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## STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE



**This statement is to express our unequivocal support for the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people.**

As Afro-descendant people, we are all too familiar with Colonialism, Settler Colonialism and Imperialism which are three of the cornerstones of the current genocidal Israeli regime. Add the ethnonationalist, racist, and fascist ideology of Zionism, nearly \$4 billion in US taxpayer dollars and the rejection of international law; and we have the deadly cocktail that has produced the barbaric slaughter and land theft we are currently witnessing throughout Gaza and portions of the West Bank.

We call for the following:

1. An immediate cancellation of all US military aid to Israel which we believe will expedite a much-needed ceasefire;
2. A world-wide economic and cultural boycott of the State of Israel until a comprehensive decolonization process can begin, which would allow displaced Palestinians from the Nakba and since to return;
3. Grant all residents equal rights regardless of race, gender, orientation or religion.

While we could say more here, we feel it would be inconsistent with respecting Palestinian self-determination. That is to say, that it is for the Palestinian people to determine what their future should look like within the land that is rightfully theirs.

In the meantime, we stand in complete solidarity with the Palestinian people “from the River to the Sea!”

**Sincerely**

**National Black Radical Political Congress Executive Committee**

# JUST SAY NO TO A VOTE FOR GENOCIDE JOE

In the recent weeks and months leading to primary elections throughout the United States, several campaigns have been initiated to protest the continued U.S. support for the Israeli slaughter and genocide of thousands of Palestinians living in the Gaza and West Bank. While the brunt of Israeli drone attacks, bombing and military strikes have targeted residents of Gaza, pro-fascist Zionist settlers and police have converged upon the residents of the West Bank, resulting in mass arrest and targeted assassinations of residents and supporters.

Meanwhile in Gaza, Palestinians are struggling to survive amid the constant Israeli sniper attacks and destruction of infrastructure such as food access, schools, hospitals, places of worship and shelter. No one is safe, including medical workers and journalists. In response and protest, many voters had elected to either boycott the primaries or cast a no-vote for President Joe Biden, the presumptive candidate of the Democratic Party; who in spite of universal demonstrations and calls for an unconditional cease-fire in order to halt the genocidal slaughter of Palestinians, remains firmly committed to supporting and supplying the murderous regime of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Additionally, there has been a steady and consistent escalation of student protest throughout the United States featuring campuses from New York to California. Several university administrators have opted to use local police forces in order to suppress student (and faculty) protest. The result has been police-initiated and led violent suppression of protesters accompanied by the mass arrest of students, faculty and community members.

To date, there are several primaries and caucuses remaining until the national conventions of the Democratic and Republican Party. Just as we reject the new-age fascism of Republican candidate Donald Trump, we must continue to reject the sugar-coated genocidal war-mongering of Joe Biden. From the ocean to the sea, Palestine must indeed be free.



**Khalid Raheem, (National Co-Chair)  
National Black Radical Political Congress  
(NBRPC) May 6, 2024**

# BEYOND THE DUOPOLY

*What the “Uncommitted” vote means  
and next steps for 3rd party politics*



The political establishment was shocked recently by the “Uncommitted” vote in Democratic primaries which expressed a refusal to “rubber stamp” the endorsement of President Biden due to his direct complicity and funding of the ongoing genocidal war on the Palestinian people.

News of the results have caught on in other states as well. But if we look a little deeper at Michigan and Minnesota where this trend began, we see that these cities have experienced a marked increase in their Muslim, East African, and Middle Eastern populations since the early 1900s, and again from the 1960s onward. This demographic shift is attributed to U.S. foreign policy interventions in those international regions, which has led to destabilization and increased forced migration.

More than 100,000 Michigan voters cast a vote for “uncommitted” in their Democratic primary. Two counties in particular, containing communities with high shares of Arab residents and younger voters, drove a third of the protest vote, according to a New York Times analysis of precinct results.

In Wayne County, where more than half of the state’s Arab population lives, 79 percent of the vote went to “uncommitted” in majority-Arab districts (New York Times).

In Minnesota, the effort was concentrated in the Twin Cities. ‘Uncommitted’ captured 20% or more of the vote in Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, and Rice counties. There were also significant pockets of support in the counties surrounding other major cities in the state, including 15.2% in St. Louis County, where Duluth is located, and 16.3% in Olmsted (Minnesota Reformer).

The phenomenon of these particular voters is presenting itself in these elections as a voting bloc but different factors have brought these people together.

On the surface, it is the ongoing occupation and genocide, but if we try to understand the history of the area and a nation (U.S.) that’s been shaped and impacted by Jim Crow, expansionist foreign policy, the struggles of organized labor, and de-industrialization; we see a different picture forming. What we see is a population organizing and using a political expression that they have at their disposal. ‘Yell at Him on Your Ballot,’ has been the clarion call for this trend.

# BEYOND THE DUOPOLY - CONTINUED

## *What the “Uncommitted Vote means and next steps for 3rd party politics*

After an initial January zoom call, ‘**Listen to Michigan**’ organizers hit the ground running; reaching out to more than 1 million constituents. During those phone banking sessions, voters told canvassers they were frustrated with the White House — and most of them said they planned to sit out the vote entirely. Then the campaign offered an alternative: vote, but vote ‘uncommitted’.

“We were able to turn people out who were telling us on the phones, ‘I don’t vote. I don’t vote for people to kill my family,’ Seth Woody, the field director of the Listen to Michigan campaign, told HuffPost. “We were able to say, “ Then don’t. Vote uncommitted.”

