

# An American Fascism

**We must not reassure ourselves that it couldn't happen here. IT IS. Trump's "Make America Great Again" is a 21st century fascist program of Manifest Destiny, "America First" wrapped in the flag and Mike Pence's Bible taken literally, with a program of white supremacy, misogyny, and xenophobia.**

**This regime denies truth and objective evidence,** and yet it has its hands on the most powerful military and nuclear arsenal in history and is preparing and threatening to use it! Millions of immigrants live in terror fearing their loved ones will be ripped away. People's humanity is viciously denied. Women are poised to lose the right to abortion. Trump and Sessions have instructed police to "take the gloves off," further brutalizing people of color. LGBTQ rights recently won are under assault. Damage done to the environment by this regime in just 14 months could be irreversible.

**Fascism rules by organized repression and terror by the government:** civil liberties are stripped away, law rewritten, dissent criminalized, the courts packed with fascists, and the separation of powers and of church and state ultimately eviscerated. As part of radically remaking society, the Trump/Pence regime must sharply attack those in positions of power who oppose them. Fascism also mobilizes mobs of vicious thugs as we've seen with Nazis marching and murdering in Charlottesville, Virginia.

**The Trump/Pence Regime has not yet been able to implement their full program.** But they are advancing. It might only take a single serious crisis – international or domestic – for this regime to drop the hammer.

**Don't Normalize... Don't Accommodate...  
Don't Conciliate... Don't Collaborate...**

**People all over the world are counting on us to STOP this nightmare.** The different strains of fascist demagogues and movements in this country see in Trump and Pence their "last chance" to achieve their reactionary program. They will not listen to facts or reason; they have already and will continue to change rules, manipulate elections, and they will not give up.

**The Democratic Party leadership will NOT lead us out of this.** They are about maintaining order for their whole set up. For them, order is more important than justice, even if that means the order of fascism. After Trump's election, President Obama said of Trump, "We are all on the same team... We are now all rooting for his success." NO! If Trump succeeds, it will be catastrophic!

# But there IS another way. A different kind of protest.

**We need to organize now for the time when we can launch massive, sustained nonviolent protests in the streets of cities and towns across the country – protests that continue day after day and don't stop, creating the kind of political situation in which the demand that the Trump/Pence regime be removed from power is met.**

**Everyone who recognizes that the Trump/Pence Nightmare Must End is invited to join in and prepare for launching this great act of sustained resistance.**

**Imagine tens of thousands** beginning in several cities and towns, with marches, candlelight vigils, rallies – students, religious communities, immigrants, everyone with a heart for humanity in the streets and not backing down – growing from thousands to hundreds of thousands and eventually millions. Our actions will reflect the values of respect for all of humanity and the world we want – in stark contrast to the hate and bigotry of the Trump/Pence fascist regime. The whole world will take heart.

**This will shake millions awake,** with many losing their adjustment to life under this regime. The international credibility of the regime will be undermined. A determined struggle that doesn't yield and won't be provoked can create a serious political crisis. Those in power who are themselves now under attack by the regime but conciliating with it would be compelled to respond to our struggle from below, leading to a situation where this illegitimate regime is removed from power.

**This would be hard, but possible.** Possible, because millions of us feel the horror of Trump and Pence. Many have righteously protested different outrages, but now we must rise to another level of determined resistance.

**We must confront the reality that the world as we have known it is being torn asunder.** This requires getting out of our comfort zones and not allowing our differences to stand in the way of rising together in an unprecedented, unrelenting mass struggle to confront the danger of a Trump/Pence fascist America.

**Refuse Fascism – Call to Action**

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