

NO! IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY
WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT
A FASCIST AMERICA
Drive Out the Trump-Pence Regime!

ORGANIZING KIT

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Introduction

In the Name of Humanity, We REFUSE to Accept a Fascist America! Drive Out the Trump/Pence Regime



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“The Trump/Pence Regime is a Fascist Regime. Not insult or exaggeration, this is what it is. For the future of humanity and the planet, we, the people, must drive this regime out.”

These words, from the opening of RefuseFascism.org's Call to Action, capture the stakes and urgency of the situation we confront. There is time, but there is not much time, to bring forward the millions and millions that will be necessary to drive this regime from office. Each and every one of us living has a responsibility – and a critical role to play – in calling forward these millions and driving this regime from power, before it is too late.

Right now, in fact, there are ten major days of resistance we are working to strengthen starting with the March for Science on April 22, and including the People's Climate March on April 29th and nation-wide immigrants rights protests on May 1st. We urge you to help to make these ten days a major leap in forging the movement to drive this fascist regime from power.

Whether you are an experienced activist or brand new to political life, this Organizing Kit is designed to enable you to play a very meaningful role in stopping a catastrophe for humanity.

This Kit is also a work in progress. We will be adding to it in the days and weeks to come.

Getting Started

The Call to Action

The most important thing in this organizing kit is the RefuseFascism.org Call to Action.

This Call to Action provides the most incisive analysis of the danger posed to people all around the world by the fascist TrumpPence Regime – every sentence is packed with meaning. It provides the most comprehensive picture of the regime's program, pulling together the many different reactionary elements to reveal a whole that is qualitatively worse than even the sum of its parts. It is the incredibly popular – that is, plain-spoken and easy to understand – without watering down the big ideas we have to confront. And it provides the most ambitious – yet realistic – vision and means of acting to Drive the Fascist TrumpPence Regime from power, *before it is too late*.

As such, this Call to Action is glue of this movement. It, together with the website www.refusefascism.org, is the most important single piece of guidance to you and the tens of thousands others who must become organizers of millions to drive this regime out.



Later in this Kit, we provide some supplemental factsheets, Frequently Asked Questions, and other materials to compliment and break down some of what is in this Call to Action.

A Call to Action:

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DRIVE OUT THE TRUMP/PENCE REGIME!

The Trump/Pence Regime is a Fascist Regime. Not insult or exaggeration, this *is* what it is. For the future of humanity and the planet, we, the people, must drive this regime out.

Donald Trump and Mike Pence have assembled a vicious cabal that has put forth positions and begun initiatives which demonstrate that they fully intend to shred political and social norms with catastrophic consequence. Because Trump has his finger on the nuclear trigger, the Trump/Pence Regime is more dangerous to the world than even Hitler.

Fascism has direction and momentum. Dissent is piece by piece criminalized. The truth is bludgeoned. Group after group is demonized and targeted along a trajectory that leads to real horrors. All of this has already begun under the Trump Regime. **History has shown that fascism must be stopped before it becomes too late.**

Millions of people, outraged by this regime, took to the streets delivering a stinging rebuke to Trump the day after the inauguration. Protest and resistance continues against the many attacks on the people by the Trump/Pence administration. This must grow broader, deeper, and more determined. This resistance is righteous and necessary, but it is not sufficient. We must recognize that the character of fascism is that it can absorb separate acts of resistance while continually throwing the opposition off balance by rapidly moving its agenda forward. The Trump/Pence Regime will repeatedly launch new highly repressive measures, eventually clamping down on all resistance and remaking the law... IF THEY ARE NOT DRIVEN FROM POWER.

In the first weeks of the Trump/Pence Regime they have begun subverting the separation of powers, the separation of Church and State, called for a new nuclear arms race, demonized the press, dismissed the very concept of truth substituting their own fabricated "alternative facts." It can already be said of Trump/Pence that "*first they came for*" the Muslims, then the Mexicans, then all refugees, then women, then Black and Latino people, LGBTQ persons, the environment, and anyone who doesn't conform or submit to their vision and plan for a nation cohered around white supremacy and a political form of Christian fundamentalism, that should rightly be called Christian Fascism.

Fascism is not just a gross combination of horrific reactionary policies. It is a qualitative change in how society is governed. Fascism fomented and relies on xenophobic nationalism, racism, misogyny, and the aggressive re-institution of oppressive "traditional values." In Trump's election campaign he encouraged and fed on the threat and use of violence to build a movement and come to power. In his inaugural address he pledged allegiance only

to this movement. What is crucial to understand is that **once in power fascism essentially eliminates traditional democratic rights.**

Even as the Trump/Pence Regime is moving fast, they have not yet fully consolidated their regime, or, as yet, been able to implement their full program. But, this is their objective and it is very possible. It might only take a single serious crisis—international or domestic—for this regime to drop the hammer. We do not have much time.

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

There is method to Trump's madness that echoes Hitler. Fascism advances in stages through outrage, shock and intimidation, followed by brief periods of normalization where people accommodate to the new situation the regime has imposed.

After the election, Obama said of Trump: "We are now all rooting for his success." **NO! If Trump succeeds, humanity loses.** Bernie Sanders has said that he will work with Trump on jobs or where they agree. **NO! If you work with fascists you normalize the road to horror.**

This is not just a pendulum swing Democrat to Republican, but a regime that is moving to establish a fascist order under the signboard of "America First." Acting as if the election in 2018 or 2020 is the way to deal with this regime is folly, betraying a lack of understanding of just how fast, furious, and profoundly this regime will change the rules, cement its rule, destroy lives and crush spirits.

You cannot try to "wait things out." Those who lived through Nazi Germany and sat on the sidelines, looking on as Hitler demonized, criminalized, and eventually rounded up one group after another, became shameful collaborators with monstrous crimes.

All of this is what renders the Trump/Pence Regime illegitimate and a grave threat to people all over the world. Therefore, we resolve:

- 1 Our single unifying mission must be to Drive Out the Trump/Pence Regime.**
- 2 We must manifest the power of NO! everywhere: on signs, billboards, walls, social media and the news.
NO! In the Name of Humanity, We REFUSE To Accept a Fascist America must resound.**
- 3 Every outrage committed by this regime must be met with greater and greater resistance.**
- 4 We must ORGANIZE; working with all our creativity and determination toward the time when millions of people can be moved to fill the streets of cities and towns day after day and night after night, declaring this whole regime illegitimate—Demanding, and Not Stopping, Until the Trump/Pence Regime Is Driven from Power.**

If this happens, then the whole political landscape would be dramatically transformed, every faction within the established power structure would be forced to respond—and all this could lead to a situation in which this fascist regime is driven from office.

