In the Name of Humanity, We Declare Our Independence From Trump's Fascist America

Whenever any fascist regime of government becomes destructive to the future of humanity and the planet, it is the Responsibility of the People to drive it from power through non-violent protest day after day until the regime is removed from power.

Donald Trump must go NOW because he and his regime are fascist. Fascism is a *radically reactionary qualitative change in how society is governed*. Fascism foments and relies on xenophobic nationalism, virulent racism, misogyny, and the aggressive re-institution of oppressive "traditional values." Fascist mobs and threats of violence are unleashed to build the movement and consolidate power. What is crucial to understand is that **once in power fascism essentially eliminates traditional democratic rights.**

The history of the Trump fascist regime is a history of repeated injuries, usurpations, and violence in the service of consolidating a fascist tyranny – assaulting truth, rule of law, the separation of powers and of church and state – while accelerating the climate catastrophe, endangering public health, and raising the risks of global war.

Let the facts be submitted.

To establish the rule of virulent white supremacy:

Trump has: re-exalted the slaveowners' Confederacy; renamed US military bases after Confederate "war heroes"; purged Black generals and racial diversity programs from the military; appointed white supremacists to key positions; racially whitewashed government websites and offices; made comments animalizing Black Haitian immigrants; removed Dr. Martin Luther King' Jr.'s bust from the Oval Office; suggested that the nation's first Black president face a "military tribunal"; assaulted the teaching and study of Black and Native American history; granted refugee status to white South African heirs of racist apartheid on the false claim that they are victims of "white genocide"; repeatedly spewed racist lies about people of color being unskilled and unqualified; created a Supreme Court that ended anti-racist affirmative action in college admissions.

To cement the subjugation of women and erasure of LGBT people:

Trump has: bragged about being "the guy who ended" women's fundamental right to abortion after his Supreme Court appointees reimposed the female enslavement of forced motherhood; repealed a government rule that requires medical providers to perform abortions required to save a pregnant woman's life; threatened to use the archaic, 150-year-old Comstock Act to ban abortion *in every state*, *with no exceptions*; banned transgender care for minors; banned use of gender identity pronouns; stated that the gender identity on passports must match gender identity on birth certificates; removed transgender service members from the military, making the false and dangerous claim that transgender troops cannot meet the military's "high standards."

To demonize whole peoples and threaten the world with "America First" xenophobia and imperialist aggression.

Trump has: unleashed militarized gendarmes to terrorize predominantly Latino immigrants with mass racially profiled kidnapping operations reminiscent of 1850s Fugitive Slave hunts from coast to coast; opened churches, schools, and immigration courts to his ferocious pursuit of brown-skinned immigrant bodies; attacked by executive fiat the core constitutional right of birthright citizenship, rendering stateless the children of undocumented immigrants born in this country; disappeared immigrants to torture prisons in El Salvador, with a green light from the Supreme Court to "deport" migrants to any third country or distant concentration camp; ordered the single largest de-legalization of human beings in US history, stripping half a million Haitians, Cubans, and Venezuelans of their protected status overnight; illegally bombed Iran while threatening more "tragedy" to come; vowed to seize Greenland, threatened to annex Canada, deepened US support for genocide in Gaza; invoked "Manifest Destiny", the 19th Century notion that America is divinely ordained to control all of North America.

And to establish a blatant dictatorship in which there is no rule of law and Trump is the law; where there is no due process, rights for the people, or recourse to redress the injustices of the regime; and political enemies are arrested, threatened, and suppressed:

Trump has: claimed that his re-election and second horrific administration are "God's will" and refused to say whether he must honor the US Constitution; waged a relentless war on truth, feeding his hate-filled base with one wild fascist lie after another; issued a barrage of illegal and unconstitutional executive orders; commanded the National Guard and the US Marines to repress public protests of his mass deportation raids in Los Angeles, and threatened to arrest the governor of California and mayor of Los Angeles for voicing their opposition; made the Department of Justice a tool of retribution against his political enemies; blackmailed, bullied, and attacked the independence and integrity of leading law firms, universities, media corporations, and nonprofit organizations; defied federal court rulings; smeared and called for the impeachment of judges who rule against him; purged the military of leaders who might oppose his fascist moves; violated international law and the War Powers Act; and staged a military parade to announce the birth of a 21st century fascist army loyal *not* to the rule of law, but to Trump personally.

A harsh historical truth made evident at great human cost in the previous century is that it is devastatingly difficult to dislodge fascists from power once they consolidate rule over state and society, as in Nazi Germany in the 1930s and in Chile under Pinochet in the 1970s. If they are not separated from authority prior to the cementing of their reign, it can become too late.

No matter how they attain power, fascist rule is never legitimate. The responsibility to expelfascists from power is particularly urgent when fascism threatens to consolidate control atop history's most powerful nation in a time of deepening global climate catastrophe and a world full of ever more lethal nuclear weapons.

Refuse Fascism, appealing to all who care about justice and decency, declares:

IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT A FASCIST AMERICA TRUMP MUST GO NOW!