

Greetings!

## Politics and Love



The atrocities, cruelty, corruption, lies, hate and destruction by the current fascist regime continue unabated. So too does the giving, caring, supporting, protecting and protesting of hundreds of thousands of Americans committed to a broader community of love as evidenced by the people of Minneapolis and the sign that was part of Bad Bunny's Super Bowl show.

**The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace. —Gandhi**

**Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love —Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation and that is an act of political warfare. —Audre Lorde**

**Justice is what love looks like in public. —Cornell West**

**A politics of love is bold because love is bold. A politics of love does not just ask what's expedient; it asks what is right, and then seeks to do it. —Marianne Williamson**

As one Minneapolis resident said, "We are building an infrastructure of love."



**Stories, insights  
and action for a world  
that works for all of us**

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## Favorite Resources

[Fix the News](#)

(Future Crunch)

[Reasons to be Cheerful  
Chop Wood, Carry Water](#)

[350.org](#)

[Climate Reality Project](#)

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*We will and must resist  
and protest as long as it  
takes to get our  
democracy back*

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## Be Encouraged. . . Be Loud Be Bold

There were over 8 million people and 3300 worldwide protests on NoKings March 28th! It is estimated that there were one million new folks joining these protests.

As Ezra Levin of [Indivisible](#) said, "This event is not a landing pad but a launch pad for future actions."

Stay tuned for **May Day Strong**, a day of economic disruption, a day of no school, no work, no shopping to put the oligarchs enabling Trump's power grabs on notice. For now, enjoy this [gallery of protest photos](#) from *The Guardian*.

We want our government back.

We are a country with a government by the people. Not a government by one man!

We want a say in how our tax dollars are spent.

We want to live in a safe and stable world based on international cooperation which Donald J. Trump has single-handedly disrupted and destroyed.

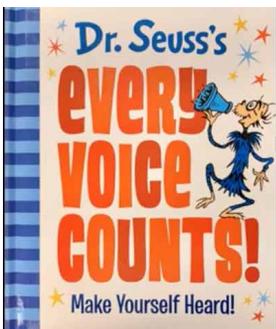


## "Living in a Time of Lunatics and Monsters"

“Not since Adolf Hitler blew his brains out in a bunker beneath the garden of the German Reich Chancellery on April 30, 1945, have the lives of so many people around the world been so buffeted by the psychosis of a single man.”

From "[Need to Know](#)" by David Rothkopf.

**Why has Trump launched a war against Iran on a whim, attacked other countries, and upended world trade?** Rothkopf answers, “Because he’s insane. Because he’s venal. Because he’s a malignant narcissist. Because he’s a sociopath. Because he has a fragile ego. Because those around him exacerbate and play to those traits to advance their own interests. Because CEOs and investors do likewise to fill their coffers. Because to some people, whether he is insane or malevolent or repugnant or not matters less than whether his actions will feather their nests, increase their power. Because they, the billionaires, play their games and the consequences for the little people down below, the consequences for us, hardly matter a whit.” [Read his post](#)



## Dr. Seuss says, "EVERY VOICE COUNTS" So does every vote

The more people we can encourage and help vote in the midterm elections the better our chances are of taking back the House and Senate from Trump loyalists who will not stand up for democracy, for human rights, for justice. [Here's what Dr. Seuss has to say](#). Here's a list of several top organizations working to REGISTER AND GET

OT THE VOTE! Our time starts now!

[thecivicscenter.org](#) : Mobilizing the youth vote in America.

[civicinfluencers.org](#): Also working to register young voters.

[vote.org](http://vote.org): Everything you need to know to vote.

[guides.vote](http://guides.vote): Non-partisan guide to how candidates stand on issues.

[votefwd.org](http://votefwd.org): Write letters to encourage folks to vote.

[Postcards to Swing States](#): Write postcards to help get out the vote.

[Blue Wave Postcards](#): An easy and straightforward way to reach voters.

[VoteRiders](#): Will tell you what you need to know in order to ensure you can vote.

[rockthevote.org](http://rockthevote.org): Find everything you need to vote.