Let it not be said that we did not move heaven and earth to drive out this regime. **This must be a moment in history when millions stand together with conviction and courage, overcoming fear and uncertainty, to resist and say NO! Not just for ourselves, but in the name of humanity.**

Drive Out the Trump/Pence Regime!

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Un llamamiento a la acción:

¡NO!

¡En nombre de la humanidad, nos **NEGAMOS** a aceptar a un Estados Unidos fascista!

¡A EXPULSAR AL RÉGIMEN DE TRUMP Y PENCE!

El régimen de Trump y Pence es un Régimen Fascista. Ni insulto ni exageración sino eso es lo que es. Para el futuro de la humanidad y del planeta, nosotros, el pueblo, debemos expulsar a este régimen.

Donald Trump y Mike Pence han reunido una camarilla sanguinaria que ya expone posiciones y toma iniciativas que demuestran que tienen la firme intención de triturar las normas políticas y sociales, con consecuencias catastróficas. Trump tiene el dedo encima del disparador nuclear, por lo que el régimen de Trump y Pence es más peligroso para el mundo que ni Hitler.

El fascismo tiene rumbo e impulso. Criminaliza el disenso pieza por pieza. Aporrea la verdad. Sataniza y singulariza a un grupo tras otro, en una trayectoria que lleva a horrores reales. Todo esto ya ha empezado bajo el Régimen de Trump. **La historia ha demostrado que hay que parar el fascismo antes de que sea tarde.**

Millones de personas, indignadas con este régimen, se tomaron las calles en un rechazo contundente a Trump el día después de la inauguración. Siguen las protestas y la resistencia contra los múltiples ataques al pueblo por la administración de Trump y Pence. Es preciso que éstas se amplíen, se profundicen y cobren más determinación. Esta resistencia se justifica y se necesita, pero no es suficiente. Debemos reconocer que el carácter del fascismo abarca la capacidad de absorber actos separados de resistencia al mismo tiempo que desequilibra constantemente a la oposición al impulsar velozmente su programa. **El régimen de Trump y Pence lanzará repetidamente nuevas medidas altamente represivas para finalmente suprimir toda resistencia y rehacer la ley... A MENOS QUE SEAN EXPULSADOS DEL PODER.**

En las primeras semanas del régimen de Trump y Pence, han empezado a subvertir la separación de poderes y la separación entre la Religión y el Estado, han clamado por una nueva carrera armamentista nuclear, han satanizado a la prensa y han desechado el mismo concepto de la verdad reemplazándola con sus propios "hechos alternativos" inventados. Ya se puede decir de Trump y Pence que "primero vinieron por" los musulmanes, luego los mexicanos, luego todos los refugiados, luego las mujeres, luego los negros y latinos, las personas LGBTQ, el medio ambiente y todo aquel que no se conforme o no se someta a su visión y plan para una nación unida en torno a la supremacía blanca y una forma política del fundamentalismo cristiano que con razón se puede llamar fascismo cristiano.

El fascismo no es simplemente un burdo conjunto de políticas reaccionarias horripilantes. Es un cambio cualitativo en la forma de gobernar la sociedad. El fascismo fomenta y se apoya en el nacionalismo xenofóbico, el racismo, la misoginia y el agresivo restablecimiento de los "valores tradicionales" opresivos. Durante su campaña electoral, Trump alentó y traficó con la amenaza y el uso de la violencia para apuntalar un movimiento y subir al poder. En su discurso inaugural juró lealtad sólo a dicho movimiento. Lo crucial es entender que **una vez en el poder, en esencia el fascismo elimina los derechos democráticos tradicionales.**

Si bien el régimen de Trump y Pence actúa rápidamente, aún no han consolidado completamente su régimen, ni tampoco han podido implementar su programa completo. Pero eso es su objetivo y es muy posible. Tal vez sólo requiera una sola crisis fuerte, internacional o nacional, para que este régimen apriete el gatillo. No nos queda mucho tiempo.

No normalicen... No se acomoden...

No se concilien... No colaboren...

Hay un método en la locura de Trump que le hace eco a Hitler. El fascismo avanza por etapas, mediante ultrajes, conmoción e intimidación, seguidos de períodos breves de normalización en que la gente se acomoda a la nueva situación que el régimen ha impuesto.

Después de las elecciones, Obama dijo de Trump: "Ahora todos alentamos a que él tenga éxito". ¡NO! Si Trump tiene éxito, la humanidad pierde. Bernie Sanders dice que trabajará con Trump sobre empleos u otros temas en los que concuerden. ¡NO! El trabajo con los fascistas normaliza el camino al horror.

No se trata simplemente de otro columpio del péndulo, de demócrata a republicano, sino de un régimen que está actuando para establecer un orden fascista bajo el estandarte de "Estados Unidos primero". Es una tontería actuar como si las elecciones en 2018 o en 2020 fueran una manera de hacerle frente al presente régimen, lo que revela una falta de entendimiento de lo rápida, febril y profundamente que este régimen cambiará las reglas, consolidará su reino, destruirá vidas y quebrará espíritus.

No se puede "esperar a ver qué pase". Aquellos que vivieron en la Alemania nazi y se quedaron al margen mientras Hitler satanizó, criminalizó y al último detuvo en redadas a un grupo tras otro, se convirtieron en vergonzosos colaboradores con crímenes monstruosos.

Todo esto es lo que hace que el régimen Trump y Pence sea ilegítimo y una grave amenaza para la gente de todo el mundo. Por lo tanto, resolvemos:

- 1** Nuestra misión única y unificadora debe ser: **A expulsar al régimen de Trump y Pence.**
- 2** Debemos manifestar el poder del ¡NO! en todas partes: en afiches, vallas publicitarias, redes sociales y noticias. Que resuene el ¡NO! *¡En nombre de la humanidad, nos NEGAMOS a aceptar a un Estados Unidos fascista!*
- 3** A todo ultraje de este régimen hay que responder con una resistencia cada vez mayor.
- 4** Debemos ORGANIZARNOS: trabajar con toda nuestra creatividad y determinación hacia el momento en que sea posible movilizar a millones de personas para inundar las calles de las ciudades y los pueblos día tras día y noche tras noche, declarando ilegítimo al régimen entero — Exigiendo, Sin Parar, Hasta que el Régimen de Trump y Pence Sea Expulsado del Poder.

Si ocurriera esto, se transformaría dramáticamente todo el paisaje político, cada facción al interior de la estructura del poder establecido se vería obligada a responder — y todo eso podría llevar a una situación en que este régimen fascista sea sacado de funciones.

Que no digan que no removimos cielo y tierra para expulsar a este régimen. El presente debe ser un momento en la historia en que millones de personas toman posición, juntas, con convicción y coraje, superando el miedo y la incertidumbre, para oponer resistencia y decir ¡NO! No sólo para nosotros, sino en nombre de la humanidad.

