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The Kucinich Factor

The progressive candidate may be the only hope for the Democratic Party.

Dear Kerry supporters in Oregon, I have a message for you from progressives and Greens both within and outside the Democratic party. The best way you can help elect John Kerry President in November is: *Vote for Dennis Kucinich in the May 18th Oregon primary.*

Huh, you say? Well, listen carefully.

This is truly one of the most divisive and crucial elections in modern U.S. history. George Bush and his henchmen have given us a brutal unjustified war and an unparalleled assault on the environment, the constitution, everything. One can only shudder to imagine Bush truly set loose once he can operate without concern for re-election. It is almost a given that we all understand that.

However, Kerry has some significant baggage and problems with the left. He is a member of the centrist DLC, albeit perhaps its most liberal member. He is pro NAFTA/WTO. He voted for the initial authorization for Bush to go to war in Iraq. Now he must run to the center to pick up those crucial swing votes, as all presidential candidates must do in the fall.

Nader and/or the Green Party (it's a little complicated as Nader is not likely the GP nominee this year but there will be one) are already polling at 6 percent, and if you were listening to the left the way we are, you would be worried. You would see there are plenty of people who are as adamantly opposed to the two-party system now as there were in 2000. Here in Oregon, Gore squeaked by with just 6,000 last minute votes (0.44 percent)! If you are not alarmed at the prospect of a repeat of 2000, you are *not* paying attention.

So why Kucinich? Besides the wonderful things he stands for, peace, justice, liberty – all the good things the Democratic party supposedly represents – there is one key thing you must understand: *Only Dennis Kucinich can hold together the left.* Kucinich's campaign has been a breath of fresh air to us weary progressives and Greens, and he has drawn an amazing amount of support from staunch Green Party activists.

However, the progressive/Green left is already splintering, just as it did in 2000, and for the same reasons. John Kerry must play to the center to garner the swing vote of the moderate middle. This is diminishing his ability to also instill belief in the progressive/Green left that he will be significantly different from a Republican president.

If the Democratic party cannot somehow assure progressives and Greens that their concerns will be part of a Kerry presidency, it will be a disaster for all who want to see Bush gone. If the left splits off to third parties, we will be facing, again, an electorate almost equally split among the major parties that the Republicans will find all too easy to steal. If we in Oregon, a state that has often led the country in adopting environmental and progressive standards, vote strongly for Kucinich in the primary, we send a very important message – and messenger – to the Democratic National Convention without in any way diminishing Kerry's ability to gain the nomination.

We send the message that environmental and socially progressive issues must, once again, be an important part of the Democratic Party platform that John Kerry will then be empowered to address in the remaining campaign. Kucinich could very well be the one person who can hold the left for Kerry, thus helping to do the most important thing – get Bush and his gang of thieves out of power.

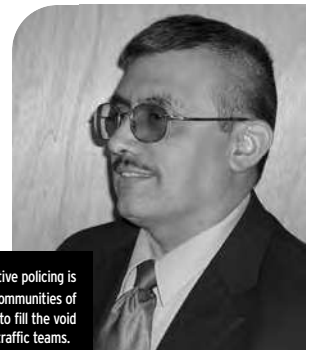
Giving Kucinich the delegates to take to the convention may be the only way to keep progressive/Green votes from hemorrhaging over to a Nader candidacy. So, if you love this country and hate what's happening to it, if you want John Kerry to win the White House and send Bush and his minions packing, vote for Dennis Kucinich in the Oregon primary and then go out afterwards and work like the dickens for the Democratic nominee.

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