



Greetings!

THE GREEN NEW DEAL IS A BIG DEAL

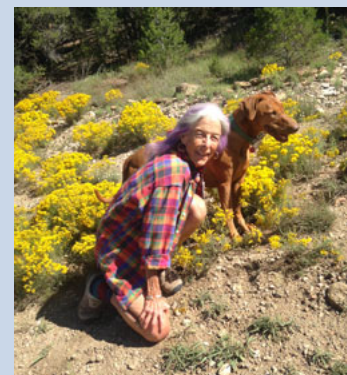


It's a big deal because it calls us to envision and commit to restoring and creating an America of equality, security, true democracy and the health of people and Earth.

It addresses just about every aspect of our human lives: energy, climate change, agriculture, jobs, environment, transportation, infrastructure, industry, health care, family, and equal opportunities for all.

Opponents shout "Socialism!" "Dark Ages!" "It will destroy the economy!" Let us please not fall into the trap of labels and slogans that keep us from looking clearly at the ideas and values encompassed in the proposal of the Green New Deal. Scientifically and ethically we cannot continue business as usual. It is our economic and political systems which are destroying and degrading personal lives and Earth.

When asked how we pay for this, let's also ask how can we not? How can we put a dollar value on clean air and water, healthy soil, and a sustainable future? We could also ask how we will



Good news, insights
and action
for positive change

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"Imagine"
John Lennon

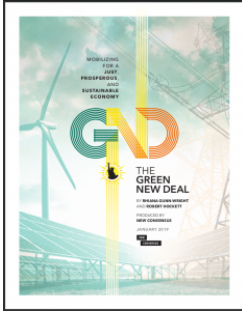
*Justice is what love
looks like in public.*
Cornel West

*Because I always have a
choice, I choose love.*
Deepak Chopra

*Come, Come, whoever
you are.
Ours is not a caravan of
despair. --Rumi*

pay for cleaning up and rebuilding lives and property after fires, hurricanes and floods?

A Closer Look at the Green New Deal



This is a [Summary Page](#) with the Guiding Vision, Goals, Projects and Financing. Here is the full text of the [Resolution](#) before Congress.

How do we pay for the Green New Deal?

["Financing the Green Transition,"](#) from the Next System Project. "It's a shame we would have to weight the costs and benefits of saving clean water, air, soil." Another related article: ["We Can Pay for a Green New Deal."](#) "We will pay for the Green New Deal like we pay for everything else: with public money appropriated by Congress."

["Climate Change is Scary, Not the Green New Deal"](#)

In ["The Green New Deal's Opponents are Stuck in the Past"](#) David Korten discusses how the Green New Deal and climate change are too serious for political labels. See also ["Capitalism and Socialism is a False Choice."](#)

Given the threat the climate crisis poses to the future of humanity, it is arguably more important than was Franklin Roosevelt's bold New Deal response to the Great Depression.

We must now seek a path that restores the health of Earth's regenerative systems while securing equity, material sufficiency, peace, and spiritual abundance for all, exactly the opposite of the plutocrats' drive to secure power, privilege, and material excess for themselves. This makes democracy far more than just a good idea; it is now an imperative. Quotes by David Korten

Restoring Democracy

The Anti-Corruption Act and the National Popular Vote



Jennifer Lawrence and John Silver of Represent.Us. illuminate the nature of our broken political system and how we can address the problems with the **Anti-Corruption Act**. It reduces the influence of big money, curtails gerrymandering and makes voting easier. The winning strategy is

to go around Congress right now to adopt these measures city by city, and state by state, which ultimately will lead to adoption at the federal level. 85 such measures have passed around the country and 87% of folks across the political

*When the people lead,
the leaders follow.*
Gandhi

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FOR THE LOVE OF EARTH



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[Why I have hope in the Face of Human Extinction](#)

David Korten

When I ask an audience, "Who believes we are on a path to human extinction?" nearly every hand goes up. It's a sign of a growing awareness that humanity is on a path to self-imposed environmental and social collapse. For me, that awareness is a source of hope.