¡A expulsar al régimen de Trump y Pence!
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SPREAD THIS CALL TO ACTION



This Call to Action needs to be seen by *millions and millions* of people. It needs to be published as ads in major and local newspapers and bulletins, it needs to be quoted in articles and read on air, it needs to be references in religious sermons and academic lectures, it needs to be posted up in laundromats and handed out on street corners.



ACTION STEPS:

Get this Call to Action seen far and wide:

- Print out copies yourself to distribute where people will see it.
- Donate generously to the costs of printing and distributing hundreds of thousands of copies nationally.

Basta Ya!/Enough! 10 Days of Resistance:

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Drive Out the Trump/Pence Regime!

10 DAYS, April 22-May 1, the end of the first 100 Days of the Trump/Pence Regime, *can – and must—become a big leap in a movement to drive this fascist regime from office. The stakes are nothing less than the future of humanity and the planet.*

Over the course of 10 DAYS, hundreds of thousands of people will pour into the streets in important and righteous protests in Washington DC and cities across the country aimed at 3 key fronts of the Trump/Pence Regime's reactionary program. **RefuseFascism.org** endorses these protests and calls on people to attend and build for them.

April 22 March for Science

April 29 People's Climate March

May 1st Protests against the attacks on Immigrants

These 10 DAYS must involve people from every section of society here and internationally ACTING together, standing up and getting into the streets infused with the spirit of *Basta Ya!/Enough!*, doing so with the moral conviction and the fire to stand with the diversity of people here and around the world.

April 22: Stand with scientists against the Trump/Pence Regime denying and attacking Science—which is the method by which humanity can understand reality and which is essential to progress.

April 29: Stand against Trump/Pence Regime's Devastation of the Climate and Environment which, without exaggeration, imperils life on earth; and on May 1st people of all nationalities must join in protests to **Stop the Demonization, Attacks and Deportations of Immigrants** that is at the reactionary hateful heart of Nazi-like fascism that Trump/Pence and their whole regime is perpetrating.

RefuseFascism.org is calling for people to organize and join mass contingents of many thousands of people under the banner of: NO! In the Name of Humanity, We REFUSE to Accept a Fascist America! Drive Out the Trump/Pence Regime!

Make no mistake. The Trump/Pence Regime—the *whole* thing—every cabinet post, every executive order, every tweet is a link in the chain of a fascist government and worldview under the signboard of a vengeful “America First” being rammed into place. Every immigrant family ripped apart...every refugee turned back to war torn countries...every pipeline approved...every river despoiled...every denial of proven science, of established facts, of truth itself is killing people now and will cost millions more lives. This is poison to air, water, the earth, and to the conscience of the world.

Millions of people abhor this, and there is righteous resistance. But, whether or not we can stop the dire threat that the Trump/Pence regime poses to humanity means recognizing and acting on the understanding that **history has shown that fascism must be stopped before it becomes too late.**

Fascism is not just a gross combination of horrific reactionary policies. It is a qualitative change in how society is governed. It is crucial to understand that fascism, once consolidated essentially eliminates traditional democratic rights. **Even if we push back this or that measure, this regime will repeatedly launch new and highly repressive measures, eventually clamping down on all resistance and remaking the law... IF THEY ARE NOT DRIVEN FROM POWER.**

Thousands of people must be organized, their creativity and determination unleashed so that this April marks a decisive advance in the struggle to put a stop to this fascist regime by driving it out. People need to see the NO! everywhere and learn that there is an organization working for the time when millions act together, filling the streets of cities and towns day after day and night after night, declaring this whole regime illegitimate—*Demanding, and not Stopping, Until the Trump/Pence Regime is Driven from Power.*

This must be a moment in history when millions stand together with conviction and courage, overcoming fear and uncertainty, to resist and say NO! We REFUSE to Accept a Fascist America, not just for ourselves, but in the name of humanity.

How to Get Involved:

- Go to the website to sign up to join a contingent in your area, or to organize your own.
- Hold a sign-making party.
- Spread the word on social media. Use #NoFascistUSA
- Give us a call if you need help.
- **Donate** funds on the website.
- Volunteer in other ways.

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Local info:

How to organize for 10 Days Of Massive Resistance, April 22 – May 1st



Call together people you know to make plans to represent for Refuse Fascism at the *March for Science on April 22*, the *People's Climate March on April 29*, and/or one of the protests on May 1st for immigrants. You can do this in (at least) three ways!

[1] Sign up to be a part of the *RefuseFascism Contingent* in Washington, D.C. Or, in your area. Go to refusefascism.org to find locations and details.

[2] Make signs and banners that spread the slogan, "NO! In the Name of Humanity – We REFUSE to Accept a Fascist America!" Be creative and be sure to include the website, RefuseFascism.org. You can even just wear a NO! T-shirt, sticker, and take a Refuse Fascism's Call to Action with you to hand out a protest.

[3] Find a local meet-up or organizing meeting for one of the key protests planned for April and unite with people who want to build these protests *and* take the NO! material and the Refuse Fascism Call to Action to these people, talk them about why we have to Drive Out the Trump/Pence Regime. Invite them to be part of the Refuse Fascism Contingent.

As always, don't hesitate to write or call us at our National Office. We want to hear from you – how it's going, obstacles or questions you are running into, and ideas you might have. info@refusefascism.org or 917-407-1286

More ways to build the movement to Drive Out the Fascist Trump-Pence Regime

Get out and speak about this:

This is something that everyone can do – even people who are shy or have no previous speaking experience. Read over the enclosed 7-minute stump speech and the Tips for Speaking, give us a call at the National Office if you want to talk it through first, and you'll be all set.

Where to speak? Go to groups that you know and groups that you don't know. Ask if you can give you ten minutes of their class, meeting or gathering time. Ask student groups, professors and teachers, religious groups, community groups, activist organizations, book clubs, meet-ups, and other groupings.

Spread the word on social media:

Connect with Refuse Fascism at:
[Facebook.com/RefuseFascism](https://www.facebook.com/RefuseFascism)
[@RefuseFascism](https://www.instagram.com/RefuseFascism)

Use #NoFascistUSA

Go to <https://refusefascism.org/2017/02/06/flyers-stickers-memes/> to find memes, graphics, and videos to share.



Send us your designs and graphics either by tagging [@RefuseFascism](https://www.instagram.com/RefuseFascism) or by emailing to: info@refusefascism.org.

Donate and Raise Funds:

Donating funds to Refuse Fascism is one of the most important ways to strengthen and spread this movement. Millions need to be reached and organized. Every dollar helps print more flyers. Every \$100 helps involve more organizers. Every \$1,000 strengthens our National Office and its ability to lead this movement. With tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars, we can reach and mobilize the millions to drive out this regime.

