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While it failed in the immediate sense, January 6 became a dress rehearsal and rallying cry to further harden a now battle-tested fascist movement and Republi-fascist party. This vicious coup attempt morphed into a comprehensive strategy of election subversion and voter suppression, while Trump's loyal mobs, to this day, continue to storm the public square with threats of violence and terror. Wherever Republicans are in power, they have both rewritten laws and shredded the rule of law to hammer in their white supremacist, misogynist, and xenophobic fascist program. They have successfully undermined the very concept of truth, leaving tens of millions to be susceptible to the calls of demagogues and the vilest conspiracy theories.

Biden and the Democratic Party have not stopped or slowed the advance of these fascists. Trump roams free to cement his hold over the GOP and run for president in 2024, while across the country, we are losing the right to abortion, voting, protest, history education, and free speech. Death threats against public officials have become routine, and Christian fascists on the Supreme Court openly dehumanize women with Roe v. Wade in their crosshairs. This past year has been marked not by healing and hope after the Trump years but by the continued aggression and achievements of an embittered fascist movement, without any accountability for the damage they've done.

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The Democratic Party has largely led people into inaction, passivity, and conciliation with fascism. This is a reality that must be confronted: Fascism can, and is, happening here and it cannot simply be voted away. The question remains, what will the decent people do? Will the future be fascist, or will we act?

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