Layla Elabed, the campaign manager for **Listen to Michigan**, said many voters were already looking past the primary when discussing their voting plans (Huffington Post).

**Listen to Michigan** states “Michigan voters sent Biden a strong message during the Democratic primary that he can count us out for genocide. More than 100,000 multiracial, multi-faith, and anti-war Democrats voted "uncommitted," in strong opposition to Biden's funding of war and genocide in Gaza”. The very next day, a co-chair for Biden's re-election bid told NPR that the "message has been received”.

What began as a grassroots movement in Michigan, swiftly captured the nation's attention. The message spread to various Super Tuesday states, inspiring communities from coast to coast to stand up and make their voices heard at the ballot box. These primaries are an early litmus test for how much Biden's stance on Gaza could hurt his reelection bid. The threat to Biden's reelection isn't that anti-war Democrats will vote for Trump, it's that they won't vote at all.

The movement is strong. It is not demobilizing people for the general elections and is actively registering people who have never voted to participate. It represents a movement that has defied expectations and is fighting for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, an end to unconditional U.S. military aid to Israel, and a clear path to Palestinian statehood.

This effort has not been limited to the boundaries of the United States. In England, George Galloway ran as an independent for a seat in parliament and won nearly 40% of the vote on a pro-Palestinian platform. He was neither a member of the Labor or of the Conservative parties which are the English version of the US Democratic and Republican parties.

# BEYOND THE DUOPOLY - CONTINUED

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### **Introduction to the Political Duopoly**

We at the National Black Radical Political Congress hope that this trend will lead to a long overdue abandonment of the “Political Duopoly” in the U.S. which is the dominance of the Democratic and Republican parties and the two-party system. It has cultivated an electoral landscape marked by limited choices and a lack of diversity in ideas, policies, and candidates. This structure often stifles competition and fails to meet the varied needs and interests of the electorate, limiting political horizons and the representation of alternative viewpoints.

The two dominant political parties have evolved through the historical phases of our nation: from its origins as a settler-colonial society, through the transitions from pre-industrial to industrial stages, and finally into the global imperial power it has become today. In simplistic terms, they function as a good cop/bad cop team to coerce a confession (vote) of blind loyalty to one party or the other.

The political duopoly, representing the interests of the ruling-class, engages in a constant struggle for state control. Every four years, this contest unfolds as the ruling elite compete for presidential power, which includes the oversight of working-class activities and economic well-being.

To elaborate, this history highlights the continuing power dynamics at play in electoral politics, where the ruling class (rich and wealthy) aims to maintain its power over local, state and federal government and the socio-economic structures that affect the lives and fortunes of the working and poor population. It suggests a recurring battle not just for political office, but for the strategic direction of society itself.

### **The Role of Third Parties**

Third parties in the United States have emerged for various reasons, but their primary roles have been to challenge the status quo or to advocate for specific interests. These interests often stem from a division within the ruling class that leads to a split, or they represent coalitions of oppressed and marginalized peoples (e.g., Blacks, the poor) whose needs are unmet by the major parties.

While many dismiss them as spoilers, these parties act as critical voices in political discourse, reflecting diverse opinions and highlighting issues that may be overlooked by the dominant parties.

They bring attention to the wider spectrum of public opinion and can catapult significant shifts in policy and governance, even as their direct electoral success may vary.



# BEYOND THE DUOPOLY - CONTINUED

## *What the “Uncommitted Vote means and next steps for 3rd party politics*

Third-party political groups in the United States often face significant challenges due to the barriers erected by the established parties they aim to challenge. The entrenched two-party system, consisting of the Democratic and Republican parties, tends to reinforce rules and structures that limit the influence of third parties, making it difficult for them to gain traction.

For example, ballot access laws often require third parties to gather a large number of signatures, which can be very difficult due to limited resources. Additionally, the major parties may co-opt the popular policies of third parties, integrating them into their own platforms, thereby diminishing the third party's distinct appeal and potential for impact. The major parties' substantial fundraising capabilities and media attention further eclipse third parties, making it challenging for them to compete effectively on a national stage.

### **Solution and Strategies according to the National Black Radical Political Congress**

This is not a call to just go out and vote! This is a call to organize, mobilize and recognize our common interests so that we can get the greatest material return (jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, police accountability, etc.) in return for our vote. We should understand that the duopoly does not represent our interests but the interests of the very rich and wealthy. As the various ‘uncommitted’ campaigns around the country have shown us, an organized mass that is focused on their interests can make desired outcomes happen.

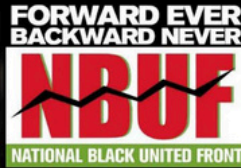
A solution is to create and support independent and radical political parties, organizations and candidates that represent the interest of the Black community: especially the working class, low-income and poor among us. This means that organizing around local issues such as housing, education access, health care, living wage employment, day care, community control of the police should be our starting point.

By providing a platform for underrepresented voices and advocating for systemic change, these types of formations (parties, groups, organizations) could challenge entrenched political norms and offer a fresh perspective on governance and policymaking: aiming to revitalize democracy and foster greater political equity.

# OUR OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The National Black Radical Political Congress (NBRPC) has voted to officially endorse the 2024 Presidential Campaign of Dr. Cornel West and Vice Presidential running-mate Dr. Melina Abdullah. To learn more about this historic campaign and how you can get involved and help, go to [Cornel West for President 2024](#)

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