

Resources for 2025 North Star Defeat Fascism / Fight for Democracy: Action Opportunities:

The assault on higher education .Oct.2025.

<https://snyder.substack.com/p/save-american-higher-education-video?>

Immigration resistance organizing. Sept 16, 2025.

<https://nnirr.salsalabs.org/justicedeniedinrecentrulings?wvpld=fd25b9f2-e8bd-4af8-853e-52312ec68e64>

Indivisible to train/organize 1 million to fight back. July 14, 2025.

Indivisible Organizing Guide

- **Indivisible: A Practical Guide to Democracy on the Brink**

PDF, Grayscale PDF, Google Docs, Audio version [Length: 28 pages]

<https://indivisible.org/resource/guide>

What's Up With This Document

- **Who this is for:**

Anyone who lives in America and is upset, scared, and determined.

You want to do your part to protect your family, your neighbors, and democracy from Trump 2.0.

Maybe you're a current Indivisible group leader or member or maybe you're brand new - welcome!

- **What this guide is:**

A set of strategies and practical first steps to help you get started. It's not everything we need to do.

We're going to need a lot of different people and groups to do their part.

We don't have all the answers yet, but we know we need to put one foot in front of the other.

- **How to use it:**

Join or form a local Indivisible group or review this guide with your existing group and start putting the parts of this into action that make sense for where you live.

Don't wait for orders and don't ask for permission. If you're in, you're a leader in this movement, and we're here to help.

Indivisible

But the pressing threat of authoritarianism means that we have to include new strategies to protect the future of our democracy and our people.

[And that is why we are launching One Million Rising: a campaign to train one million people in the art of strategic non-cooperation to fight authoritarianism.](#)

What changed?

The masks are off. Trump, MAGA Republicans, and their billionaire

donors have given up on even pretending to govern for the people and are solely looking to line their own pockets and consolidate power.

We're in a period of what the experts call "authoritarian breakthrough" -- a short period where a would-be authoritarian (i.e. Trump) sprints to rapidly concentrate and consolidate their power while eroding the norms and institutions that could serve as checks on that power. We're witnessing this in real time through lawless executive orders, willful disregard for the courts, and vicious attacks on higher education, media, and state governments -- and that's only the tip of the iceberg.

They are working to consolidate their power and bully everyone else -- businesses, media institutions, universities, law firms, and civil society -- into submission.

How do we fight back?

They want us to believe that power in America comes from the top down. That Trump can simply declare himself a dictator, and everyone has to fall in line. That he'll inevitably win.

But that's a lie. Power isn't top-down -- it's bottom-up. Power flows up from the people; through the organizations, institutions, and communities that support the regime; and then to the regime itself. Think of it like a house -- the roof is the regime, the pillars holding up that roof are the organizations, and the foundation is the people.

To prevent a slide into authoritarianism, we have to take on the pillars that hold up the roof.

https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/?event_type=7

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ICE Operation in DC.

**Metro DC DSA statement on ICE harassment of chapter member
Aug. 21.**

Metro DC DSA issued the following statement on Thursday, August 21:

“Earlier this week, DC police collaborating with ICE agents stopped a longtime Metro DC DSA member while he was driving his work vehicle in northwest DC. Falsely claiming the stop was for a vehicle violation, the police racially profiled our member and his colleague, both of whom are Latino landscape workers. They ripped the colleague out of the vehicle and tackled him to the ground, eventually handing him over to ICE, where he remains in custody. A bystander who filmed the incident was also arrested. Our member, a US citizen, briefly filmed the encounter before being handcuffed and eventually released.

Metro DC DSA declares full solidarity with our member, his colleague, and everyone who is under attack from this fascist administration.

The occupation of DC has nothing to do with keeping our city safe. It's a spectacle intended to obscure the fact that Trump and his local collaborators are destroying the programs working-class people depend on to survive — all for the sake of enriching oligarchs who profit from our suffering. This is a brutal class war on working people waged by the rich and their political puppets.

The law will not protect us. We know that from this most recent outrage, as well as the long history of state brutality in communities across the US. Rights are meaningless without a strong political movement to give them substance. Our safety as a community depends above all on our ability to organize and build solidarity. Our solidarity especially extends to our immigrant neighbors, who are an essential part of our collective working-class family. We call for the abolition of ICE. We call on everyone to actively join the movement to end the occupation of DC, the condition of DC statelessness that enables it, and the predatory capitalist system that underpins them both..."

The resistance in Los Angeles. ICE, June, 2025.

