

We Need Global Solutions

Everyone can see that climate change is killing us and it's getting worse. The question for voters in November is what are the candidates going to do about it.

The usual strategies (ignoring it, denying it, blaming others, calling it names, wishful thinking, etc.) haven't worked. They work on people but not on things. You can't bully a heat dome.

We need a candidate who can bring people together to solve the problem. We must cooperate with other nations to find and adapt solutions for their environment. This is a global problem that needs global solutions. Our survival depends on it.

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A Coronation?

President Joe Biden has warned about the potential impact of a second term for former President Donald Trump on our democratic values, citing the events of Jan. 6, 2021, and Trump's refusal to accept the election results as evidence. However, Biden's renomination process has prompted questions about the Democratic Party's dedication to democratic principles.

In a recent *New York Times* column, Ezra Klein highlighted how, during the 2024 presidential election, Democratic Party elites united around Biden, depriving voters of a genuine choice and the opportunity to assess Biden's suitability for the presidency.

In the 2016 Democratic primaries, these elites propelled Hillary Clinton past Bernie Sanders to secure her nomination as the Democratic nominee for President. Party insiders known as superdelegates backed Clinton well before she had amassed enough votes from the primaries. Adding insult to injury, outgoing President Barack Obama threw his support behind the establishment candidate, Clinton, instead of his loyal vice-president, working-class "Scranton Joe" Biden.

As Biden has withdrawn from the 2024 race, the looming question is whether Vice President Kamala Harris will be crowned as his successor or if the Democratic Party will opt for an open convention, as was

historically common until 1968. Notably, the '68 DNC exposed party divisions over President Lyndon Johnson's handling of the Vietnam War. Is fast-tracking Harris to the top of the ticket a strategy to avoid revealing Democratic Party schisms on issues that plague the Biden-Harris administration, such as inflation, border security and the conflict in Gaza?

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