

Resolution on making race central to our work
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I was moved by Barbara Ransby article reprinted in Portside from the Nation on July 2nd “The White Left Needs to Embrace Black Leadership”.

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I think taking this on should be central to our convention. This is not only in our membership and leadership but also as to what mass organizations we work in. .She said this about DSA:

Another disturbing exemplar of the predominately white left’s challenges with race is Democratic Socialists of America. On the one hand, wow. Trump’s election fueled the organization’s exponential growth, and subsequent electoral victories and campaigns have emboldened it. By presenting candidates and demands that seem common sense to many Americans, DSA has helped to reintroduce socialism into mainstream political discourse.

That said, and despite a handful of brilliant leaders in the Afro-Socialist caucus, DSA is largely devoid of Black leadership at the national level. How can that be acceptable in 2020? Why isn’t everyone in the organization worried about the implications, or at least the optics? Why hasn’t DSA gone into a deep retreat to read, learn, and then propose bold changes that will open the doors to Black left leadership? If they were unsure who the fiercest anti-racist organizers of this generation are, they need only to look to the streets of Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and New York.

Aside from the tremendous growth they have had this could apply top us. We need to take this very seriously. In addition to being conscious of membership and leadership we

- 1) endorse M4BL Platform. <https://m4bl.org/policy-platforms/>
- 2) be involved in the Rising Majority <https://therisingmajority.com/>
- 3) possibly participate in <https://blacknovember.org/>