns.

Be It Further Resolved that the CCDS elected leadership follow up on efforts around the country and report on activities of members in GOTV campaigns.

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