

Rural Organizing Project's 2009 Legislative Platform

In the 2009 Legislature, ROP will raise up a legislative platform that says YES to Rebuilding Oregon and NO to the Cost of War at Home and Abroad.

Our economic crisis is rooted in a crisis of democracy and human dignity where the profits of war have been valued over the needs of communities around the globe. The cost of war at home and abroad are the fallout of unsustainable fiscal and moral choices that are threatening to bankrupt our democracy and our country.

Raising up a new deal for Oregon calls on all of us to demand accountability to the needs of working people and to the inherent human dignity of all people with special attention to those who are most vulnerable in these times of increased desperation and scapegoating. We must work to protect gains in equality, such as for the LGBTQ community, while continuing the struggle to expand the umbrella of human dignity to immigrants and other groups.

Now is the time to transform our hope for change into action at local, state, and national levels. We can turn back the tide of the past eight years and beyond and begin a new era of interdependence, respect, innovation, and community building rooted in true peace, justice, and democracy.

	YES to Rebuilding Oregon	NO to the Cost of War at Home and Abroad
Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support sustainable, local rural economies • Provide for community infrastructure that support local needs (schools, libraries, health services, transportation, public utilities) • Advance innovative solutions that foster mutual aid and support the most vulnerable members of our community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop the spread of local anti-immigrant ballot measures • Support returning vets and their families, and military resisters • Provide counter recruitment and career alternatives
State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in human needs for all Oregonians: education, healthcare, living wage jobs, affordable housing, and no new prisons • Tax fairness that will provide for our needs • Enforce minimum wage laws that protect all workers from exploitation • Support safe schools and strengthen Oregon's anti-bullying law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the Oregon National Guard in Oregon and Stop 2009 Deployment • Guarantee that all Oregon drivers, including undocumented immigrants, have the opportunity to be licensed, tested, and insured. • No to REAL ID in Oregon
National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal healthcare • Tax fairness • Stop unaccountable corporate bailouts • Pass Employee Free Choice Act • Support renewable energy and green jobs • Restore civil liberties, stop torture, repeal the PATRIOT Act and REAL ID Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan immediately and no new wars • Enact a moratorium on raids and deportations • Pass just and humane immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship and global worker protections

Please Note: The actual bills under each category will be inputted as they emerge. Stay tuned!