

IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY
We REFUSE to ACCEPT a
FASCIST AMERICA



Fascism Must
Be Defeated!
Here's How.

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WHAT WE FACE IS FASCISM.

From Refuse Fascism's call for protests on Feb 17th:

“Fascism changes the way the country is ruled. Fascism eliminates basic civil and democratic rights. Openly oppressive and repressive, fascism rules by decree, backed up by brute force and violent thugs. Fascism has direction and momentum. Dissent is criminalized. The truth is bludgeoned. Group after group is targeted along a trajectory that leads to horror. It is necessary, but not enough, to fight each attack as it comes. We must take the offensive against the whole Trump/MAGA program and direction.”

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IN THE FACE OF MAGA FASCISM:

01 History shows that fascism must be defeated before it is too late.

le: Once consolidated, fascism in Germany was never defeated “from within.” It took a World War and only came after the towering crime of the Holocaust.

02 To do nothing, is to be complicit.

That means you become involved in and responsible for the atrocities of fascism.

03 Fighting each attack is not enough.

Fighting against the individual assaults of Trump/MAGA fascism – against immigrants, trans people, basic rights, federal workers and more – is righteous and necessary, but on its own it is not enough.

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IN THE FACE OF MAGA FASCISM:

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Relying on Congress, the courts and politics-as-usual is deadly.

- Trump and MAGA are proving every day that they refuse to be bound by the long-standing norms of this country, by Congress, or even by the Courts. They are aggressively violating, shattering, and working to radically remake the “rule of law” in this country. They are purging the federal government and packing the organs of repression with fascist loyalists.
- The leadership of the Democratic Party, despite finally calling Trump “fascist” in the final days before the election, went on to normalize, legitimize and smooth Trump’s transition to power. There is a reason millions are furious with them. They have not - and cannot be counted on to - wage the necessary fight to stop Trump/MAGA fascism.
- Even if Trump could be relied on to respect the next elections (which is NOT something to rely on!), the midterms are *far too late*. Too much irreparable damage will be done by then.

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HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN?



FROM THE REFUSE FASCISM CALL FOR PROTESTS FEB 17:

“Defeating Trump and MAGA fascism will require a huge and relentless resistance waged by millions of people standing up in the streets and throughout society to create such a profound political crisis that Trump cannot govern the country and carry out his fascist program. This will require sacrifice. It will require courage and heroism in the streets and by people in government, in hospitals, in schools, and really by all who Trump tries to order and intimidate into following his dictates.”



PROTEST FEB 17, PRESIDENT'S DAY



FEB 17, PRESIDENT'S DAY, WE:

Take an important step towards through acting together nationally to begin to call forward the millions needed to defeat Trump/MAGA fascism.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By hosting a protest, spreading the word, donating, and working to strengthen this in all kinds of ways you are strengthening this effort and enabling more people to join.

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2020 SHOWED THE POTENTIAL



16 million people marched.

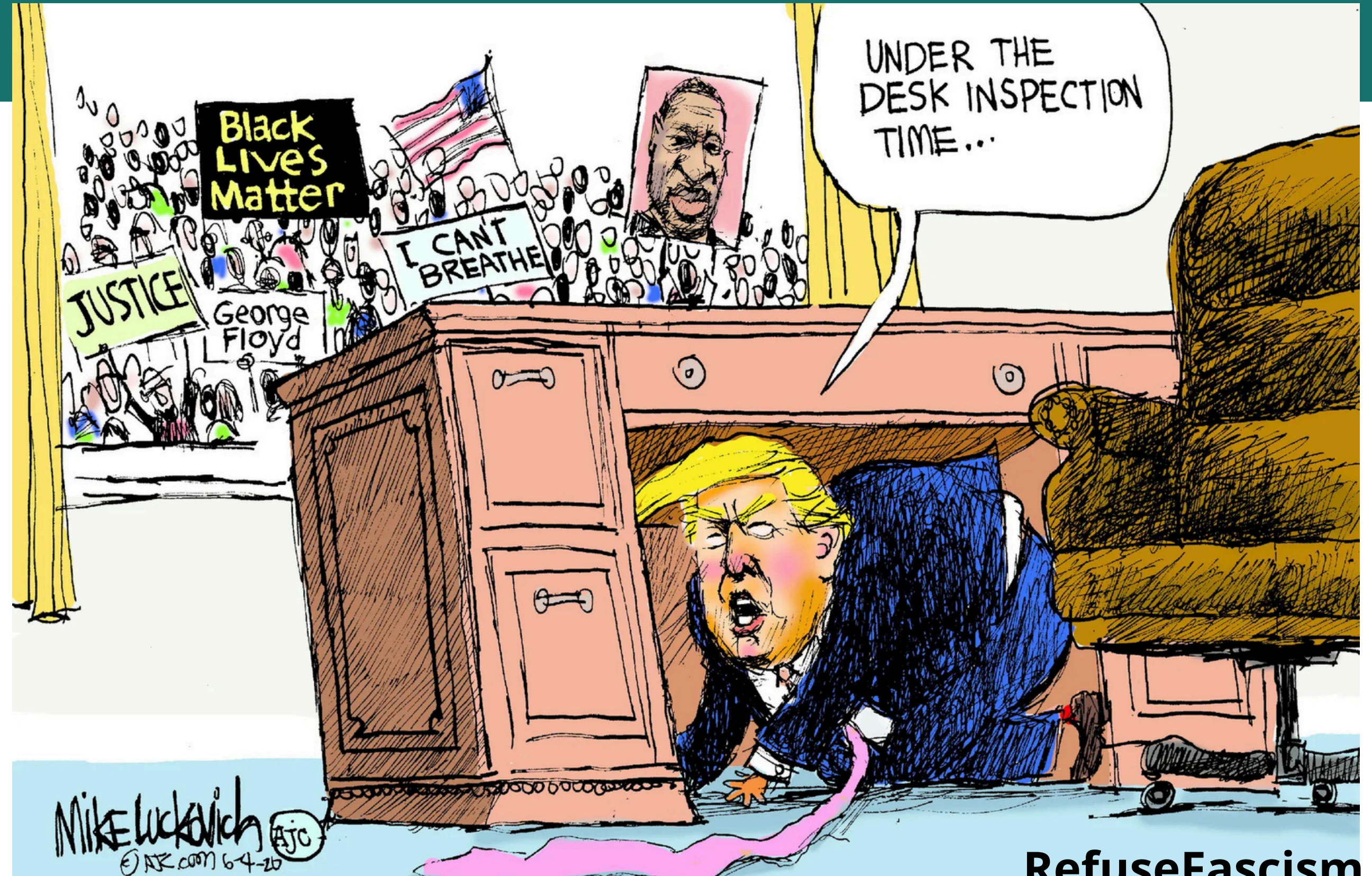
People came back day after day. Thousands faced down rubber bullets, tear gas, illegitimate and brutal arrests, and even violence and murder by racist thugs unleashed by Trump.

