

Reasoning of Resolution:

WHEREAS, capitalism has brought humanity to the point of annihilation by creating the conditions for a sixth mass extinction and catastrophic climate change, and,

WHEREAS, the primary way DSA and YDSA have thus far engaged with this existential threat has been through the framework of the Green New Deal, which has served as a locus of popular mobilization against the neoliberal status quo, yet,

WHEREAS, the Green New Deal has been stalled indefinitely by the undemocratic structures of the United States government, including the Senate and Presidency, proving **the necessity of agitating for working class control of climate policy and a revolutionary transformation of society,** ~~the underlying strategic assumptions faulty,~~ and,

WHEREAS, **the movement for a Green New Deal represents a significant step in fighting the ecological crisis,** ~~even if fully realized, the program of the Green New Deal would fail to adequately address the scope of the ecological crisis;~~ **yet** because the ecological crisis is rooted in the fundamental tendency of capitalism towards infinite growth on a finite planet, **an ecosocialist program must also fight for a society beyond the logic of capitalism,** ~~and the Green New Deal does not aim to lay the foundations for a society beyond the fundamental laws of capitalism,~~ and,

WHEREAS, the Green New Deal, furthermore, **is an opportunity to fight for a broader, transformative ecosocialist program which connects us to radicalizing young and working people throughout the course of struggle,** ~~is unequipped to address ecocidal capitalism as a world system, because its vision of supplanting fossil fuel energy with renewable energy in a growing economy would necessarily lead to unprecedented levels of imperial extraction from the global periphery,~~ and,

WHEREAS, overcoming the ecological crisis will require reducing material and energy throughput in the imperial core countries whose economies are the engine of climate catastrophe and mass extinction at the expense of the entire world, which will in turn require the restructuring of society to meet human needs without endless economic growth, a process known as degrowth, and,

WHEREAS, revolutionizing society at the scale and scope necessary to begin rationally governing the relationship between humanity and nature, i.e., to guarantee the survival of the human species, is an immense, long-term project which necessitates a ~~fundamentally different~~ political strategy **that fights for and goes beyond** ~~than what DSA has thus far pursued through the Green New Deal,~~ and,

WHEREAS, given the gravity of the crisis we face, and our belief that DSA is and should strive to continue to be the vanguard of the socialist movement, it is our responsibility as an organization to intervene decisively in the ongoing debate around both long-term and short-term ecosocialist strategy,

Action of Resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, YDSA's platform shall be amended as follows:
(additions in bold italics)

Socialism means the democratization of all of society in order to end oppression, exploitation, and domination **of people and the planet. We fight for a world without classes, with an economy democratically planned to improve the condition of humanity** ~~meet human needs within ecological limits~~. The working class is the only social force capable of carrying out this fight, **saving humanity from extinction**, and ultimately creating a more free, equal, and democratic society. The working class means everyone who is forced to sell their labor, people who work for a wage or a salary and the people who depend on them — children, the elderly, the poor, the sick, the jobless, the homeless, the incarcerated — regardless of borders or citizenship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, YDSA will aim to include public-facing ecosocialist messaging in its organizing and campaigns wherever feasible, such as by highlighting the environmental impacts of war and imperialism in Palestine work, understanding that the ecological crisis is an urgent global crisis which cannot be equitably solved under capitalism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, YDSA calls on the IC-YLC or its successor to facilitate discussion with international youth groups on topics such as the ecological crisis, imperialist extraction in the global periphery, and building an international ecosocialist movement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, YDSA calls on the Youth Political Education Committee to take the following steps to help develop socialist consciousness about the strict necessity of revolutionary degrowth in the path towards ecosocialism:

1. To draft and collect educational materials on this subject to be included in YDSA's Socialism 101 syllabus, **building off of** ~~replacing~~ the existing content **and topics** of the Ecosocialism module.
2. To draft a sample political education curriculum on **ecosocialist organizing and degrowth** ~~this subject~~ to be distributed to all YDSA chapters, which are to be encouraged to hold topical political education meetings.
3. To consult with representatives of YDSA chapters and organizing committees upon request, assisting them in the formulation of political education curricula and campaign action items relating to the struggle for ecosocialism.
4. To help develop a socialist analysis and an independent message which builds off of DSA's organizing for a Green New Deal and uses struggles like it to **articulate the necessity of a socialist transformation of society, which includes degrowth.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a committee tasked with providing trainings to chapters on campaign issue selection, such as the Youth Growth and Development Committee of the 2024-2025 term, will include potential ecosocialist campaign issues in those trainings which will emphasize political mobilization and which will include messaging and rhetoric connecting campus-level action to long-term strategy in the struggle for political power and a revolutionary overthrow of the current order. These issues may include:

1. Divestment from environmentally and socially destructive industries that fuel the growth-oriented, imperialist regime of global capitalism, including but not limited to fossil fuels and arms manufacturing;

2. Organizing workplaces for reduced working-hours in order to fight the domination of both labor and the natural world by reducing exploitation in the workplace and curtailing destructive and unnecessary economic output;
3. Protection of natural spaces on and off campus from the expansion of both capital and the police state, understanding that their expansion reproduces the political and economic structures which prevent both self-government of the working class and rational planning of the economy made possible only through self governance;
4. Democratizing campus administrative structures, especially those related to the management of investments and campus environmental policy, to win lasting student-worker power and model the kinds of transformations necessary in society at large to win the battle for working-class sovereignty and a livable environment.
5. Developing convenient, sustainable, and free public transportation in and around campus, to reduce the waste and difficulty of individual transportation such as cars, and to reduce the reliance on parking lots while using space more efficiently.
6. Expanding care jobs on campus, such as childcare and mental health services, which significantly improve quality of life for students and faculty while producing very few carbon emissions.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, YDSA urges DSA writ large to adopt analogous measures, and to meet the demands of the moment by taking practical steps to **include degrowth as part of its ecosocialist organizing, such as through political education and degrowth oriented demands like the ones listed above.** ~~move beyond the Green New Deal paradigm of ecosocialism in favor of one grounded in the necessity of revolutionary degrowth.~~