

The 2016 Democratic National Convention: Voices from the Streets of Philadelphia

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"Voting for the lesser evil kind of slows you down as you're circling the drain but it doesn't give you any shot to get out!"

Bernie Sanders supporter Clea Cooper (from this week's report.)

This Global Research News Hour special is a rebroadcast from August 2016.

It helps provide some under-reported perspectives from grassroots activists, most notably Bernie Sanders supporters, offended by the choice of Hillary Rodham Clinton, and the methods employed by the Democratic Party to thwart the democratic will of the general membership.

As an added year end feature, we include footage from Philadelphia, unaired until now.

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The Democratic Party may have presented themselves as a unified force to go after Republican Donald Trump in November, but such unity was not evident in the streets of Philadelphia.

Legions of people collected in the streets of Philadelphia to express their concerns as the Democratic National Convention got underway the week of July 25th.

Above and beyond the sentiments expressed by climate and social justice activists, many supporters of Bernie Sanders had arrived in the city. Not only did many of them criticize Presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton for policies revolving around the 2009 coup in Honduras, support for fracking, and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), they blasted the former first lady and the Democratic Party over the revelation that the Democrats had rigged the race on the Democratic side in favour of Ms. Clinton.

As someone who was in the streets that week, I discovered that Bernie Sanders had broad support on the ground, while Hillary Clinton had virtually none. Sanders supporters were by and large hostile to Hillary, even declaring they would vote for (Green presidential candidate) Jill Stein.

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On this special summertime edition of the Global Research News Hour, we bring you audio from some of those Sanders supporters as well as environmental and other activists.

The audio recorded in this report contains interviews with and sound from a clean energy march, an outdoor of a Black Resistance march, and an act of civil disobedience. Listeners exposed to propaganda of a party united behind Clinton may wish to consult this report to get a more balanced sense of what happened that week.

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