

# Long(er) Term Progressive Organizing

*A selection of organizations to explore...*

## **Alliance for Democracy**

The mission of the Alliance for Democracy is to create true democracy, to end corporate domination of politics, economics, and media, and to build a just and sustainable society for nature and all people. Its Grassroots Institute: Progressive Solutions for the Common Good educates on the systemic causes of deteriorating political, economic, and environmental systems, and the citizen-based solutions that are creating a vibrant future. Its General Agreement on a New Economy (GANE) project offers a way of thinking about the economy beginning with the local, focusing on full employment, equity, and environmental sustainability. Its college course curriculum, "Grassroots Solutions and Corporate Power", is available to all online. The institute is working on a year-long project to help communities map the business, non-profit, government, and citizen groups that are already building an economy for the common good.

<https://www.thealliancefordemocracy.org/>

## **Declaration for American Democracy**

The Declaration for American Democracy is a 260+ Member anti-oppression coalition working to make the promise of democracy real. It believes our democratic systems, institutions, and leaders must reflect, represent, and respect the diverse, multicultural nation that we are, that for democracy to work it must include all of us and address the deep systemic, institutional challenges that continue to block meaningful progress and that as America's diversity continues to grow, so must our democracy. It has outlined important steps the President should take to fight for our democracy, including fighting corruption in government and elections, protecting people's right to vote, and increasing transparency in

the Executive branch to rebuild faith in government, the loss of which is fueling a democratic decline.

<https://dfadcoalition.org/>

## **Elders Action Network**

A movement of elders collaborating with all generations dedicated to addressing the social, environmental, and governance crises of our time through education and activism. Programs include Elders for Sound Democracy, Elders Climate Action, Elders for Social Justice, and Promoting the Youth Vote. Motivated to initiate a cultural shift wherein elders reclaim their place in providing education, wisdom, and guidance within our communities. Elders engage in working groups, educational programs, an action-focused book club, community discussions, and local projects. Elders Action Network hosts The Way Forward Regenerative Conversations Podcast, discussions stimulating imagination about what is possible.

<https://eldersaction.org/>

## **Election Reformers Network**

Election Reformers Network aims to end partisan and insider control over elections. Favoring neither the left nor the right it has developed a wide-reaching portfolio of research, resources, and thought leadership on major reform ideas, championing impartial elections and concrete policy solutions that strengthen American democracy.

<https://www.electionreformers.org/>

## **Free Speech for People**

Free Speech for People believes radical Supreme Court decisions and a dangerously antiquated electoral system are threatening the fundamental principle that defines who we are as a nation. It wants to get big money out of our politics and end the fiction that corporations have constitutional rights as if they were people; make clear voting is a fundamental right; and abolish the Electoral College and replace it with a national popular vote for President and Vice President. Free Speech for People is working on gathering support for a constitutional amendment that would overturn Citizens United and end big money in politics and several other

constitutional amendments, which require 2/3 of Congress and 3/4 of the states, as well as on several other constitutional amendments.

<https://freespeechforpeople.org/>

## **Future Coalition**

Future Incubator is a nonprofit startup incubator program that gives youth-led and grassroots groups the professional tools, skills, and relationships needed to run successful, lean organizations and lead powerful social movements. It supports hundreds of youth groups and grassroots organizers nationwide to collaborate on efforts that shift the balance of power toward progressive, people-centered ideas. Future Coalition has been behind many important onsite and virtual days of action and rallies. Future Coalition has been coordinating the US Climate Strike Coalition, an intergenerational, youth-led coalition of over 500 climate and social justice organizations, since July 2019. Its three-day, nonstop livestream commemorating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and demanding climate action was the largest online mass mobilization in history. Its Future Coalition Podcast offers a deep dive into youth activism and intergenerational organizing through interviews and storytelling.

<https://futurecoalition.org/>

## **Green Amendments for the Generations**

Green Amendments for the Generations seeks to ensure every person and community across the United States can experience the health, quality of life, education, joy, and economic prosperity provided by a clean, safe, and healthy environment; to end environmental racism; and to help ensure that nature itself can thrive by constitutionally empowering all people to secure and enforce their inalienable human right to pure water, clean air, a stable climate, healthy ecosystems, and environments.

