

Socialists, Democrats, the Working Class, and Our Future

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The question of the socialist left's relationship to the Democratic Party has been a controversial issue for decades, in truth, for as long as we have had the modern two-party system. At various times the issue has been whether or not to break with the Democratic Party and construct a socialist party or a labor party instead. Today, the controversy tends to revolve around whether or not we can further the socialist movement by running candidates in the Democratic Party, either by running open socialists or supporting progressive Democrats, and perhaps also supporting Green Party or other independent candidates as well. We present here Kim Moody's argument against working within the Democratic Party together with responses by Amelia Dornbush, Luke Elliott-Negri, and Sam Lewis, as well as our board member Michael Hirsch.