The power landscapes for POWER (national, state, local)

We are stronger together
Profit?  
Or People and Planet?

- We live in an economy of extraction, endless growth and exploitation.
- This economy requires globalization and extreme inequality.
- Racism and White Supremacy divide people and keep the 1% in power. People at the margins suffer the most. The system is not working for most of us.
- NOW, humans all through the world are rising up to say, “No more!”
- New alliances are possible for real change.
- POWER works for environmental justice; we all have a right to clean air, safe water, good paying jobs, and secure homes!
- Our goal is immediate benefits for Black, Brown and low-income communities and long-term benefits for all Pennsylvanians.
Political Landscape-1: National

The landscape has radically shifted!

• **Biden’s goals:**
  - Carbon pollution-free power sector by 2035
  - Unionized “well-paying” clean energy jobs
  - Net-zero emissions economy by 2050,
  - “Hold polluters accountable”

  ✔ **Rejoin** Paris Agreement
  ✔ **Revoke** Keystone XL Pipeline permit.
  ✔ **Respect** Native Tribes and EJ communities

• **Congress:** Democrats have a slim advantage
Political Landscape -2: State & Local

Still dominated by the fossil fuel industry, but

✔ PES closure was a victory!
✔ We got PUC Judges to better accommodate public hearing and climate change issues!

State

• Governor’s Office
  • Public Utility Commission (PUC)
  • Department of Environmental Protection
  • Environmental Quality Board
• Legislature (State Senate and House)
• PECO, PGW, & other transport companies
• Industry Lobbyists

Philadelphia

• Mayor’s Office
• City Council
• Septa (board member appointed by Mayor)
• Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation
• PGW <- Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation

Lancaster | Lehigh Valley | Pottstown
Our State-Level Allies

“Green New Deal Working Space”

- Pro-jobs and fair transition
- Anti-racist
- Inclusive - Labor, EJ communities, all races & faiths

Frontlines Table
- POWER
- One PA
- CASA
- Center for Coalfield Justice

Climate Equity Table
- Make the Road
- PA Stands Up
- Pittsburgh United

PA Clean Power Hub/Coalition

Business Table
Gas Table
Big Enviros Table
Transportation Table
Campaigns at the State and Local levels

**Campaigns**
- RGGI Support
- PGW Transition
- “Right to Thrive!” Hilco Site Redevelopment
- No SEPTA Plant in Nicetown

**Main Allies***
- Coalfield Justice
- Coalition
- Philly Thrive
- Neighbors Against the Gas Plant

**Other Actors**
- Governor
- DEP
- EQB
- PA Legislature
- City of Philadelphia
- PUC
- PGW
- City Council
- Buildings Trade Union
- Evergreen
- Hilco
- EPA
- City of Philadelphia
- SEPTA

*Legal advocacy ally is EarthJustice

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EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
EQB – Environment Quality Board
PUC – Public Utility Commission
PGW – Philadelphia Gas Works
Threats and Opportunities

• How do we build a new "winning majority coalition?" i.e. the realignment of labor, immigrants, urban areas, etc.

• What is the relationship between Biden’s environmental justice agenda and the “Green New Deal” and Pennsylvania Politics?

• How will the fossil fuel industry fight back? How will they adapt?

• What new strategies, alliances and skills do we need in our struggle for a fair transition to a just, regenerative economy?