***Your donation makes a big difference. Go to: <https://refusefascism.org/donate/>

***Ask others to donate. A lot of people get squeamish about asking for money, you shouldn't. When you ask people to donate to Refuse Fascism, you are giving them a very meaningful way to contribute to stopping a catastrophe for humanity. If you don't ask them, they won't have this opportunity.

***Host a fundraising gathering. Invite some friends over. Read the Call to Action together. Enjoy some food and good discussion. Then, tell them why you are donating and ask them to do the same. Post your collective donations at [RefuseFascism.org](https://www.refusefascism.org) together on the spot.



7 Minute Speech: Get Organized to Drive Out the Trump-Pence Regime!

My name is [first name] and I am a volunteer with Refuse Fascism. [Hold up the NO! poster]

I want to invite you to join the Refuse Fascism contingents at three major marches taking place in the last 10 days of April – which are also the end of the first 100 days of the Trump-Pence Regime. Refuse Fascism is endorsing three marches and organizing major contingents in each of them.

April 22, The March for Science: We will stand with scientists against the Trump/Pence Regime denying and attacking Science— which is the method by which humanity can understand reality and which is essential to progress.

April 29, The People's Climate March: We will stand against the Trump/Pence Regime's Devastation of the Climate and Environment which, without exaggeration, imperils life on earth.

And on May 1st: People of all nationalities must join in protests to Stop the Demonization, Attacks and Deportations of Immigrants that is at the heart of Nazi-like fascism that Trump/Pence and their whole regime is perpetrating.

I am inviting you to join mass contingents of many thousands of people under the banner of: NO! In the Name of Humanity, We REFUSE to Accept a Fascist America! Drive Out the Trump/Pence Regime!

Why? Because the Trump/Pence Regime is a fascist regime. The whole thing — I am talking about his extreme woman-hating and attacks on abortion rights... his racist backing of even more violent and aggressive policing... his supremacist cabinet members... his nuclear threats and \$50+ billion increase to the budget. You see, every cabinet post, every executive order, every tweet — is a link in the chain of a fascist government and worldview under the vengeful signboard of "America First." Every immigrant family ripped apart... every refugee turned back to war-torn countries... every pipeline approved... every river despoiled... every denial of proven science, of established facts, of truth itself is killing people now and will cost millions more lives. This is poison to air, water, the earth, and to the conscience of the world.

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This is what we are working towards and there are four ways you can make a very big difference right now.

1. Sign up to join the Refuse Fascism contingents. Make a commitment to be there, carrying a big sign together with others that says, “NO! In the Name of Humanity – We REFUSE to Accept a Fascist America” or “Drive Out the Trump-Pence Regime!” Thousands of people must be organized and this April we must advance the struggle to put a stop to this fascist regime by driving it out. People need to see the NO! everywhere and learn that there is an organization working for the time when millions act together, filling the streets of cities and towns day after day and night after night, declaring this whole regime illegitimate—Demanding, and not Stopping, Until the Trump/Pence Regime is Driven from Power.

2. Donate. Every dollar prints more stickers and flyers to reach more people, every hundred dollars enables new people to become organizers, every thousand dollars helps guarantee a functioning National Office to give guidance and knit this whole national movement together. This movement can only function if the people who value it fund it, so donate generously!

3. Become an organizer. Sign up to attend upcoming meetings. Right now, today, take stacks of materials and spread the word to others about this. Spread the flyer and Calls to Action, stickers, and posters in your neighborhood, at bars and cafes, on campuses, at religious services, to people you know and to people you don't know. Millions must see and hear this message being taken up everywhere and YOU are needed to help make this happen.

4. Connect with RefuseFascism.org online. Do it right now. Pull out your phone and go to Twitter and follow @RefuseFascism. On Instagram @RefuseFascism. Like us on Facebook at Facebook.com/RefuseFascism. Write down your email and phone number on the sign up sheet going around. And bookmark our website: RefuseFascism.org and visit it every day.

Whether you're really experienced or not experienced at all, we need to work together. If we get enough people, we could actually DO this.

Let me close by quoting the Call to Action:

“Let it not be said that we did not move heaven and earth to drive out this regime. This must be a moment in history when millions stand together with conviction and courage, overcoming fear and uncertainty, to resist and say NO! Not just for ourselves, but in the name of humanity.”

Thank you.

Tips for Speaking for Refuse Fascism

One of the most important ways for people to learn about and get involved in the movement to drive out the Trump-Pence Fascist Regime, is for people like YOU to tell them about it. Its great that you are stepping up to do this! Here are a few tips to prepare.

***Focus on the fact that you have something people really need to hear. Being nervous is normal, but remember: you are not speaking for yourself, you are speaking for the interests of all humanity.

***Practice reading the speech out loud ahead of time. Do it several times. Make adjustments so that you are comfortable with the style. Don't water down the content, but do make it your own.

***Speak slowly and clearly. Give people time to allow people to process what you are saying. Pause for emphasis where appropriate. Speak with feeling. Let your ideas sink in.

***Use props. If possible, wear a "NO!" t-shirt or stickers. Hold up NO! signs when you speak about the signs and the slogans. Hold up the Call to Action when you quote from it in the speech.

***Bring lots of materials! Bring enough so that people can take stacks and get started right away.

Question and Answer:

This is the time for people to engage together with what you have presented. This is really important.

***We recommend reviewing the Call to Action, the FAQ's and the factsheets in advance. Don't hesitate to refer to them, or read from them, during the Q&A.

***Tell people honestly if you don't know how to answer a question. Refer them to www.refusefascism.org and offer to look into what they are raising and get back to them. Then, pivot to what you do know. Speak from the heart.

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Checklist of Materials to Bring Along

- * a sign-up sheet
- * copies of *The Call To Action*
- * copies of the *10 Days of Massive Resistance*
- * stickers
- * posters
- * copies of the FAQ's (optional)
- * copies of the Factsheets (optional)

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Finally:

*Thank people for their time and thank the person or group who invited you.

*Collect contact info for people who want to get involved and send it to the National Office within 24 hours.

*Take a group photo holding NO! posters and/or a short video of people saying why they support driving out the regime. Post it on social media and tag @RefuseFascism and #NoFascistUSA.

*Call us at the National Office and let us know how it goes. If you want, call us in advance just to talk and prepare. We are in this together and really want to hear from you!



FAQ's On Stopping Trump-Pence

How could Trump-Pence actually be prevented from ruling?