**Find *your* way to make yourself heard.**



## Action Sites and Resources for Democracy and Our Planet

Given the continued threats to our democracy and our Earth, this resource guide lists our favorite sources of information, opportunities for action and hope. **We must protest**

**as long as it takes to get our democracy back.**

### Reclaiming and Protecting Our Democracy is Every Day

[Chop Wood, Carry Water, by Jessica Craven](#): Provides daily actions for our democracy. Always encouraging.

[Steady, by Dan Rather](#): Excellent commentary on current affairs.

[Today's Edition Newsletter, by Robert Hubbell](#): Reflections on and summary of today's news.

[Letters from an American, by Heather Cox Richardson](#): Commentary on current news.

[The Status Kuo, by Jay Kuo](#): Commentary and analysis of today's news. (I recommend "Surviving the Next Four Years" for strategies such as: avoid doom and despair; be a voice of hope, not fear; unplug from network news; commit small acts of resistance." [Read here](#).)

[Hopiium Chronicles, by Simon Rosenberg](#): Current analysis and frequent interviews.

[Indivisible.org](#): a good source for information on future rallies.

### Climate Action: Every Action Counts!

[Climate Action Now!](#): Subscribe and get an action to do every day, plus climate hope.

[100 Things You Can Do to Help in the Climate Crisis](#)

[15 Actions to Make a Difference](#)

**An old saying: We can all be the someone who is doing something.**

## All Kinds of Good News



### Ocean Cleanup

**The Ocean Cleanup Project** has announced its expansion into India to address plastic pollution by tackling approximately 5 million kg (5500 tons or 11 million pounds) of plastic expected to flow from Mumbai's rivers into the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean. This effort is part of a broader suite of



### Conservation and Restoration

**China is leading the way in the restoration of degraded lands.**

China's has turned a desert rim into a carbon sink. Massive afforestation around the edges of the Taklamakan Desert has boosted vegetation cover and photosynthesis to the point where that region now absorbs more CO<sub>2</sub> than it

recent deployments focused on reducing riverine plastic inputs across Asia and improving local infrastructure to intercept waste before it reaches oceans.

As of December 2025, the non-profit has collected over 46 million kilograms (101.4 million pounds) of trash from aquatic ecosystems around the world. [Read here.](#)



### Vienna Swaps Parking for Green Spaces

Vienna reclaims street space by ending free parking and turning parking spots into shade, trees and Dutch-style cycling. The city has run over 350 projects to swap asphalt for green/public space, including a ‘Dutch-inspired’ cycling street where 140 parking bays became 1.3 km of bike lanes and planting.

[Here's the article with inspiring photos.](#) And a good summary from the [Optimist Daily](#) here. "It's not just about cars, it's about choice."

releases. This is particularly impressive because the area has long been considered a “biological void” (these are actual words used by scientists). [Read more and see photos of how they rework sand dunes into plantable land.](#)

China has also added or rejuvenated over a million hectares (about 2.5 million acres) of wetlands since 2012 through 3,800 restoration projects, backed by new national and provincial wetland laws.



### Giant tortoises are back in the Galapagos Islands after nearly 200 years.

Conservation and community; the photos in [this article](#) say it all.

## Wisdom for Our Time



“My faith teaches me to love my neighbor as myself. Not just my neighbor who looks like me. Not just my neighbor who prays like me. Not just my neighbor who votes like me. I am called to love all of my neighbors the way I love myself.”

—James Talarico, candidate for Senate from Texas

### Get Your Kicks on Route 66



April 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of Route 66, the highway that spanned 2,448 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles. Construction began in 1926 and a paved road was finally



**Time to shout!**  
**Time to be loud!**  
**Time to act!**

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We have been thrown into war on the whim of our fascist president.

completed in 1938. Probably many of us have driven parts of memorable Route 66. Memorial celebrations are planned along the route from April 29-May 3. [This 15 minute video](#) takes you on a fascinating journey of 100 years of this iconic road.

*Wishing you all the best on your own route this April.  
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There is a way for us to keep our balance during the chaos. Read "[The Song Beneath the Storm](#)" by Rev. Trimble. Keep the faith. Keep singing.

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