



Eleven Demands for Real Democracy

1. Fix big money in politics and government

- We must enact a Constitutional Amendment that says:
 - Corporations are not people
 - Money is not speech
- Regulate campaign spending and lobbying
- Pass ballot measures for clean elections and public financing of campaigns
- Investigate and prosecute corruption at all levels of government
- Ban "revolving door" politics (investigate/prosecute companies that use jobs as bribes; disallow former high-ranking employees serving as representatives or lobbyists)
- Demand radical transparency for all representatives and agencies

2. Healthcare for all

- Implement a United States National Healthcare System
- Include the best aspects of healthcare systems around the world
- Reject all privatization schemes
- Protect the right to bodily autonomy and reproductive choice
- Cover all aspects of healthcare (dental, vision, preventative, etc)
- Transform the pharmaceutical industry to serve the public good

3. A minimum standard of living for everyone

- Make the minimum wage a real living wage
- Provide housing for all (via social housing, cooperative ownership, and housing-first programs)
- Create public food pantries
- Implement federal job guarantees to provide good jobs at a living wage
- Protect Social Security and expand benefits
- Provide reparations, via a solution that treats them as what they are: A debt owed
- Mandate paid parental leave and sick days
- Eliminate student loan debt and provide free public college

4. End the wars

- Cut the military budget by at least 20% every year
- End sales of military weapons by U.S. companies
- Replace military jobs with federal/green jobs
- Reform imperialist foreign policies
- Repeal the USA Patriot Act, the Espionage Act of 1917, the AUMF of 2001, and similar laws
- Prohibit intelligence agencies from conducting propaganda and intrusive surveillance operations against the American people

5. Respond to the climate emergency

- Implement a non-corporate Green New Deal program
- End all drilling and extraction on federal property
- End all subsidies to fossil-fuel companies
- Expand green subsidies

6. Criminal justice reform

- Address the root cause of crime: Poverty
- Cut police budgets and reallocate the resources to the community
- Demand that unjustified shootings of unarmed individuals result in the firing of police-department officials in the chain of command, up to and including the police chief/commissioner; and demand the resignation of the mayor
- End the drug war
- Enact Ten Demands for Justice: <https://www.tenforjustice.com>

7. Reject censorship

- Protect freedom of speech from censorship, whether from government or corporations
- End prosecution of whistleblowers and journalists (free Julian Assange)
- Break up and nationalize large social-media corporations; reorganize them as employee-owned and governed
- Apply common-carrier-style rules, similar to those for communications companies
- Disallow deletions and deplatformings except via a due process that is transparent, fair and democratic
- Prohibit government agencies from using big-tech companies for back-door censorship
- Regulate algorithms that impact user interactions, and open them up to public scrutiny
- Prohibit all non-consensual collection of personal data (except through proper search warrants)

8. Immigration reform

- Abolish ICE
- Provide a path to citizenship for all persons in the United States
- Protect asylum-seekers and process claims in a timely and just manner
- Demilitarize the border

9. An election system we can trust

- Make all voting machines and software open source and auditable by the public
- Implement ranked-choice or STAR voting systems
- Open up ballot access and debates to all candidates, regardless of party affiliation
- Enact the National Popular Vote system to fix the electoral college

10. Revamp taxation and funding

- Abolish all taxes except for highly-progressive income taxes, wealth taxes, and taxes on large corporations
- Use the tax system as a tool to address wealth inequality
- Eliminate tax loopholes
- Prosecute (and potentially expel) persons and corporations that abuse offshore tax havens
- Charter a network of state-level public banks to benefit local communities and businesses
- Issue federal currency to promote the public good, not increase private profits

11. Democratize the enterprise

- Provide federal funds and incentives for employee-owned and controlled businesses
- Enforce anti-trust laws; break up monopolies and large corporations
- Promote and support labor unions as a key step toward worker-owned enterprises
- Mandate that all publicly-traded companies reserve board seats for employee representation
- Transition companies that provide essential services into democratically-controlled utilities



Check out the Eleven Demands website at elevendemands.org