By the intersection of two things: first, massive protest and resistance from tens of millions of ordinary people, daring and determined to actually prevent this fascist regime from taking over and implementing its program, beginning more or less immediately and growing to a crescendo in the next few weeks, and through that creating “a crisis of rule”; and second, coupled with this, attempts by different factions in the established power structure which have real differences with Trump-Pence to solve the crisis by preventing them from taking the reins of power.

These protests could be something with the character of the protests against police murder over the past few years, or the Occupy protests before that—but larger by several orders of magnitude and even more determined. Such protests would have to have the effect of figuratively “stopping society in its tracks” and would raise real questions as to whether people very broadly would recognize the legitimacy of such a regime to even rule in basic ways and enforce its edicts.

The “not normal” character of Trump-Pence—the radical changes they embody in how people are to be ruled in this country (in short, the fascist ethos and measures they campaigned on) and in regard to U.S. international policy—have not only created tremendous anguish and anger among many millions of ordinary people, but among ruling factions which have up to now nevertheless chosen to go along with this. But should there be a political eruption “from below,” their concerns over Trump would combine with immediate questions as to whether their basic stability and perhaps even the entire system would be endangered by continuing to stick with Trump-Pence.

As that dynamic developed, scandals that up to now have been covered up could erupt, or be treated in a different way so as to raise fundamental constitutional issues, and ways would be found to prevent the coming to power of Trump-Pence.

Has anything like that ever really happened?

Yes, it has. In the early 1970s, in the U.S., Spiro Agnew, the vice-president, and then Richard Nixon, the president, were both forced to resign. The Nixon-Agnew regime, though having fairly decisively won the 1972 election, had alienated tens of millions from the very system itself and had also undertaken highly repressive, extraordinary and unconstitutional measures to settle conflicts within the ruling circles. Nixon was forced out, and Gerald Ford—who had not been elected as either president or vice-president—ascended to power.

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There are more recent examples as well, from other countries. As 2011 dawned, President Hosni Mubarak had ruled Egypt for decades and seemed to be immovably implanted in power. But Mubarak was forced to leave office and actually arrested after being confronted by massive demonstrations that braved very severe repression, focused in the main square in Cairo, along with opposition from all sectors of society manifesting in different ways.

From the time of the first demonstrations to the removal of Mubarak took less than a month. There is also the current situation in South Korea in which massive demonstrations against the legally elected president have resulted in her impeachment and suspension from office in a period of a few months. There are in fact more than a few examples from the past several decades in which mass demonstrations from below have created or exacerbated splits and divisions among ruling elites and led to constitutionally extraordinary changes in government. In the cases cited here, each of the presidents removed had actually received not only majorities of the popular vote but, in the case of Nixon for instance, a true “landslide” victory.

No two societies or periods of time, of course, are exactly alike, and history is not made by analogy—but there are nonetheless underlying dynamics common to these societies that make it possible to learn lessons.

Why do you think we can get millions or, as the mission and plan for this state, tens of millions of people to do this, in such a short period of time?

Because Trump-Pence in fact would NOT be “normal”—because they are in fact fascist and their attacks on immigrants, Muslims, women, Black people, the press, the sciences, the rule of law itself are so odious to the basic values of tens of millions and their threats to the environment and to many countries are so very dangerous to humanity itself—there is an extraordinary depth to people’s anguish over the prospect of this regime, and an extraordinary breadth of the people who feel that way. While the demonstrations immediately following the elections (themselves unprecedented) have temporarily ebbed, the anguish and anger remain, finding expression in many different statements, including artistic ones, and in people’s felt and expressed desire to act and to protect those most vulnerable. These millions can be reached with a way to act that seems commensurate with the challenge of actually preventing this; the thousands in the initial actions can become organizers of organizers of organizers, and there can be rapid geometric growth—again, due to the extraordinary circumstances and the deep feelings of tens of millions.

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How do you envision this happening?

Early this week, the call for this campaign will hit with tremendous impact via ads in major news outlets, in print and online, co-ordinated with massive and burgeoning social media efforts. Spokespeople will be made available to media in a concerted effort to get the word out and to involve as diverse a group of initiators and other possible spokespeople as possible in doing that. And with this, plans will be announced to “bring DC to a halt” in the week before the scheduled inauguration. Shortly after that we envision the growth of demonstrations and other forms of protest—including especially non-violent direct action disrupting business as usual, occupying public spaces, assemblies and meetings in institutions and workplaces, strikes, etc.—in cities across the country. As people see that there are many who feel like they do and, more than that, are determined and acting to do something about what would almost certainly be a horrific regime, they will themselves become inspired and compelled to join in these. This would have to quickly spread and find ways to overcome resistance and obstacles; but once people are aroused and acting on their highest aspirations, tremendous creativity and resources can become unlocked and things can spread like wildfire. While this is far from assured, historical experience shows that there is a reasonable chance that in the face of extreme provocation from the ruling powers, people can act in extraordinary ways.

As this develops, we envision public spaces being occupied in major cities and millions travelling to DC to protest the inauguration in the days leading up to it (and the millions in the DC and Baltimore areas who DID oppose Trump-Pence making resources and shelter available). This is a highly mobile and highly interknit society in which there is still relative freedom of movement and outlets for expression*; if such a thing could happen in a highly repressive and non-interlinked society like Egypt, it could certainly happen here.

As all this emerges and then comes to a head, we would expect that even further scandals around Trump would surface from various sources, that different sections of the population with different concerns would get drawn into this, and that the social will to stop Trump-Pence from ruling would emerge and the political/legal means to accomplish that would be found.

How do I answer those who say that it's too early to say that Trump-Pence is for-sure fascist?

First, let's look at the case that is made in the mission and plan for this initiative:

“More fundamental [than the illegitimate character of the electoral college] is the illegitimacy



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of such a fascist regime. As many have noted, Hitler himself came to power through the process of elections and established legal procedures. We can see in retrospect the profound and terrible error of those who hoped it would blow over, who believed that Hitler would expose himself and fall from power on his own, who had faith that the “wise leaders” of the system would somehow intervene, or even those who confined their resistance to helping others survive until the regime would somehow fall on its own.