On the June protests in Los Angeles and the use of military force.

<https://the.ink/p/watch-ruth-ben-ghiat-jason-stanley-police-state-trial-balloons?>

Marc Cooper

<https://substack.com/@thecoopscoop?>

Scenes from Los Angeles June 9, 2025.

<https://substack.com/@thecoopscoop?>

Updated resources for defense.

Stop the Cuts Campaign. Indivisible. May 25, 2025,

<https://indivisible.org/stopthecuts?>

[Dissent Is Not Grounds For Deportation | American Civil Liberties Union](#)

[Hands Off Safety Planning for Attendees](#) action network

[Know Your Rights | Immigrants' Rights | ACLU](#)

[Know Your Rights | Protesters' Rights | ACLU](#)

[Trump on Immigration | American Civil Union](#)

Resources for National Guard & Military

- **Encrypted support form from About Face** (for Guard/Active Duty resisting deployment): bit.ly/MilOptions
- **Legal help:** [National Institute of Military Justice](https://www.nimj.org/)
- **GI Rights Hotline** - highly trained counselors that can confidentially talk through options and risks with military members - <https://girightshotline.org/> 1-877-447-4487
- **Know Your Rights (Military):** bit.ly/militaryKYR

Resources for Demonstrators:

- **Protestors Guide to Talking to National Guard:** [Instagram post](#)

Soldiers Organize for Democracy.

On the Fourth of July, members of the military are calling on Congress to protect service members who disobey the president's immoral or unlawful orders.

<https://newrepublic.com/article/197545/soldiers-military-right-refuse-trump-unlawful-orders>

“These are the times that try men’s souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly.”

-Thomas Paine

December 23, 1776.

Who Is Indivisible and What Are Their Strategies ?

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/25/indivisible-donald-trump-progressive-movement>

[National Immigration Legal Services Directory - Immigration Advocates Network](#)

[Congress: Save Medicaid Now | American Civil Liberties Union](#)

[Know Your Rights - Immigration \(10 Pack\) - ACLU](#)

[50501 — 50 protests, 50 states, 1 movement](#) For June 6th events

[Step-by-Step Family Preparedness Plan | Immigrant Legal Resource Center | ILRC](#)

Major national demonstrations planned for July 17.

Attack on Voting Rights Defeated. May 2, 2025.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/early-victory-voting-rights>

Fascism and Resistance.

ICE (Immigration) as a Fascist Vanguard

ICE as Fascist Vanguard

<https://open.substack.com/pub/thecoopscoop/p/ice-now-expanding-into-local-law?>

Former DSA NPC member Kurt Stand has written an important, significant, article summing up where the resistance is, and where we need to go.

Important for those working in the various organizations and lanes of resistance.

Kurt Stand.

<https://znetwork.org/znetarticle/fascism-and-resistance-all-of-us-or-none/>?

Our Urgent Task

DSA and the broader Left must join forces to confront the international rise of authoritarianism and the electoral victory of the Trump/MAGA forces. Together we will work to build a center-left coalition in defense of democracy. DSA must jettison a growing tendency towards a “go it alone” approach that devalues coalition work and glosses over the importance – indeed, the necessity – of a center-left coalition to defend democracy from neo-fascism.

Given the above, North Star understands its role in DSA as:

- *Developing organizational clarity on the imminent danger of a neo-fascist seizure of political power, and the concomitant loss of U.S. democracy as the defining feature of the political moment;*
- *Urging DSA to play a constructive role, as the primary focus of its work, in organizing a broad progressive coalition that can expand towards the political center to oppose that neo-fascist danger.*

From the history of fascism.

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist.

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.*
—Martin Niemöller

This quote is attributed to the prominent German pastor Martin Niemöller. It is sometimes mistakenly referred to as a poem.

After World War II, Niemöller openly spoke about his own early complicity in Nazism and his eventual change of heart. His powerful words about guilt and responsibility still resonate today.

Brief useful definition of fascism.

<https://www.californiadsa.org/news/reading-list-fascism>

On our blog.

<https://www.dsanorthstar.org/blog/first-they-came-for-the-socialists>

How to get started: at all levels.



All of US Directory

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A Directory to Connect, Care, and Build

Our country is in crisis. Services and the rights we care about are under attack as those in power move closer to a dangerous authoritarian rule. The All of US Directory offers you the opportunity to respond. All of US is here to help you find and connect with efforts to fight back, resist harm, as well as to improve communities, schools, jobs, and daily life. You can find organizations across the country by location, issue, or type of activity. Use your skills (and learn new ones) to drive positive change and support campaigns working to protect our democracy and expand everyone's rights, livelihoods, and community.

