

# HRP

Partisan letters must be coming in pretty fast ~~to~~ today - but this one just slipped right out of my fingers.

About ~~at~~ two and a half years ago <sup>I went with</sup> a friend to a meeting of the newly Named Human Rights Party. ~~This group of people I saw in the tracks school gym~~ <sup>to see this group of</sup> people ~~who~~ were clear thinking ~~and~~ clear spoken, strenuously democratic and <sup>seemed</sup> devoted ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~cause~~ ~~that~~ ~~was~~ ~~needed~~ ~~change~~. When I asked ~~what~~ some people what the politics or ideology of this party was they handed me platform planks that had been collectively developed on ~~basic~~ ~~issues~~ ~~like~~ on basic issues like Health Care Racism Child Care Economics etc. These planks were extremely good - they <sup>had collectively</sup> pooled a lot of different peoples knowledge.

I was hooked. I ~~could not put in~~ could only put in a few hours a week working for HRP. <sup>Still</sup> ~~I~~ <sup>the group of (just us folks)</sup> I incredibly enjoyed the feeling that ~~we~~ <sup>have</sup> created ~~(just a lot)~~ a radical working ~~political~~ political organization that was honest, ~~and~~ ~~internally~~ internally democratic and powerful enough to really do some good at ~~times~~ times. The group that is HRP changes all the time - ~~but~~ <sup>relatively</sup> it is easy to integrate new people ~~when~~ <sup>when</sup> decisionmaking is open. ~~and~~ ~~and~~ Then I got to thinking ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~idea~~ of ~~political~~ ~~clubs~~ ~~that~~ ~~are~~ ~~HRP~~ about the potential ~~importance~~ ~~of~~ ~~this~~ ~~third~~ ~~party~~ ~~form~~ ~~of~~ ~~political~~ ~~activity~~

organizing. The left in the U.S. has been searching around for a few years now trying to find a way to reach out to masses of new people. H R P has done a ~~crucially~~ necessary thing by forcefully entering electoral politics (largely because this is the only form of politics most americans regard as legitimate). At the ~~the~~ same time we remain an independent ~~of~~ force by continuing to organize non-electoral initiatives in the interests of oppressed people (like the Rape ~~package~~ <sup>held the key to making</sup> ~~some real waves~~ <sup>package and strike support</sup>).

This conclusion

In fact, the H.R.P. of Ann Arbor is probably the best example in existence of this historically necessary form of radical organizing. Equally important it is NOT boring (and "nutinsane"). You ~~would~~ be bored to tears ~~if~~ - as well as ripped

Do you really want

off more - if the H R P was ever gone from this town. <sup>to be governed by two faced democrats and svelt nazis republicans?</sup> A whole lot is riding on this election - ~~but~~ ~~for~~ less than some people think. ~~H R P~~

Power to the People  
Charles Ream