This is not an exaggerated comparison. Trump has made clear through his campaign and now in his appointments and behavior in its aftermath that he intends to radically attack the rights of immigrants, Muslims, Black people, women, gay and trans people, the disabled, and many others who have been historically oppressed in this society. He has made clear that he will pursue a geopolitical policy that will be very short on facts and long on aggression, threats of aggression, insane nuclear proliferation, torture and threats of torture, and continually going to the brink of war and no doubt beyond, and all while stoking the fires of xenophobia and scapegoating. He has made clear that not only has he no respect for the freedom of the press and expression, but that he intends to attack it—both through threatened legal prosecution and suppression, and through unleashing his newly empowered and extremely toxic minions. As for academic freedom, the “watch list” is an early warning sign of what is in store. Trump and his top operatives, like Flynn, take lying to a new level, trampling on facts and even the very idea of objectivity and truth. He has already begun to seed the government with Christian fundamentalist theocrats and breathed new life into anti-Semitism. He has not only threatened to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and continued to hold out the threat of punishing women (and Pence’s state, Indiana, prosecuted and actually imprisoned a woman for a miscarriage during his time as governor), but using his “bully pulpit”—Trump has created an atmosphere around women that has further empowered rape culture and already damaged the lives and chances of every woman and girl in this country. His views, policies, and appointments on the environment will seriously and qualitatively exacerbate a situation that is already heading to disaster. He has, perhaps most egregiously of all, super-charged the notion that this is a “white man’s country,” in which the rights and existence of Black people and other people of color count for nothing and he has put proven white supremacists—people of the ilk of Bannon and Sessions—in positions of power to use that force of the state to directly back that belief up; while he has, at the same time, given impetus to every fascist, neo-Nazi and bigot to directly express themselves by violently going after people who are not white, male, Christian or straight. There will not only be no checks whatsoever on the white supremacy and vile racism that permeates the police departments and prison guards of this country, the very worst within them will be given carte blanche and



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encouragement from the highest offices of the land—as they have already. The days of white vigilanteism and, yes, lynch mobs—days that never really went away, as the terrible cases of Trayvon Martin and the Charleston massacre remind us—will now be back with a vengeance and, again, with encouragement from the highest offices of the land.

To treat such a regime as legitimate, to allow it to come to power, to do so when the historical precedents are so plentiful and fraught with lessons—this would be the height of moral and political irresponsibility. Talk of making Trump a “one-term president,” or of building for the 2018 elections is foolishness. It discounts the damage that will be done to real people, in their billions, in the meantime. It further takes on faith that the already distorted and weighted procedures that gave Trump the presidency will still be in place—when there is nothing to suggest that Trump will not act further to cut down and cut off even those rights that do exist, and plenty to suggest that he will. Hopes in checks and balances in an era of virtually unbridled executive power and at a time when Trump himself will not only make at least one very decisive Supreme Court appointment and will be able to fill, very quickly, the 30% of the federal bench that now lies vacant is similarly vain.

It is the moral duty of us all to seriously confront the potential consequences of what this regime could do in power, and then to act accordingly.

Beyond that, there is this: waiting to see in similar situations has led to horrors. They have told you what they will do and they have begun to show you: why would you want to risk everything based on a hope that has no basis in the material world?

But some people have argued to me that we have to go along with the fact that Trump-Pence were legally elected and that it would be dangerous to overturn this.

First, had the shoe been on the other foot—had Trump-Pence won the popular vote by a convincing 2.8 million votes while losing the electoral college (which itself is a relic of slavery), had facts come to light suggesting extraordinary circumstances influencing the outcome of the elections, etc.—they would have not only been all over the courts demanding extraordinary remedial legal action, they would have already mounted major demonstrations in the capital, as well as doing other things—as they had in fact threatened to do. Second, the most important point in evaluating this particular question is this: should this regime take power, based on what they have already said and done, it would be such a breach of the most fundamental rights that people hold dear and essential to political life—freedom of speech, freedom of political expression and association and freedom of



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the press; the legal rights to social and political participation, along with the guarantee of safety from the state and due process of law for all nationalities and genders and religious faiths; along with a highly aggressive foreign policy and a president who, as candidate, has already promised to ignore the Geneva Conventions on war crimes; etc. etc.—that to accede to this regime's ascension to power would so violate those principles as to render them meaningless. In short, there is a greater good at stake that demands extraordinary action.

Aren't we running the risk of making his supporters angry?

Yes. But you are not going to, nor should you want to, mollify fascists by laying low—again, this has been tried in the past with disastrous results. Right now, in the flush of victory, these people are already committing hate crimes—if you give them a veto power over your taking political action by the fear they strike in you, you have already given up. And the consequences of that are unacceptable.

But this is still a very difficult proposition and far from assured. Suppose we lose—won't this demoralize people and discourage them from acting once the regime assumes power?

The assumption behind this question is that the circumstances will be more favorable later. Yet the experience with fascist or even authoritarian regimes does not provide comfort for that point of view. When Hitler became chancellor (with a plurality but not a majority of the votes, by the way), he had only two other Nazis in a cabinet of eleven people. Yet he moved quickly to peel off his opponents in and out of government, to eviscerate and then abolish civil liberties, and in relatively short order to consolidate what became an extremely repressive and powerful regime, which carried out extraordinary crimes against humanity. Experience today with the—again, legally elected—Erdoğan regime in Turkey would also argue that the likelihood is that effective opposition and resistance become more, not less, difficult as time goes on. These regimes administer shock after shock to keep any resistance off balance and intimidated, and peel away sources of opposition systematically and in a divide-and-conquer manner.

Trump for his part has promised and already shown that he is likely to move in very extreme ways, creating faits accomplis and “moving the goalposts” fairly quickly, and that he will also not be shy about using the extraordinary powers created by the 2001 “Patriot Act” and other repressive legislation and presidential orders; further, it is also prudent to assume, from what he has said and how he has behaved, that he would not hesitate to act outside the law, carrying out edicts and leaving people to somehow seek redress in the wake of his illegally repressive actions; it is also



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likely that Trump would summon “cyber-mobs” as part of his repertoire.

Moreover, Trump has promised an extremely reckless and dangerous foreign policy, aimed at making a qualitative leap in U.S. dominance in the world. Counseling people to hold back now, no matter how well-meaning the intentions in doing so, could literally end up putting at risk the continued existence of the world as we know it.

In short, should we hold back now it will almost certainly become immeasurably more difficult to fight back once Trump-Pence are in power and using the vast state power at their disposal to implement their program. The path of holding back, of waiting and seeing, of calculating odds is littered with corpses. Far better to fight as hard as we can now, however difficult the circumstances, fostering an ethos and framework of resistance as we go for victory and going all out in a telescoped period of time for what is indeed our best shot.

There are, of course, no guarantees of victory for people who have right on their side. The only guarantee that has ever existed is that if you don't fight for justice you will certainly not get it.

Let us fight.



