

# United States President

## Cornel West, Aurora Nominee



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**OCCUPATION:**  
Dr. West, affectionately known to many as Brother West, is Professor of Philosophy and Christian Practice at Union Theological Seminary of New York.

**EDUCATION:**  
Dr. West is a former University Professor at Harvard University and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. Cornel West graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard in three years and obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy at Princeton. He is the first Black person to receive a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Princeton University.

**OTHER:**  
Dr. West has written 20 books, but he is best known for his classics, Race Matters and Democracy Matters, and his memoir, Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud. He is a lifelong music lover and has produced three

music albums. A fun movie fact is that he appeared as Councillor West in both The Matrix Reloaded and The Matrix Revolutions.

**STATEMENT:**  
Dr. West believes our national crisis of moral bankruptcy and spiritual obscenity is driven by both major parties’ prioritization of profits over people and the environment.  
As an Independent candidate, he represents policies that are truly of, by, and for all Americans. He seeks a government that prioritizes the interests of poor and working-class people of regardless of background.

Dr. West believes Alaska’s resources belong to the people, not private corporations who export our state’s wealth to Wall Street. He calls for an immediate moratorium on corporate-owned oil and gas leasing because the people should profit from public oil and gas from public land.  
He is determined to abolish poverty and provide direct cash for Alaskans. He favors raising the PFD to \$10,000/year tax-free for each resident. Our Permanent Fund is incredibly prosperous, with 80 billion dollars in assets, while its 733,536 citizens and their families are needlessly poor or struggling.  
Dr. West passionately promotes environmental protection and justice. Unlike both major parties, he will cancel the climate-killing Willow project. He will fully protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He supports Free Prior and Informed Consent from Alaska Natives before initiating projects or initiatives on their territories.  
He supports Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) in Alaska’s elections as it helps citizens transcend the limitations of a corporate-owned two-party system.  
He encourages you to visit his website and then vote your conscience for President.  
Dr. Cornel West asks for your vote on November 5th.

Thank you.

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