All of society and the world felt it.

Campuses and scientific institutions. Corporate boards. Even major politicians and even generals had to come out and at least feign concern for racial injustice in a way they had never done before.

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REMEMBER TRUMP HIDING IN A BUNKER?



TRUMP 2.0 IS MORE SHOCKING, ALL-ENCOMPASSING AND RAPID.

Refuse Fascism's call for protests on Feb 17th:

“The breakneck speed and cruelty of the regime’s actions shock the conscience. Immigrants demonized and rounded up. Blatant racism and anti-women, anti-LGBTQ+ hate spews forth. Civil rights and even speaking of equality are banned. Whole countries are threatened. Anti-science lunatics are empowered to destroy health care. Media muzzled. Theocracy and Christian fundamentalist supremacy being hammered into place. Rapid Climate destruction is Trump’s program.”

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GREATER NEED, GREATER POTENTIAL

- The pace and stakes of Trump 2.0 poses not only the very urgent need – but also the basis and possibility – for rapidly mobilizing people, on an even greater scale than in 2020, to take to the streets and resist in all parts of society in a sustained way in determined opposition to Trump/MAGA fascism, with the goal of actually defeating it.

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BUT TO REPEAT:

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THIS MAKES FEB 17 IMPORTANT!

This underscores the importance of Refuse Fascism's call for protests nationwide on Feb 17th, President's Day.

This is why we calling on you to step up your involvement tonite.

Acting together on Feb 17 we can wake up the decent people of this country and mobilize them to join us going forward in the unifying mission of defeating Trump/MAGA fascism.

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KEY PRINCIPLE: UNITE ALL WHO CAN BE UNITED.

- Defeating Trump/MAGA fascism will take millions and millions of people. We will disagree on many things.
- We will come from many different backgrounds.
- We will have many different visions of what we want the future to be.
- That is not only fine, it is good and it is necessary!
- What we share – and what we must act on together – is our refusal to accept a fascist America.

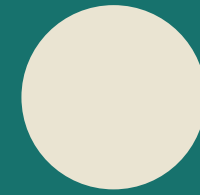
WE WILL FACE OPPOSITION

There are many that will not want this movement to succeed:

- Fascists in government and vigilante thugs.
- Democratic Party leadership and other ruling forces who might oppose Trump/MAGA fascism, but who even more forcefully oppose the kind of political upheaval it will take to defeat fascism
- Movements that are funded by and/or tied (subordinated) to Democratic Party leadership.
- People who fall prey to McCarthyite anti-communism.
- Political police who pose as friends, but are not.

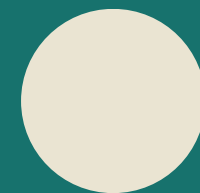
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NO RED-BAITING



McCarthyism

McCarthyism refers to the severe political persecution of communists – or those accused of being communists – and the overall chill this put on all political opposition in the 1940s and 50s.



Red-Baiting

“Red-baiting” (anti-communism) never strengthens, but always weakens, movements of opposition!

SO HOW DO WE WORK TOGETHER?

The point is not to get paranoid or paralyzed, but to maintain standards all the time that enable us to stay united with our eyes on the prize, while minimizing any harm or disruption by those who oppose this movement to defeat fascism.

- Be open and above board about where we are coming from.
- Welcome the differences of perspectives and the chance to hear them put forth and debated along the way.
- All while standing firm on what binds us together...

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