The Fascist Trump/Pence Regime Is Subverting the Separation of Powers

RefuseFascism.org FACT SHEET #1:

"The Trump/Pence Regime is a Fascist Regime. Not insult or exaggeration, this is what it is. For the future of humanity and the planet, we, the people, must drive this regime out."
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A fundamental principle of U.S. government, inscribed in the Constitution, is that each branch of government (executive, legislative, and judicial) acts as a "check" against other branches violating the Constitution or accumulating too much power. **Donald Trump is aggressively subverting this, asserting the supremacy of the executive under his supreme and unchallengeable authority.**

- In his inaugural speech, Donald Trump did not even mention the U.S. Constitution. Instead, he pledged his allegiance to the movement who supported and voted for him.
- After a federal judge temporarily blocked the implementation of parts of his January 27th Muslim travel ban, Trump tweeted: "just cannot believe a judge would put our country in such peril. If something happens blame him and court system. People pouring in. Bad!" Later, he referred to the judge as a "so-called judge." Through this, Trump denigrated the role of the judiciary and its right to check his authority, *and* preemptively blamed the judge *and the entire judicial system* if "something happens."
- On January 30th, acting Attorney General Sally Yates instructed the Department of Justice *not* to defend Trump's Muslim ban because she did not find it legally defensible. She acted on her responsibility to the U.S. Constitution, not the arbitrary will of the president. Trump's response? He immediately fired her.
- Stephen Miller, Trump's senior policy advisor who wrote many of his campaign speeches and played a key role in crafting his Muslim ban, lashed out on public TV against the courts that blocked the Muslim ban. He insisted that with respect to national security, "the president has enormous powers" that cannot be checked by the courts, and "he is going to use the authority to keep us safe."

Miller continued: "[W]e have a judiciary that has taken far too much power and become in many cases a supreme branch of government. ... The **end result** of this, though, is that our opponents, the media and the whole world **will soon see, as we begin to take further actions, that the powers of the president** to protect our country are very substantial and **will not be questioned.**" [emphasis added]

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The Fascist Trump/Pence Regime Is Subverting the Separation of Church and State RefuseFascism.org FACT SHEET #2:

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The separation of church and state ensures that people are free from the imposition of state-backed religion, and free from persecution for their religious beliefs or non-beliefs. This is enshrined right in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." **Trump is aggressively violating this – singling out Muslims for persecution, openly favoring Christians, and increasingly injecting Christianity into public life and government.**

- Trump's January 27th executive order was a thinly disguised ban on Muslims. Rudy Giuliani said publicly that Trump asked him to come up with a "Muslim ban" but to do it "legally."
- Trump told the Christian Broadcast News that the ban would prioritize *Christians*. Christians from the banned countries were given preference as a "minority religion."
- On February 18th, Melania Trump opened a Trump rally by reciting "The Lord's Prayer." Reciting this at this presidential rally casts the nearly 30% of the people in the U.S.— and the 68% of the world's population—who are NOT Christian as outsiders and basically as "infidels."
- Trump repeatedly invoked "God" during his inaugural address, including by saying, "We will be protected by the great men and women of our military and law enforcement and, most importantly, we are protected by God."
- Trump appointed Betsy DeVos to head the Department of Education. DeVos has invested years and huge sums of her family's enormous wealth in working to end public education altogether, and to replace it with federally funded Christian fundamentalist schools and indoctrination.
- Vice President Mike Pence is an unyielding Christian fascist whose fanatical interpretation of Christianity informs his governing. As Indiana governor, he passed some of the most extreme anti-abortion legislation in the country. He defended the "right" of businesses to discriminate against LGBTQ people. He argued for teaching the anti-scientific theory of "intelligent design" in public schools.

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The Fascist Trump/Pence Regime Has Called for a New Nuclear Arms Race

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Nuclear weapons are the world's most destructive weapons. In August of 1945, the U.S. became the *only* country ever to use them in war – bombing the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, instantly killing, burning alive, or vaporizing *tens of thousands*. Firestorms engulfed the cities. Shockwaves and winds over 1,000 miles an hour shattered buildings, hurling people through the air. Today, the U.S. possesses nearly 7,000 nuclear warheads – enough to destroy the world five times over. While the U.S. has *always* refused to sign any "no first use" policy, it has claimed that its nuclear arsenal was mainly for defensive purposes and deterrence. **Trump is aggressively breaking with that, bragging about massively expanding the U.S.'s nuclear arsenal and viciously expressing his eagerness to use it. This threatens the entire world.**

- For 70 years, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists has released its yearly "Doomsday Clock," indicating how close the world is to devastation from nuclear war and other threats. At the end of January, they moved the clock closer to "midnight" – indicating the greatest threat the world has faced since 1953. A primary factor they cited was Donald Trump becoming president. Never before has the Bulletin decided to advance the clock largely because of the statements of a single person.
- On December 22, 2016, Donald Trump tweeted, "The United States must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability until such time as the world comes to its senses regarding nukes."
- According to Joe Scarborough, during a foreign policy briefing, "three times [Trump] asked about the use of nuclear weapons. Three times he asked, at one point, if we have them, why can't we use them?"
- December 23, 2016 Trump told MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program: "Let it be an arms race, because we will outmatch them at every pass and outlast them all."

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The Fascist Trump/Pence Regime Is Demonizing the Press

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A central characteristic of fascism is the insistence that everyone adopt and promote their centrally produced narrative – even when it is flagrantly untrue and violently harmful. All throughout his campaign, and in an even more sustained and chilling way since becoming president, **Trump has not only repeatedly LIED – he has fought hard to discredit, threaten, and destroy any media outlet that does not fall in line with his LIES.**

- On August 25, 2015, at a press conference in Iowa, Jorge Ramos questioned Trump about his deportation plans. Trump had thugs throw Ramos out of the press conference, and snarled at him to "go back to Univision" (a major Spanish language TV network). In case anyone missed Trump's coded language, a Trump supporter assailed Ramos (a U.S. citizen) and ordered him to "get out of my country."
- On January 11th, CNN's Jim Acosta attempted to question Trump about his attacks on CNN, calling out: "Since you are attacking our news organization, can you give us a question?" Trump shouted him down, saying, "No, not you, not you, your organization is terrible... quiet, quiet... No, I'm not going to give you a question. You are fake news." Acosta says that afterwards, Trump's press secretary told him that "if I were to do that again I was going to be thrown out."
- On January 25th, Steve Bannon, Trump's top advisor and founding member of Breitbart, told the *New York Times*, "The media should be embarrassed and humiliated and keep its mouth shut and just listen for a while."
- On February 17, Trump tweeted, "The FAKE NEWS media (failing @nytimes, @NBCNews, @ABC, @CBS, @CNN) is not my enemy, it is the enemy of the American People!"
- On Feb 24th, after Trump repeatedly lambasted them as "enemies of the people," the Trump White House blocked the *New York Times*, *Politico*, *Buzzfeed*, and the *Los Angeles Times* from a press briefing. This has never happened before under *any* president.
- Meanwhile, the White House has credentialed and/or Trump has given interviews to extreme "alt-right" (i.e.: white supremacist and neo-Nazi) media outlets and Christian fascist networks like Breitbart, the Christian Broadcast Network, and others.

