

Resources for study groups

(you are welcome to share this, additions welcome and added almost daily)

Anti-authoritarianism

ARTICLES/INTERVIEWS

How-We-Can-Meet-Challenges-Of-Authoritarianism

<https://wagingnonviolence.org/2024/11/how-we-can-meet-challenges-of-authoritarianism/>

10-Things-To-Do-If-Trump-Wins

<https://wagingnonviolence.org/2024/11/10-things-to-do-if-trump-wins/>

How To Survive The Broligarchy: 20 Lessons For The Post-Truth World,

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2024/nov/17/how-to-survive-the-broligarchy-20-lessons-for-the-post-truth-world-donald-trump>

Advice-For-Speak-Truth-To-Power-Activists-Build-Power-Of-Your-Own

<https://www.philanthropy.com/commons/advice-for-speak-truth-to-power-activists-build-power-of-your-own>

How To Organize Your Friends And Family On Thanksgiving, By Jane Mcalevey,

<https://jacobin.com/2019/11/thanksgiving-organizing-activism-friends-family-conversation-presidential-election>

A series of 2024 interviews with people experienced in fighting authoritarianism,

<https://wagingnonviolence.org/2024/07/democracy-is-a-verb/#interviews>

We are worth fighting for, Research Collaborative

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z2lGhUH-dTvtq6QLzqamkTw7ZotNedShjTXKDKCybg/edit?tab=t.o>

"I Watched Orbán Destroy Hungary's Democracy. Here's My Advice for the Trump

Era." <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2024/11/23/trump-autocrat-elections-00191281>

How we can meet the challenges of authoritarianism

<https://wagingnonviolence.org/2024/11/how-we-can-meet-challenges-of-authoritarianism/>

GUIDES/PLAYBOOKS

The Authoritarian Regime Survival Guide--The text below, dubbed the "Authoritarian Regime Survival Guide", was published in social media in January 2017 in a series of improvised, spontaneous tweets, which reached 3 million views within one month. Their common element was their trademark signature, "- With love, your Eastern European friends", and the accompanying hashtag #LearnFromEurope.

<https://verfassungsblog.de/the-authoritarian-regime-survival-guide/>

Indivisible: A Practical Guide to Democracy on the

Brink <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o1gSdFWlUpw41O5zbaxedVsr6Xik5XpPd9FwqvXYu40/preview?tab=t.o#>

Indivisible Security Guide [Safety, Security, and Digital Preparedness for a Second Trump Administration](#)

Bridge Building and Power Building: An Ecosystem Approach to Social Change,

<https://commonslibrary.org/bridge-building-and-power-building-an-ecosystem-approach-to-social-change/>

BLOCK, BRIDGE, & BUILD: Playbook for an Inclusive Multi-Racial Democracy,

<https://padlet.com/22Cl/block-bridge-build-playbook-for-an-inclusive-multi-racial-de-w9hz7kuvvg3oo33yp>

Anti-authoritarian Playbook, articles, case studys, podcasts, more, Scot Nakagawa
https://antiauthoritarianplaybook.substack.com/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

SYLLABUS

BLOCK AND BUILD: Left Strategy in the MAGA Era,
<https://convergencemag.com/syllabus/block-build-left-strategy-in-the-maga-era/>

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of Ruth Ben Ghat, <https://lucid.substack.com/>

PODCASTS

Anti-authoritarian podcast: Choosing democracy today and every day,
https://convergencemag.com/podcast/choosing-democracy-today-and-every-day/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

Practical Radicals, <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/practical-radicals/id1727625528>

Plotting our way forward by looking back at history, Heather Cox Richardson with Stacy Abrams,
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/assembly-required-with-stacey-abrams/id1760004996?i=1000676922168>

When left moves right: the Decline of the Left and the Rise of the Populist Right in Postcommunist Europe,
<https://ieres.elliott.gwu.edu/project/when-left-moves-right-the-decline-of-the-left-and-the-rise-of-the-populist-right-in-postcommunist-europe/>

Rachel Maddow Presents: Ultra | an MSNBC original podcast, <https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-presents-ultra>

Star-Spangled Fascism Podcast | Bradley W. Hart, <https://starspangledfascismpodcast.podbean.com/>

It Did Happen Here, about anti-fascist struggles that took place in Portland, Oregon following the 1988 murder of Ethiopian immigrant Mulugeta Seraw by racist skinheads. <https://www.itdidhappenherepodcast.com/>

VIDEOS

Climate Justice in Uncertain Times, <https://www.youtube.com/live/6SO-7O5SkQg>
https://www.democracynow.org/2024/9/17/erasing_history

BOOKS

On Tyranny by Tim Snyder (summary attached)

Strongmen, by Ruth Ben Ghat

What Will YOU Do If Trump Wins?, by Daniel Hunter, Choose Democracy

The Politics of Nonviolent Action (parts One, Two, and Three), Gene Sharp

Waging Nonviolent Struggle, Gene Sharp

On Strategic Nonviolent Conflict, Robert L. Helvey

The Origins of Totalitarianism, Hannah Arendt

Thinking in Indian, a John Mohawk Reader, Jose Barreiro, ed.

