# No Kings in America: Join the Groundswell of Resistance WE the PEOPLE

#### **VOTE and LEAD!**

Make sure all your people vote. Be the democracy defender in your neighborhood!

See resources below and register/check your status at: Online Voter Registration System

When We All Vote
League of Women Voters
Vote.org
Rock the Vote
Vote Riders

Headcount
Native American Rights Fund
Campus Vote Project
EphVotes
Fair Vote

#### **ORGANIZE**

Join a grassroots, pro-democracy group and local, statewide, and national organizing efforts. Learn about actions, share your gifts, find support, and help build the opposition that is imagining a sustainable, just future.

#### **TAKE ACTION NOW:**

Safeguard our Civil Liberties
STOP THE CUTS
Stop the SAVE ACT

Sound the Alarm, Demand Your Electeds Speak Out, Join Public Protests!

TAKE ACTION...on so many critical fronts

Visit these sites to join the movement. **Donate** generously if you are able.

Berkshire Democratic Brigades, Countywide

Dems

**Indivisible MA Coalition** 

**Greylock Together**, Northern Berkshire

Indivisible group
Indivisible Pittsfield

Indivisible Berkshires - Southern Berkshire

Mass 50501

NAACP Berkshires Branch
Stand Up Berkshires

South County Resistance

Left Field

**ACLU MA** 

Berkshire Interfaith Organizing

Berkshires DSA

Your town Democratic committee

Franklin County Continuing the Revolution -

Indivisible

Progressive Democrats of America

Indivisible Northampton - Swing Left

Western MA

Rise Up Western MA - Longmeadow

Rural Freedom Network

**Force Multiplier** 

## PROTECT PEOPLE (and our PLANET)

Help protect people in marginalized, vulnerable and targeted groups by learning their stories, asking them what they need, connecting them with resources, and letting them know you care. Volunteer, support, donate funds, or join a group to advocate for issues related to food access, racial justice, healthcare, education, housing, transportation, immigration, gender and disability rights, and climate/the environment.

#### **SOME RESOURCES:**

#### Berkshires Immigrant services and advocacy

• <u>ACLU MA</u> • <u>BASIC</u> • <u>Berkshire Immigrant Center</u> • <u>Volunteers In Medicine</u> • <u>MIRA</u> • <u>Roots & Dreams and Mustard Seeds</u> •

#### LGBTQI+ services and advocacy

• Berkshire Pride • Other Berkshires support resources • GLAAD list of resources

#### **Environmental/Climate Justice**

- <u>BEAT</u> •350 <u>Mass Berkshires</u> <u>Williamstown COOL Committee</u>

  Join your local climate action team or green committee
  - Food security
     Food pantries and meal sites Heart & Soil Collective

#### Miscellaneous

• Directory of Berk. County Resources • Northern Berk. Community Coalition resource guide

#### **DEFEND INSTITUTIONS**

We count on our institutions to defend us. When autocracy rises, we are called on to defend them.

- Make phone calls daily to sound the alarm: Visit <u>5 Calls</u> and choose 5 calls to make on a daily basis. Besides visits to your members of congress offices, calling your (state & federal) congressional representatives is the most impactful way to have your thoughts tallied, collected, and heard. Make it a regular habit.
- Call or Write your legislators: Call (202) 224-3121 for the U.S. Capitol switchboard operator and/or email them directly. (Email addresses are found on your representatives' websites by way of a contact form.)
- Join or donate to organizations defending our institutions, like The Brennan Center.
- **Visit** mobilize.us and enter your zip code to find events, petitions, standouts/protests, and volunteer opportunities near you.

#### **BUILD ALTERNATIVES**

- Talk to people in your community. <u>One-on-one, person-to-person, is a powerful way to build relationships and connect.</u>
- Support local economies and local businesses. Seek out and support LGBTQI+, Black and Immigrant-owned businesses.
- Organize locally to transform power in your own community. Be proactive, not reactive.
- If you see community needs or gaps in the helping safety net, get together with your network and talk about how you can help fill it.
- Create and celebrate the diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and belonging you want to see.
- Join book groups to explore new ways of <u>creating communities</u> we want to imagine, envision, and create together.

#### **DISRUPT AND DISOBEY**

- Mass non-violent, non-cooperation by people has proven to force out authoritarian regimes. <u>Consider opportunities to participate</u> in strikes, boycotts, and other mass actions that will disrupt the usurpation of power by the MAGA minority.
- Speak at public meetings. Write Letters to the Editor. Read, share, & buy banned books.

### **RUN FOR OFFICE**—Democracy is not a spectator sport!

Your voice matters at the local level. Join your local school committee, planning board, city council or Select Board, or any one of the many volunteer committees in your community.

And finally... READ INDEPENDENT MEDIA! And Support Local Media!

The Berkshire Eagle
iBerkshires.com
The Berkshire Edge
WAMC, Northeast Public Radio