

What People Say About **PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA**

"PDA is the real thing. The organizers of PDA are smart, tenacious, and committed. PDA stood by my side when we battled the corrupt vote count in Ohio, when we held our hearing on the lies exposed in the Downing Street Minutes, and every single day as we keep our eyes on the prize of ending this war in Iraq."
-- **Congressman John Conyers**

"PDA gets the job done. Their commitment to promoting progressive values has brought results at the local and national level. PDA organized grassroots support for my resolution calling for American troops to be brought home from Iraq, and presented me with a petition that I delivered to the White House of over 20,000 signatures. Every day that I am on Capitol Hill fighting for economic justice, environmental protections, and a more peaceful and secure world, I know that PDA is right there with me." --
Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey

"PDA is attempting to represent the new generation of reformers. The Democratic Party will only 'listen' when the challenge of PDA and progressive reformers is powerful enough."
-- **Tom Hayden**, anti-war leader, former Calif. State Senator

"PDA is focused on getting out a progressive message, even while the Democrats seem to be going in the opposite direction. Diverse, inclusive, strategic — thank goodness for PDA!"
-- **Kim Gandy**, President, National Organization for Women (NOW)

"Hopeful, progressive, reformist, coalition builders, committed and active--that's the message of PDA and they're setting the pace for all other Democrats. PDA has been one of the biggest advocates for legislation I introduced to add a Voting Rights Amendment to the Constitution. Keep up the good work. You're absolutely necessary." -- **Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.**

"PDA's effort to reach out and build coalitions is the cornerstone to returning the Democratic Party back to the people." -- **Congressman Raul Grijalva**

"While the Hip Hop community is skeptical of the left movement because of its lack of base in communities of color, the Progressive Democrats of America's current outreach and willingness to have people of color in its core leadership have shown everyone what it means to have a united front encompassing diverse constituencies." -- **Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr.**, Hip Hop Caucus

"A new group called Progressive Democrats of America is organizing at the grassroots to put the kick back in the Democratic donkey. About time." -- **Jim Hightower**, author and commentator

"Devastated by the results of the 2004 election, I was looking for a group that would help unite progressive Democrats with others, like the Greens, to form a 'big tent' for those who believe in social justice and peace. . .PDA has proven to be a creative, dynamic force for everything from electoral reform to ending the war in Iraq." -- **Medea Benjamin**, Code Pink, Global Exchange

"PDA is performing an invaluable service to our country and the world by focusing public attention on the deepening crisis in Iraq, and by insisting that the Democratic Party take the lead in bringing a responsible end to the U.S. occupation." --**David Cortright**, Win Without War

"PDA is making politics more user-friendly for progressive peace and justice activists. Organized people power can still overturn the minority dominion of money, violence and lies in American politics." --
Mimi Kennedy, actor

"The strategic activism of Progressive Democrats of America gives me new hope that the Democratic Party and our country can be turned around. Out of the ashes and despair of the 2004 election, PDA has been carrying the torch for progressive activism -- PDA is working hard to establish chapters in every congressional district. I was there when PDA launched in Roxbury, Mass., and I'm spreading the word about PDA everywhere I go." -- **Rep. Barbara Lee**, Co-Chair, Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC)