

## Episode 440 Links

Leaving Dems Tweet: <https://twitter.com/AndrewYang/status/1445034357434036238>

Leaving Dems Article: <https://t.co/nrStxjrlfF?amp=1>

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Bad Messaging Thread: <https://twitter.com/YangDailyCast/status/1445204684931620865>

Term Limits Tweet: <https://twitter.com/AndrewYang/status/1445047932680605700>

Power Brain Damage Tweet: <https://twitter.com/scottasantens/status/1444668113237204993>

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Election Process Article: <https://t.co/tjbhU8Cq15?amp=1>

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Scott Santens' Website: <https://www.scottasantens.com/>

Volunteer with MATH Movement:

<https://twitter.com/YangDailyCast/status/1341567237371568128>

Volunteer with Humanity Forward: <https://t.co/XIsQMIDOGS?amp=1>

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Contact any of your representatives: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

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Fax your Senators: <https://t.co/fLW3KePepp?amp=1>

Fax your House Representatives: <https://t.co/c9BdlI1S4L?amp=1>

BailoutThePeople Resource Hub: [BailoutThePeople.com](http://BailoutThePeople.com)

Cash'O'Clock Pledge: <https://t.co/rngP8b3fv9?amp=1>

OneCheckIsNotEnough Letter: <https://t.co/GZhvoUHx02?amp=1>

Treacle's Letter to Congress: <https://t.co/1Kfcgx2cEE?amp=1>

Scott's Pre-Baked UBI Letter: Text "sign UBI" to "50409" or @ResistBot

Previous UBI Pre-Baked Letter: Text "sign OTBAXN" to "50409" or @ResistBot

IM's Letter to Congress: <https://t.co/pmSWWGFzCx?amp=1>

My Own Template Letter You Can Use: <https://t.co/BdzmrUnCDv?amp=1>

FfH UBI Petition: <https://fundforhumanity.org/petition/>

WA UBI Letter/Petition: <https://twitter.com/openletterbot/status/1328074085230809089>

WA UBI Letter/Petition: Text "Sign PCCEWN" to 50409

Peoples' Stimulus Petition: <https://t.co/gF0xJm3VI8?amp=1>

Trump UBI Petition: <https://t.co/jTUsfEESkM?amp=1>

DNC EUBI Petition: <https://t.co/rGldUljr8?amp=1>

McConnel/Schumer Peoples' Stimulus Petition: <https://t.co/gF0xJm3VI8?amp=1>

Tim Ryan's BI Petition: <https://t.co/bZkEMnLOwg?amp=1>

List of Congresspeople Supporting Basic Income:

<https://twitter.com/i/lists/1254888925916782594>

Twitter Handles of All Senators: <https://twitter.com/ZarMarquez/status/1249411690350784513>

Schumer/McConnell UBI Petition: <https://t.co/TKxIjp3cEM?amp=1>

UBI Petition to White House: <https://t.co/xw3kdgBigf?amp=1>

Change.org UBI Petition: <https://t.co/pHrylfMcJm?amp=1>

Income Movement Volunteer Signup: <https://t.co/Hjg6A7umYF?amp=1>

RepresentUs Anti-Corruption Act: <https://act.represent.us/sign/what-anti-corruption-act/>

RepresentUs Website: <https://represent.us/>

AGI Mayoral Coalition List: <https://twitter.com/i/lists/1277639894031048709/members>

Mayors for a Guaranteed Income Website: <https://www.mayorsforagi.org/who>

Contact for Mayors to Join: [info@mayorsforagi.org](mailto:info@mayorsforagi.org)

Mayors for Guaranteed Income Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mayorsforagi>

Economic Security Project: <https://www.economicsecurityproject.org/>

Basic Income March Website: <https://t.co/IXLn58scDI?amp=1>

RepresentUs RCV Petition: <https://t.co/nr7RoLtgBH?amp=1>

RCV Petition: <https://sign.voterchoice2020.org/>

Poor Peoples' Police Petition: <https://t.co/BeThFhHtUj?amp=1>

Murder Charges and Anti-Choke Law Petition: <http://chnq.it/mQG8M67GXp>

Anti-Brutality Policies Petition: <https://t.co/SbyWdzKojF?amp=1>

Murder Charge Petition: <https://t.co/nP49ZOA1GE?amp=1>

Defund The Police Petition: <https://t.co/5C0SQFpZjy?amp=1>

My Tweet on Protest Coordination:

<https://twitter.com/YangDailyCast/status/1267671346961453056>

Retro Anti-Fascism Ad: <https://twitter.com/YangDailyCast/status/1268134403416285184>

Mission Asset Emergency Grants/Loans: <https://t.co/ksX0ano02n?amp=1>

H3 Relief Giveaway Tweet: <https://twitter.com/h3h3productions/status/1250136741668884481>