<https://znetwork.org/znetarticle/not-quite-tinder-for-new-activists-why-dont-we-already-have-this/>

We must not fail to take this opportunity to act in defense of democracy. It is a pivotal point in the U.S. struggle for human needs, human rights, and global sustainability, without which there can be no democratic socialism.

How to gain visibility for your Activism.

The Visibility Brigade: A Template For Visible Activism

Guide to gaining visibility. Great ideas.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pDZmq1ir52LfzNR2TNkT8Vs5x_Hh4xAqJ-wBkos-Heg/edit?fbclid=IwY2xjawlXh15leHRuA2FibQIxMQABHUtS4SiuCqbMS_MGJ6RhkljmAPXozELPOCarorXoLVrdC-K8gGGuahIWSQ_aem_bIQIU1NbM_qeG0RHnlhsxA&link_id=7&can_id=27f72f17a838743d8204df241d88604c&source=

How to protest safely in Trump's America

https://open.substack.com/pub/loricorbetmann/p/how-to-protest-safely-in-trumps-america?utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=web

<https://loricorbetmann.substack.com/p/how-to-protest-safely-in-trumps-america-2c3>

<https://loricorbetmann.substack.com/p/how-to-protest-safely-in-trumps-america-apart>

How To Stop Fascism. Timothy Snyder.

<https://www.dsanorthstar.org/blog/how-to-stop-fascism>

Those who wish to preserve the American constitutional republic should also recall the past. A good start would be just to recall the five basic political lessons of 1933. Recalling history, we act for a future that can and will be much better.

As the United States hovers at the edge of fascism, the history of Germany can help. Read more:

<https://snyder.substack.com/p/how-to-stop-fascism>

Timothy Snyder. On Tyranny : Twenty Lessons From the Twentieth Century.

Ownership, Control and Use of Media and Social Media

The danger of a profit driven technological dominance in the hand of the oligarchs dominating our political system while serving their own interests is real. This hegemony must be exposed as a major danger to democracy. Alternative viewpoints and options are urgently needed.

See: Power and Progress. Our 1000 Year Struggle Over Technology & Prosperity. 2023. Chapter 10. Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson.

The MAGA/Right now dominates the internet, in part because of how social media is organized, in part thanks to the big podcasts, in part thanks to Musk's explicit bias on Twitter (or X).

Review

There are three things that need to be done by a modern progressive movement. First, the technology-equals-progress narrative has to be challenged and exposed for what it is: a convenient myth propagated by a huge industry and its acolytes in government, the media and

(occasionally) academia. The second is the need to cultivate and foster countervailing powers – which critically should include civil society organisations, activists and contemporary versions of trade unions. And finally, there is a need for progressive, technically informed policy proposals, and the fostering of thinktanks and other institutions that can supply a steady flow of ideas about how digital technology can be repurposed for human flourishing rather than exclusively for private profit.

John Naughton chairs the advisory board of the [Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy](#) at Cambridge

also

<https://www.dsanorthstar.org/blog/a-message-from-the-immigrants-rights-frontlines>

What is the Insurrection Act? Go to Brennan Center

The Insurrection Act authorizes the president to deploy military forces inside the United States to suppress rebellion or domestic violence or to enforce the law in certain situations. The statute implements Congress's authority under the Constitution to “provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions.” It is the primary exception to the **Posse Comitatus Act**, under which federal military forces are generally barred from participating in civilian law enforcement activities.

The Insurrection Act, in principle, only allows the American president to use the armed forces to assist civilian authorities to enforce some law in the presence of an insurrection. But the language of the law is quite vague. Trump makes it clear that he has in mind invoking the Insurrection Act to very broad purposes, essentially to change the regime.

10 things to do now that Trump has won the election.

Including, taking care of yourself.

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

The key to taking effective action in a Trump world is to avoid perpetuating the autocrat's goals of fear, isolation, exhaustion and disorientation.

The Drumbeat of MAGA Propaganda

Maria Ressa. Nobel Peace Prize Winner. Video. Dec. 5, 2025.

Book. [How to defeat a dictator.](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtSTBoPloqI>

See particularly last chapter on how the media/social media was used.

Boycott Central

Boycotts can be a powerful tool to make companies stop doing bad things.

Boycotts are people power. Let us know if you're part of that power!

