What Is Our Strategy for Defeating Fascism?

An Immodest Proposal to Pressure Supreme Court to Uphold the Constitution

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In our most disastrous political crisis since the Civil War, the United States of America has descended into the pit of fascism, but it's not irreversible.

- Constitutional rights such as habeas corpus are being revoked.
- Every U.S. person's privacy has been invaded by DOGE operatives who have downloaded information on everyone in the Social Security, IRS, and other comprehensive databases. Who knows what authoritarian or exploitative uses these data will be employed for?
- Tens of thousands have already died because of the abrupt cessation of certain key foreign aid programs, and now tens of thousands will die every year in the U.S. if the Medicaid cuts in the tax bill are enacted.
- Officials in the executive branch enrich themselves and their cronies in business while weakening workers' rights and the unions that enforce them. Members of Congress increase their practice of trading on their knowledge of Administration plans.
- The President openly defies statues and the Constitution itself in any way he can think of.

The Supreme Court has been busy giving Trump leeway to pursue his Constitution-smashing campaign by turning every substantive question into a procedural question and by using squishy language and slow-walk techniques in their orders.

Trump's response to the Judicial Branch is to be ever more blatant in defying them by gleefully and purposefully violating the emoluments clause, by ignoring or defying court orders, and by continuing his impoundment of funds and destruction of programs created by Congress.

In the next few weeks or months, the Court could give in to Trump's defiance or make strong orders to defend the Constitution. If they choose the former course, they will have greased the slope that We the People must climb to extricate ourselves from fascism.

Therefore, I ask groups planning street actions for the next weeks and months to concentrate on assembling the largest possible crowd at the Supreme Court with a goal of reaching one million citizens. The so-called justices must know we will not tolerate business as usual and that the majority of the citizenry will actively oppose fascism. Perhaps this could be set for October 6 when they open the 2026 term – or perhaps that will be too late.

Background Considerations

Here is what I see that we are doing:

- We are gathering in the streets every 4 or 5 weeks, mostly in our local communities. These events help build the movement when people see each other turning out.
- People are contacting Congress in very high numbers. Some progressive democrats have led town halls and rallies in Republican-majority districts.
- Younger workers are still trying to form unions, but now with the federal bureaucracy actively opposing instead of supporting
- Some younger politicians in the Democratic party are adopting populist economics while the Party leadership continues to cling to their big donors and hope Trump will somehow self-destruct.

Taken together, these activities are a good start, but they do not put enough pressure on key decision-makers to assure the downfall of the fascist Trump Administration.

Fascism is a working arrangement between big business and right-wing, nationalist political movements. It can be resisted and, perhaps, defeated by Congress, or by the Supreme Court, or by corporate leadership deciding to withdraw its support.

We, the People, are doing a pretty good job of exerting pressure on Congress, but more is needed. We are not yet doing a good job of exerting pressure on the Supreme Court or giant corporations.

Here's what we could do:

- National boycotts (see <u>here</u>, for example)
- General Strike
- Pressure the Supreme Court.

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