Humanity Forward Relief Website: <https://movehumanityforward.com/covid-relief/>

United Way COVID Relief Fund: <https://www.unitedway.org/recovery/covid19> Call: 211

### **Movement Links**

Humanity Forward Endorsed Candidates:

<https://t.co/mGyzlf3Xto?amp=1>

Smile.Amazon.com Charity Link:

<https://t.co/keu2JhOtCg?amp=1>

UBI Daily Action Plan Calendar:

<https://t.co/kncCgARUMx?amp=1>

Humanity Forward Website:

<https://movehumanityforward.com/>

Humanity Forward Donation Link:

<https://t.co/CAyumCtJVE?amp=1>

Humanity Forward Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/HumanityForward>

Sign onto the Humanity Organizing Corps!:

<https://t.co/NPLDPm8RyR?amp=1>

Humanity Forward Fund:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2ForHumanity>

YangGang Hub on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/HumanityForYang>

YangGang Media Hub:

<https://accordion-fish-cznw.squarespace.com/>

IM Aid Database:

<https://t.co/ixtzMSS0b4?amp=1>

IM Daily Conference Call:

<https://t.co/hlzU5yqVSv?amp=1>

IM Call Recording on YouTube:

<https://t.co/JMAwcGGvNp?amp=1>

IM Volunteer Portal:

<https://t.co/ExdZFGglTR?amp=1>

UBI Caucus Website (Support UBI to lookup Caucus candidates):

<https://us.openubiproject.org/>

UBI Caucus Discord:

<https://t.co/l6rbrzKdcw?amp=1>

UBI Caucus Questionnaire:

<https://t.co/AImMWbXA4N?amp=1>

Income Movement Site:

<https://www.incomemovement.com/>

HumanityFirst Discord:

<https://t.co/5czsLScuy4?amp=1>

Scott's Discord:

<https://t.co/gPWENCnN4t?amp=1>

Forward National Committee:

<https://twitter.com/FNCAmerica/status/1227608349652316163>

Scott's Discord:

<https://t.co/TOVb5KD3QU?amp=1>

Scott's Newsletter:

<https://t.co/kt9ennSKcN?amp=1>

Scott's YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqnjxh343MA6i19crvOaZlq>

Aspiration Bank Referral:

<https://twitter.com/scottasantens/status/1248666389289844739>

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Make a SoFi bank account using a YangGang referral link and invite others for \$25 each!

<https://twitter.com/scottasantens/status/1204157548494032902>

Download the UBDIncome app and earn money for your data!

<https://twitter.com/UBDIncome>

Creative Donating Compilation:

<https://twitter.com/YangDailyCast/status/1223483328512196609>

Richard's Max Donor Math: Saving \$2/day for 2024 = Max Donor!

Guide to stickers, flyers, cards, banners, buttons, signs, and more:

<https://yangprints.com/>

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HZQDxeFA5wtVVgNMuWyIVBVOafZyGQvu8xalzLg\\_GJI/view](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HZQDxeFA5wtVVgNMuWyIVBVOafZyGQvu8xalzLg_GJI/view)

Door Hangers:

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<https://shop.yang2020.com/collections/artist-collaborations>

<https://yanggangpinkhat.com/>

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<https://www.yangyangganggang.com/>

Original YangGang Pink Hat:

<https://yanggangpinkhat.com/>



Donate Merch to other YangGang!:

<https://yangswagangels.com/>

James Treacle's YouTube UBI Advertising:

<https://t.co/6XU4usb4Aw?amp=1>

James Treacle's UBI Advertising Patreon:

<https://t.co/qPWskGucoS?amp=1>

My Argument for Universality:

<https://twitter.com/YangDailyCast/status/1240926598586482688>

People's Party Twitter: @4aPeoplesParty

People's Party Website:

<https://t.co/yh3HnN3U2W?amp=1>

## **Episode 440 Script**

Welcome back to Yang Daily! I'll be your host, Alex Chaney, bringin' you all the Yang news you need to live your life right. Well, I was planning to catch up on various other news today but Yang has, once again, redirected me by stirring the 3<sup>rd</sup> party pot. Alas, another episode that is all Yang news. If this keeps up, I'll have to change the name of the podcast to Ya... oh, right,

nevermind. We do have quite a lot to get to next time, though, including a few UBI developments.

Shout-out to our Tier 3 Patrons, Shae Meehan and Nathan Stankowski, as well as all our other Patrons! You keep us all informed and engaged. If anyone out there wants to join these advocates of Humanity First and independent journalism, head over to [Patreon.com/YangDaily](https://Patreon.com/YangDaily). It would only take a couple bucks a month from each listener to keep this podcast and community going and growing! On to the news!

-Yang's newest bombshell is an article, with the bombastic title of "Breaking Up With the Democratic Party." In it, he explains that he has registered as an Independent. There isn't much of substance in it; mostly just anecdotes about his history with the Democratic party. The two other important lines are this.