There's lots of energy around it. That action is, let's be clear, missing some crucial elements to maximize its impact. But there's energy — and that's something!

We teamed up with Build the Resistance to make a [website where people can “check-in” to say they’re boycotting](#) so we can get a sense of how many people joined!

On the site learn more about effective boycott design and get alerts when really good ones are coming up: **Boycott Central:** [choosedemocracy.us/boycott-central/](https://www.choosedemocracy.us/boycott-central/).

(Here is a [share pack](#) for folks interested in helping to promote.)

Excellent planning for Take Down Tesla.

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

Information Documents.

The programs and sources listed below are provided to encourage North Star members and allies to join us and work together toward defeating the current fascist threat.

Immigration Defense and Resistance

Mass Deportations Would Deliver a Catastrophic

Blow to the U.S. Economy

Though the U.S. immigration system remains broken.

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U.S. Congress. Joint Economic Committee

And., Sawicky,

<https://jacobin.com/2018/06/immigration-economic-effects-welfare-state>

The Immigration Hub

www.theimmigrationhub.org/

Know Your Rights.

https://lulac.org/know_your_rights/

<https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights>

ACLU. On California Values Act

<https://www.aclusocal.org/en/know-your-rights/california-values-act-sb-54>

California Values Act. : How resistance is organized.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB54

AFL-CIO Mass Deportation Tool Kit. request.
for union activists and organizers.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xJtYqtnTvoXCusIT_p8a0KqDcWja2J7Xg2jEkPuDm5E/viewform?ts=6761ffc8&edit_requested=true

Make the Road New York Deportation Defense Manual
<https://maketheroadny.org/deportation-defense-manual/>

If You're a U.S. citizen, Use Your Leverage: Check out this essential guide:
[*How U.S. Citizens Can Protect the Immigrant Community From the Deportation Force*](#) from United We Dream.

DSA's Migrant Rights Working Group, plus DSA Migrant Rights Toolkit.
2025.

<https://democraticleft.dsausa.org/2025/02/20/5417/?>

Within DSA Study Syllabus about Block and Build:
<https://convergencemag.com/syllabus/block-build-left-strategy-in-the-maga-era/>

DSA -Resist Fascism Comms Toolkit: --  Toolkit: Resist Fascism

- Ten components of a good strategy

<https://wagingnonviolence.org/links/the-10-components-of-good-strategy/>

Making Meaning of the Movement. Group call after the election.

https://www.youtube.com/live/_aQXWR-r260

Allied Organizations:

Arise Chicago;

Arise Chicago.-an immigrant worker [toolkit](#).

Third Act. ThirdAct.org

Great work.

American Federation of Teachers.

<https://www.aft.org/protectourkids/toolkit?>

March 4th demonstrations and video

The Brennan Center.



Worth Fighting For :

<https://weareworthfightingfor.org/>

Lulac

https://lulac.org/know_your_rights/

Trans Gender Equality

<https://transequality.org/>

Move On

<https://front.moveon.org/>

Indivisible

<https://indivisible.org>

<https://indivisible.org/resource/guide?>

Working Families Party

<https://workingfamilies.org>

<https://workingfamilies.org/2024/11/post-election-memo-what-happens-next/>

Poor People's Campaign

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org>

Our Revolution. Rapid Response Team

<https://act.ourrevolution.com/signup/rapid-response-team/?>

Southern Poverty Law Center

<https://www.splcenter.org/hate-map>

Democracy 2025.

<https://www.democracy2025.org>

Emphasis on legal responses.

Work with Unions

The AFL-CIO guide [highlights](#) how [Project 2025](#) would "be catastrophic for working people,".

Project 2025

Democracy Forward guide to Project 2025.

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

Proyecto 2025 in Espanol.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/es/our-work/analysis-opinion/proyecto-2025-propuesta-radical-expande-poder-presidente>

Groups presently organizing.

Places you can connect to organizing work right now:

- People's Action
- SURJ
- Working Families Party

Faith Communities Vow To Continue Sanctuary Despite Trump's

Removal of Protections for Churches and Schools

Felicia Hyde

January 22, 2025

[Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity](#)

Topics above arranged based upon a North Star member survey. Further topics will be added as the movement grows.

[Recommend an addition](#)

Host of these pages. North Star: The DSA Caucus for Democracy and Socialism.

Web site

<https://www.dsanorthstar.org>

Strategy

<https://www.dsanorthstar.org/our-strategy.html> (2022)

Blog

<https://www.dsanorthstar.org/blog>