<https://forthegenerations.org/>

## **Healthy Democracy**

Seeks to give everyday people unique political agency through democratic lotteries to empower new voices and guarantee representation across diversities. Created the groundbreaking Citizens' Initiative Review (CIR) – the first modern lottery-selected process to be institutionalized in the United

States (in Oregon state law in 2011). The CIR convenes Lottery-Selected Panels to investigate ballot measures and write clear, concise, and accurate voter information, removed from campaign messaging and financial influence. Partners with governments, nonprofits, and other organizations to bring together Lottery-Selected Panels that tackle our most difficult policy issues.

<https://healthydemocracy.org/>

## **In This Together**

Campaign to help save the environment and repair democracy by growing a diverse bipartisan community of America's silenced majority: common sense problem-solvers who have been marginalized by the politics of fear, anger, and division. Its mission is to connect and empower America's silenced majority of 98 million-plus in hope-based campaigns to reclaim democracy, end toxic polarization, and tackle every challenge we face, beginning with climate change. Its

The objective is to recruit and mobilize a grassroots core of 5 million in strategic communities and markets and to channel those recruits into 10+ complementary NGO and media partners to work together as a force for environmental and democracy solutions more powerful than the sum of its parts. In This Together supported Stanford University and the University of Chicago's NORC in conducting the largest 'deliberative' poll in history – America in One Room: Climate and Energy, which showed people agree on what the biggest issues are and regardless of our political affiliations or where we live we can find solutions that 70% of us support.

<https://inthistogetheramerica.org/>

## **Move to Amend**

Rejects the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United and other related cases

and moves to amend the Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech

and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional

rights. Proposes a We the People Amendment to the Constitution to put people in

charge of government, and corporations subordinate to We the People. Also proposes a Democracy for All Amendment asserting that Congress and the States

(a) may regulate and limit the raising and spending of money by candidates and

others to influence elections, (b) may regulate and enact systems of public campaign financing, and (c) may distinguish between natural persons and corporations or other artificial entities.

<https://www.movetoamend.org/>

### **National Association of Nonpartisan Reformers**

A member-led Association dedicated to structural election reforms in the public interest. It favors a robust competition of numerous political parties and independents and a level playing field on which that can occur.

Publishes the podcast "How to Win Friends and Save the Republic" on democratic reforms. Its focus is on advancing electoral reforms and strategies that increase competition, participation, and accountability in our political system and creating a more inclusive and effective political landscape that values every voter.

<https://nonpartisanreformers.org/>

### **Public Citizen**

Independent nonprofit consumer advocacy organization founded in 1971 with 500,000 supporters across the country. Champions the public interest in the halls of power, defends democracy, resists corporate power, and fights to ensure that government works for the people, not big corporations. It mobilizes activists to grow democratic movements, watchdogs Congress, sues the government when it fails to do its job, petitions regulatory agencies to safeguard the public, and engages in cutting-edge research that effects change.

<https://www.citizen.org/>

### **Represent Us**

RepresentUs is a leading anti-corruption organization working city by city, state by state to fix the broken political system. Works to bring together conservatives, progressives, and everyone in between to pass powerful

anti-corruption laws that stop political bribery, end secret money, and fix our broken elections. Identified, along with legal, political, and policy experts, a list of key reforms that will make the biggest difference: 1) Cracking down on corruption by strengthening campaign finance, ethics, and lobbying laws; 2) Making elections more representative by enacting Ranked Choice Voting and Top 4/5 Primaries; and 3) Ending partisan gerrymandering to ensure voters choose their politicians, instead of the other way around.

<https://represent.us/>

## **Unite America**

Unite America is a philanthropic venture fund that invests in nonpartisan election reform to foster a more representative and functional government. Comprised of Democrats, Republicans, and independents committed to working across lines of political difference to defend and improve democracy, specifically, by addressing what it believes to be the biggest solvable problem fueling political extremism and polarization: party primaries. Unite America seeks to abolish party primaries and replace them with nonpartisan primaries that give all voters the freedom to vote for any candidate in every election, regardless of party, as described in the book, *The Primary Solution*. Supports locally-led state campaigns to win election reform both through ballot initiatives and state legislatures, and national, nonpartisan organizations that provide resources to state campaigns and build movement momentum.

<https://www.uniteamerica.org/>