Quote: "Now that I'm not a member of one party or another, I feel like I can be even more honest about both the system and the people in it... Please, keep in mind that I am NOT suggesting that you also change your voter registration to Independent... Doing so could disenfranchise you if you live in the 83% of the country that is very blue or very red. For this reason, I considered either not making this change or not talking about it." End quote.

So, again, it sounds like the Forward party will mostly just be supporting candidates of any party, not running opposition, and that Yang changed parties for symbolic reasons, which makes sense when you're starting an independent political wing to not be tied to either party. That said, I expect he will continue to vote for, and support, Democrats the vast majority of the time, not out of party loyalty but because the GOP is moving very much in the opposite direction on many of his policy goals.

Unfortunately, these nuances are not coming across well in Yang's messaging. When you tweet stuff like "I'm leaving the Democratic Party and starting a new party," that does not elicit in people's minds that you are still planning to vote for Democrats and just want to signal you're open to supporting the right candidates from any party. Most people assume that he will be running in opposition to the Democratic party and taking votes away from them, which leads to understandable frustration. Andrew's messaging is only making his job much harder, by inciting outrage through misunderstandings of his intent.

Yang did tweet, quote: “desire for a third party is higher among Republicans and Independents, so the numbers suggest that the spoiler effect might not be what you think.” End quote. Which is a good point but also FURTHER suggests (wrongly, it seems) he will be running a party that will be running opposition to the Democrats. I don't know how he's still this bad at communicating after 2 campaigns. Or perhaps Forward really is going to run their own candidates as opposition. Even I don't know, because he hasn't provided any clarity!

But I don't think that's the plan, since he's said multiple times that he knows Independents can't win the presidential and almost never win Congressional races and he's not encouraging anyone to register as Independent. I think he's just planning to support candidates who support democracy reform and he's doing a terrible job communicating about it, unfortunately.

-Another thing Yang has been pushing anew is term limits in Congress. This was, of course, one of his presidential policies but rarely mentioned until now. I have mixed feelings on it, mostly because it's a solution to a symptom. The real problem is that our democracy is not functioning to vote out these people, even though we're unsatisfied with their performance. I suppose it's like the filibuster in that way – if the system worked properly, it wouldn't be nearly as much of a problem. But the system is broken right now so I would support term limits. The incumbents advantage is just too great in elections for them to be replaced, until we get certain reforms through.

-This also relates to some important points Yang made about the election process in a deeply edifying article he wrote the other day, which I highly recommend saving. They're pretty self-explanatory so I'll just read a few here. Quote:

“In national politics, it turns out, you're not as much the CEO as you are yourself the product.”

“When I was CEO of Manhattan Prep, I would often teach classes or conduct events without identifying myself as CEO... The more it was about me, the less it was about the company.”

“In my experience, if you see a CEO chasing press, that person's company is probably headed for trouble.”

“In many respects running for president requires qualities that would make you a terrible leader.”

“The process through which we choose leaders neutralizes and reduces the capacities we want most in them.” End quotes.

This obviously relates to how we assess leadership, how the media reports on elections, and the capitalist methods by which candidates access the public. Voters lack the time and will to be informed, usually voting based on a few artificial catch phrases or outsourcing their decision to others. Candidates are incentivized to be performers; even misrepresent themselves completely. The media is incentivized to show sensational content and give advantage to whoever their boss likes. And money is the most important metric for winning, not leadership ability. Is it any surprise we end up with dysfunction?

Another point from Yang was that power literally gives you brain damage, so to speak. Brain scans show that being in a position of power erodes the part of the brain responsible for empathy, as well as caution and contemplation. This isn't surprising but it's interesting to have empirical evidence of. We all live in our own world, shaped by our circumstances. Our world-view is fluid and adaptable. But, as we can see from our own leaders, lacking empathy and perspective has extremely bad consequences. It leads to seeing people as things.

The most concerning part of the study was that the researchers tried making people aware of this phenomenon and asking the powerful subjects to attempt to compensate for it by being more considerate of others and trying to relate. It didn't help. But what did help, somewhat, was asking them to recall a time when they were powerless; a shift in perspective. The age-old adage of putting yourself in someone else's shoes. That's always been the most effective generator of empathy in my personal experience as well and it's an important tool to remember to use in politics.

Not only do we all need to remember the people we disagree with are human, we need to work with them toward common goals and we need to convince them. Empathy is key to all of it. And the goal we should most have in common right now is to fix our broken system for electing leaders and the process by which they govern. All other solutions rely on that.

-And that'll do it for today's Yang Daily! Bookmark and share the Clarifying tweets around the Forward party and the Election process article, Flood congress with calls, tweets, faxes, and letters, using the Resistbot or Income Movement easy contacts below, If you need help, Consult Humanity Forward, the Income Movement aid database, the Mission Asset Fund, United Way, or the H3 podcast thread. And, don't forget, to Yang Daily.