[Climate Change or System Change?](#)

by Local Futures

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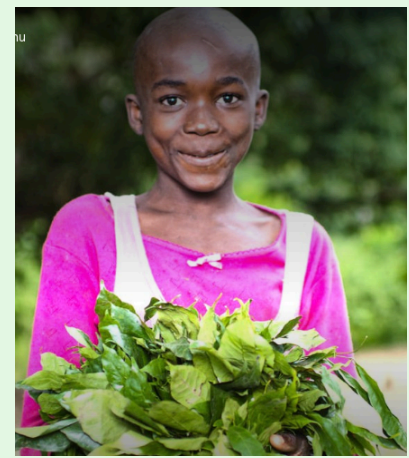
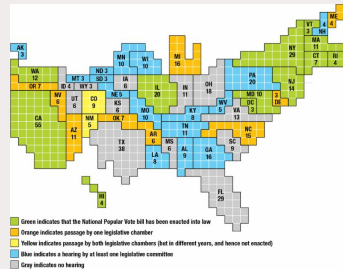
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UPLIFTING STORIES & INNOVATIONS

spectrum support this work. [Watch this 12 min. video to find out how it works.](#)

The National Popular Vote is a bill to ensure that each person's vote counts equally. It enable each state to determine how its electoral votes will be cast without amending the Constitution. If states representing at least 270 electoral votes (a majority of 538) adopt the National Popular Vote plan and award their votes to the winner of the popular vote across America, then the Electoral College will reflect the choice of the people in all 50 states and DC. [Read more here](#) and see the map of electoral votes in the US under "Status of States".



[UN declares 2021-2030 the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#)

An area larger than the South American continent to be restored to support billions of people and regenerate Earth. This should be the operating principle and work for future decades!



[Tokyo 2020 Olympic medals will be made from recycled waste.](#)

Including 5 million phones and over 47,000 tons of old devices.

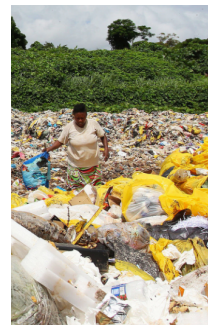
FAVORITE RESOURCES

[350.org](#)

[Climate Reality Project](#)

PLASTIC ACTION AROUND THE WORLD

The South Pacific island of Vanuatu has one of the world's strictest plastic bans. "The problem with plastics is not simply a litter problem, it is a pollution problem created by corporations and mismanaged by governments, and it should be treated as an inherently dangerous substance," says Mirjam Kopp, project leader on plastic pollution. [Read more.](#)



Several things need to come together to address the enormous problem of plastic pollution: We need to consume less and think in terms of zero waste. All our decisions must be considered in light of our actions' impact on the planet. We need to use our purchasing power to demand companies give us products that are eco-conscious. We need to develop alternative materials to use for packaging. Here are some articles that speak to these issues:

[Plastic Packaging Alternative Using Algae](#)

[Plastic-Free Business Respond to Consumer Anxiety About Pollution and Climate Change](#)

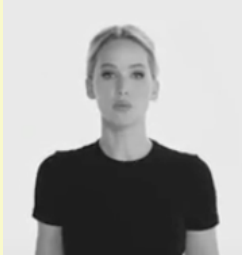
[Questions about plastic waste and recycling](#)

[IBM working on new process to separate and digest all kinds of plastic.](#)



WISDOM FOR OUR TIMES

*Every voice matters.
Your voice matters.*



*If we do nothing, nothing changes,
But if we all do a little
we can win together.*
Jennifer Lawrence



*Our lives begin to end the day we become silent
about things that matter.
We must accept finite disappointment but never
lose infinite hope.*
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.*
John Wesley

Let's hear it for Spring!



A Super Bloom in the Anza-Borrego desert in California

Here's to your super-blooming month of April!
Virginia / Gibi

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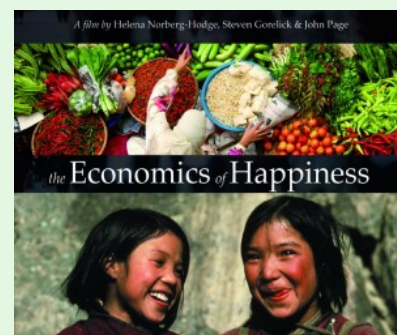
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My Column

this month is about
**GROWTH
HAPPINESS &
THE ECONOMY**



["The Economics of Happiness"](#)
20 min. film by Local Futures

Dive into more on how
we create a happy &
prosperous future

PLEASE PASS IT ON

If this newsletter has
contributed to your life in
some way, please send it
along. We all need to play
our part in creating the
New Story for Earth
