

Your Personal Plan to Help Save Our Democracy

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Organized by members of the UUSJ Democracy Action Team, based on the book *Saving Democracy* by David Pepper

QR code for additional information about each item

I. GET STARTED		I could do this	I will do this
1a.	Make it your mission to help “save our democracy”:		
1b.	Schedule time on my calendar to protect our democracy		
1c.	Register or re-register to vote		
1d.	Join (subscribe to) pro-democracy organizations		
1e.	Sign pro-democracy petitions		
1f.	Pledge to protect elections		
1g.	Create your personal footprint		
1h.	Display a pro-democracy bumper sticker		
II. MOTIVATE FAMILY & FRIENDS		I could do this	I will do this
2a.	Create your “footprint” database		
2b.	Create your “Saving Democracy” information packet		
2c.	Practice your elevator speeches on family and friends		
2d.	Set up your family and friends work plan		
2e.	Ask your family and friends to take “first steps”		
2f.	Invite your family and friends to attend a pro-democracy session		
III. DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING		I could do this	I will do this
3a.	Study to understand the modern “authoritarian playbook”		
3b.	Read or listen to key recommended books		
3c.	Attend pro-democracy webinars / follow pro-dem bloggers		
3d.	Listen to pro-democracy podcasts		
3e.	Re-read US core founding documents		
3f.	Support pro-democracy media		
IV. DEFEND DEMOCRACY WITH YOUR “PEN”		I could do this	I will do this
4a.	Write a letter to the editor		
4b.	Write an article for a pro-democracy newsletter		
4c.	Write to your representatives		
4d.	Write and send postcards and letters to potential voters		
4e.	Send text messages (text banking) to potential voters		

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V. SPEAK UP & SHOW UP FOR DEMOCRACY		I could do this	I will do this
5a.	Raise your concern about our democracy in public venues		
5b.	Arrange a pro-democracy speaker for your club or org.		
5c.	Prepare and give a pro-democracy talk		
5d.	Make phone calls (phone banking) to voters and potential voters		
5e.	Speak up for democracy on radio, TV and podcasts		
5f.	Show up for democracy at rallies and protests		
VI. REGISTER VOTERS		I could do this	I will do this
6a.	Register your “footprint” voters		
6b.	Volunteer to work for a Third Party Voter-Registration Org.		
6c.	Register voters from home		
6d.	Offer a voter registration site		
6e.	Assist citizens in obtaining voter ID cards		
VII. WORK ON ELECTIONS		I could do this	I will do this
7a.	Become a paid Poll Worker		
7b.	Volunteer to be a Poll Worker or Poll Watcher		
7c.	Volunteer to be an Election Hotline Manager		
VIII. SUPPORT PRO-DEMOCRACY CANDIDATES		I could do this	I will do this
8a.	Run for office		
8b.	Apply to be a precinct captain		
8c.	Work for a pro-democracy candidate		
8d.	Support a pro-democracy candidate (host a meet-and-greet)		
IX. USE YOUR DOLLARS TO LIFT DEMOCRACY		I could do this	I will do this
9a.	Create your “democracy budget”		
9b.	Fund democracy for the long game		
9c.	Become a recurring (monthly) contributor		
9d.	Patronize pro-democracy businesses		
9e.	Call out anti-democracy businesses		
9f.	Encourage your employer (or use your business) to lift democracy		
X. WORK YOUR FOOTPRINT		I could do this	I will do this
10.	Create and launch your personal plan		