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We have seen violence and dangerous rhetoric rise from all sides when our leaders choose to blame and target opponents instead of seeking common ground. With every act of violence, whether against conservatives or liberals, communities grow more fearful, and hate finds new footholds.

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It is now our collective task to find one another again—Republican and Democrat, conservative and liberal—spreading truth person to person, standing for steadfast purpose, and allowing ourselves no rest until the American public is **united against violence and authoritarianism.**

Americans of all stripes have voted for reforms—fair maps, access to healthcare—and watched politicians undermine the people's voice. Whether it is Republicans or Democrats in office, when our leaders restrict our voice, we must hold them accountable. Only together, and only when we are heard, can our nation heal.

We must demand that all leaders—regardless of party—**reject government overreach, reject violence, and restore respect for every American voice.**

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Threats to Privacy and Fourth Amendment Rights:

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Risk of Surveillance Overreach and Abuse: ICE is spending millions on social media, AI-enabled, and cell-tower surveillance technology, enabling round-the-clock monitoring of individuals and communities beyond reasonable law enforcement needs. Oversight is minimal, and there are few safeguards to prevent abuse, intimidation, and chilling effects on lawful protest or advocacy. ICE's use of spyware raises major civil liberties concerns. It enables warrantless phone and social media surveillance, targets activists and journalists, and threatens privacy and Fourth Amendment protections for citizens and immigrants alike. Oversight is limited, making abuse and **chilling effects on free speech likely**.

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Suppressed Liberties: Free speech, protest, and assembly are curtailed; dissent criminalized.

Repression & Coercion: Surveillance, intimidation, and violence used to maintain control.

Propaganda & Censorship: State media spreads disinformation and silences critics.

Scapegoating: Minorities or "outsiders" are blamed to divide and distract.

Institution Manipulation: Courts and elections weakened to remove accountability.

Fear & Distrust: Leaders use division, emergency powers, and hate speech to sow dependence and silence opposition.

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