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The Fascist Trump/Pence Regime Has Dismissed the Very Concept of Truth

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In order for people to play a role in shaping the world, they must understand it as it actually is. This means being able to find out what the evidence shows to be true – in the natural world as well as in politics and society. **The Trump/Pence fascist regime not only spews forth LIE after LIE, they are waging war on critical thinking and on the ability of people to recognize and expose their lies.** This not only makes it easier for them to hide the devastating impact of their fascist program and to discredit those who challenge them, this also feeds a mindless and obedient lynch-mob social base eager to do the regime's bidding at great cost to humanity.

- Trump repeatedly insists that his inauguration had the biggest crowds in years – a blatant LIE.
- When the National Park Service re-tweeted photos that disproved this LIE, Trump's White House muzzled and (temporarily) shut down the National Park Service's Twitter feed.
- At his first press conference, press secretary Sean Spicer repeated this LIE, saying, “This was the largest audience ever to witness an inauguration, period.” When further challenged, he responded, “These attempts to lessen the enthusiasm of the inauguration are shameful and wrong.”
- When media outlets challenged this LIE, Trump advisor Kellyanne Conway insisted that these LIES were just “alternative facts.” No. They were LIES.
- On February 6th, Donald Trump tweeted, “Any negative polls are fake news, just like the CNN, ABC, NBC polls in the election. Sorry, people want border security and extreme vetting.” This is not true. While polls are often biased by how questions are framed, many different polls show approval ratings for Trump around 44%. The Rasmussen poll Trump has cited to “prove” his popularity is flawed; it only surveyed “likely voters” as opposed to the general population.
- Trump has often cited the media's pre-election predictions to “prove” how “fake” they are. This, too, is wrong. Polls by TV networks during the election were not “fake news.” In fact, most national polls were not far off the mark. The polls correctly showed Hillary Clinton winning the popular vote by a relatively small margin – in fact, she won the popular vote by *nearly three million*.

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A Glossary for These Times

“Don’t Conciliate...

Don’t Accommodate...

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In the face of Donald Trump’s election, revcom.us put out a call to “REFUSE To Accept a Fascist America,” saying, “Don’t Conciliate... Don’t Accommodate... Don’t Collaborate.”



Let’s break these terms down, and look at some history:

Definition: “Conciliating” means trying to *pacify* an antagonist by glossing over crucial differences and seeking “common ground.” Nowadays it goes like this: one after another, Democratic politicians—Bernie too!—declare their willingness to “work with Trump where we have common ground,” like rebuilding the U.S. infrastructure and creating jobs.

Some history: After Adolf Hitler and his Nazi party came to power in Germany in 1933, they organized major road-building and other public works projects, and later employed even more people by cranking up military production. Some celebrated this as “The German Economic Miracle.” But this was part of Hitler *consolidating his political power and popularity*, and *getting ready for World War 2*. It was not separate from his persecution and extermination of the Jews, Roma, and others, nor from unleashing his war machine on neighboring countries, killing tens of millions—it was *completely bound up with that*.

Those who “found common ground” helped legitimize one of the most murderous regimes in human history. And those who seek common ground with Trump are legitimizing his whole package of persecution of Muslims, mass deportations, violence against women, destruction of the environment and much more, regardless of any “criticisms” they may make of this (if they dare).

Lesson: Don’t Conciliate—Don’t *delude* yourself or others with talk about “common ground.” Recognize and call out this fascist onslaught for what it is and fight them hard, *now, before they have a chance to completely lock society down*.

Definition: “Accommodating” means accepting and adapting yourself to the new situation. “Go along to get along, don’t take any risks, learn to live with it... and maybe you can do something positive along the way.”

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Some history: When the Nazis took power, most influential Germans went on with their “normal” lives. Many formerly avant-garde or “leftist” artists “kept working”—even if it meant producing art for Nazi-themed-and-organized shows. Professors were silent as their Jewish colleagues were driven out of the universities, and then into concentration camps. A once-liberal cleric wrote “guidelines” targeting and isolating Christian pastors of Jewish descent. After the war he tried to justify this kind of behavior, saying “it was sometimes unavoidable first to emphasize that one was in agreement with the major goals of the state in order to gain any kind of hearing for what one was really aiming for.”

In reality, these people *betrayed* whatever “good things” they *thought* they were “really aiming for,” and set a horrible example for the broader population. Historian Robert Ericksen later asked whether the “ordinary Germans who became killers for the Nazi state felt that they had received permission from their churches or from their universities.”

Lesson: Don’t Accommodate—People must continue to organize and act with ever greater determination, defiance, and effectiveness to STOP Trump and his gang, taking bold measures, *putting careers and bodies on the line to do that.*

Definition: “Collaboration.” The logic of conciliation and accommodation leads directly to collaboration—actively working with the regime to carry out its objectives, sometimes out of sheer self-interest, sometimes with the deluded idea that you can “change things from within,” or at least “do a little bit of good.”

Some history: Under Nazi rule, all Jews were forced into crowded, walled-in ghettos with little food or sanitation... and then the regime began shipping people out from there to concentration camps, where they were worked to death or murdered.

The Nazi authorities worked with the Judenrat—councils of better-off Jewish people who acted as the “civil authority” *inside* the ghetto, and kept things running smoothly, *including by selecting and putting people on the death trains.* Some of the Judenrat thought that by doing this they would be in a position to “reason” with the Nazis so that, for instance, they would “only” murder criminal,

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or lower-class uneducated Jews and would spare the professionals who were more “valuable” to the German economy. Others thought they would at least save their own skins. What kind of logic is this?!? And the irony is that in both cases they were proved wrong—the Nazi death machine swept up and murdered every Jewish person it could, including finally the Judenrat themselves.

Lesson: Don’t collaborate, and don’t tolerate collaboration. Those who assist the regime in carrying out crimes against the people should be exposed, denounced, and ostracized.

Looking back on the bitter experience of conciliation, accommodation, and collaboration in Germany during the Nazi era, Martin Niemöller (a religious leader who at first went along with Hitler, then opposed him and was sent to a concentration camp) summed up:

“[We make] the excuse that ‘it would have cost me my head if I had spoken out.’ We preferred to keep silent.... I ask myself again and again, what would have happened, if in the year 1933 or 1934, 14,000 Protestant pastors and all Protestant communities in Germany had defended the truth until their deaths? If we had said back then, ‘It is not right when Hermann Göring simply puts 100,000 communists in concentration camps in order to let them die.’ I can imagine that perhaps 30,000 to 40,000 Protestant Christians would have had their heads cut off, but I can also imagine we would have rescued 30 to 40 million people, because that is what it [cost us].”

This is the orientation that these times demand.