Practical Radicals: Seven Strategies to Change the World, by Deepak Bhargava and Stephanie Luce

Democracy Awakening, Heather Cox Richardson--provides the historical context for understanding the ways in which people became more vulnerable to fascism in the US, during the 1920's and 30's, a similar period in which they were being dazzled by technology and industrial mechanization (refrigerators,

washing machines, etc.) that was making their lives so much easier. Similar to now, fascist sympathizer business people were trying to influence people to allow increasing business control of and destruction of government programs that regulate business and provide for the common good.

WEBSITES

<https://whatiftrumpwins.org/>

TRAININGS

Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) is offering GEAR UP, a 10-week training series for white people to figure back under Trump. Starts December 4.

https://www.mobilize.us/surj/event/745151/?utm_source=20241126_nod_gearup_em3&emci=da2114e8-15ac-ef11-88cf-6045bdfe8d29&emdi=06b72921-1cac-ef11-88cf-6045bdfe8d29&ceid=818457

Fascism 101 Series: <https://highlandercenter.org/workshops-and-trainings/>

Project 2025 and Climate Change

DECEMBER 7 STUDY GROUP

For this study group, on Project 2025 and the Climate Emergency, let's read and discuss these two articles—one has a U.S. focus and the other international.

[Project 2025 Would Jeopardize Global Climate Action](#) (Center for American Progress)

[How Project 2025 Would Upend the Fight Against Climate Change](#) (Southern Alliance for Clean Energy)

We will again offer the chance for you to be part of a discussion group, or think-and-listen/discharge group, reading group, or discharge group

Project 2025's pro-fossil fuel policies could increase U.S. carbon emissions, undermine climate action, and threaten environmental progress, including international commitments. Post election, Trump allies are now openly promoting implementation of Project 2025. Here are some articles specifically about Project 2025 and the environment.

[Project 2025 is a Mandate for Destroying Democracy and the Climate](#) (Greenpeace)

[Project 2025 Would Jeopardize Global Climate Action](#) (Center for American Progress)

[What is Project 2025 and why would it be devastating for the environment?](#) (Sierra Club)

[How Project 2025 Would Upend the Fight Against Climate Change](#) (Southern Alliance for Clean Energy)

[Clean Energy Community Mobilizes as Trump Rises, Supporters Embrace Project 2025](#) (The RC RESOURCES Energy Mix)

Not specific to climate change:

[Project 2025 PDF](#)

ACLU [Project 2025 explained](#)

Democracy Forward <https://democracyforward.org/the-peoples-guide-to-project-2025/>

PODCAST

“A Matter of Degrees,” Project 2025, <https://www.degreespod.com/episodes/project-2025>

The Impact of Project 2025 on DEI Initiatives (NYU Law School)

<https://advancingdei.meltzercenter.org/resources/the-impact-of-project-2025-on-dei-initiatives/>

Resources on related topics

[Walter Isaacson's biography of Elon Musk](#) gives an excellent picture of how abusive his childhood was and what pulls him to be so abusive, dictatorial & megalomaniacal as well as brilliant as an engineer/technological innovator/entrepreneur and the contradictions between his efforts to address climate change and his increasing embrace of MAGA politics. It's an excellent introduction to the development of the technologies that he and his workforce have been developing, that will transform society in so many ways, both the harmful aspects and the positive aspects, that we need to understand in order to be prepared to both counter the harmful aspects (primarily manipulating people for nefarious purposes) as well as understand the ways AI is already and can increasingly positively impact people's lives to a stunning degree.

Related Youtube presentations--[The Future of AI and How It will Shape Our World](#) by Mo Gawdat, former Chief of Business Operations of GoogleX and one titled [Our AI Future is Much Worse Than You Think](#), by Yuval Noah Harari. Both have written a number of books and given many talks warning people in the strongest terms possible about the harmful aspects of AI and how to mitigate that. Gawdat says that as of 3 months ago, there were 50,000 influencers on social media that are driven by AI.

At the same time, they talk about the many ways AI is already and can be used for great benefit to people, including Musk's [Neuralink](#), that has the potential to restore many physical and brain related losses, including brain/computer interactions that require only thought (no physical interaction), and has the potential to restore movement for paraplegics, [vision](#) and hearing loss.

Enough Wealth to Warp the Universe, by Hamilton Nolan, How Things Work, https://www.hamiltonnolan.com/p/enough-wealth-to-warp-the-universe?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=1536173&post_id=152139851&utm_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=true&r=6lpxn&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email

RC Resources

Logical Thinking about a Future Society

The RC Community Goals, <https://www.rc.org/publication/goals/2022/contents>

Implementing Goal One: The Elimination of Racism,

https://www.rc.org/publication/racism/implement_goal_one