

Greetings!

Make America Kind Again



I first saw this rallying cry on t-shirts worn by supporters of James Talarico, Democratic candidate for Senate in Texas. This sentiment is echoed in protest signs around the country.

FIGHT TYRANNY WITH COMPASSION!

HATE DOES NOT MAKE AMERICA GREAT!

BRING BACK DECENCY AND COMPASSION!

**CHOOSE KINDNESS: SHOW EMPATHY:
DEMAND JUSTICE: KEEP MARCHING**

**WE NO LONGER HAVE A DIFFERENCE IN POLITICAL
OPINION;
WE HAVE A DIFFERENCE IN MORALITY**

**THIS IS NOT A LEFT OR RIGHT MOMENT.
IT IS A RIGHT OR WRONG MOMENT.**

MAKE RACISM WRONG AGAIN!

IMMIGRANTS ARE WELCOME HERE!

HELPING OTHERS CREATES DEMOCRACY!

James Talarico did a short interview on MS NOW that speaks to the heart of all Americans who want peace, caring and morality to prevail in this country and the world. Even though the interview was several weeks ago it is still relevant. It is refreshing. It is inspiring. [Watch the interview here.](#)



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

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*Justice is what love looks  
like in public.*

Cornell West

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Favorite Resources

[Fix the News](#)

(Future Crunch)

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Chop Wood, Carry Water](#)

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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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This Month's Features



WE MAKE OUR FUTURE

Make America . . .

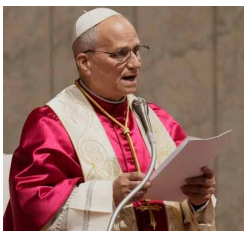
a responsible, contributing global nation again.

a nation that carries the torch for democracy again.

a respected and respectful nation again.

a force for good in the world again.

a nation that abides by the rule of law and international treaties again.



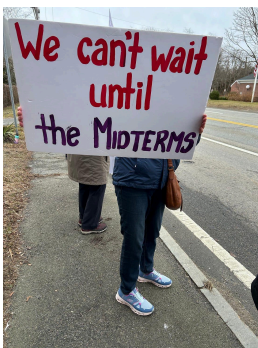
ENOUGH!

Enough of the idolatry of self and money.

Enough of the display of power.

Enough of war."

—Pope Leo XIV



Free and Fair Elections? (Part 2)

We should expect our failing and unpopular President to do everything he can to keep Republicans in control of Congress. If the Democrats win the majority he will likely be impeached.

In an interview with Marc Elias (*Democracy Docket*) Glenn Kirschner was asked how he felt about the midterms. He says that we must be aware of the danger and think positively toward the outcome in November. He discusses how blue states and the courts are already preparing for Trump's election challenges.

Here are excerpts: "Do we really believe Donald Trump will back off and will stop trying to interfere in our elections? Or do we believe he will ratchet it up to new, insane, unlawful levels? I'm going with the latter. I also happen to think — and I don't want to come across as Pollyanna — that we are too big and too strong and too many. That we're going to get to the polls in numbers too big to rig and too real to steal."

He goes on: "And I think his attempt to interfere will be viewed as exactly what it is: lawless and desperate. And I think the courts will be up to the challenge. I think state law enforcement and state leadership will be up to the challenge. And **I think the results of the midterms will be spectacular for democracy.** I really do. That is my fervent hope and even my belief." (my emphasis.)

In this interview the relevant paragraphs cited above are in paragraphs 12-14 from the bottom. [Here is the full interview.](#)

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 a list of some of the top organizations working to REGISTER AND GET OUT THE VOTE!

thecivicscenter.org : Mobilizing the youth vote in America.

civicinfluencers.org: Also working to register young voters.

vote.org: Everything you need to know to vote.

guides.vote: Non-partisan guide to how candidates stand on issues.

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: Find everything you need to vote.



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.

Reclaiming and Protecting Our Democracy Now

[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.](#))

[Hopium 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



Rewilding Europe

"**Libre Evolution!**" France has joined the European Rewilding Network, a continent-wide collaboration now linking 105 rewilding projects across 29 countries. The program promotes libre évolution or "free evolution," allowing forests, rivers, wetlands and farmland to regenerate with minimal human intervention. By connecting landowners, conservationists and communities, the network is accelerating large-scale ecosystem recovery across Europe. [Read here.](#)



Birding Fly Route

Five southern African countries have launched Africa's first cross-border birding route. The new route spans 36 protected areas across Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe (a region larger than France and Germany combined) and stitches together birding zones in the Kavango, Zambezi, Chobe, Kwando and Kafue river systems. Dubbed The Rivers of Life, it connects ancient migratory corridors that support more than 650 bird species, linking biodiversity protection with regional eco-tourism. [Flight news here.](#)

Cooperation & Conservation

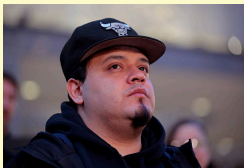
India and Nepal have signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding), a new conservation pact to deepen cooperation on forests, wildlife, biodiversity and climate. The pact prioritises restoring wildlife corridors, building transboundary conservation landscapes and strengthening action against forest and wildlife crime, while setting landscape-level strategies for key species including elephants, Gangetic dolphins, rhinos, snow leopards, tigers and vultures. [Read here.](#)



Global Coalition forms to protect the Amazon

A network of 150 partners around the world have joined to protect 165,000 sq. miles of the Amazon. The momentum of this work is driven by local leadership, collective knowledge, and stewardship that safeguard biodiversity, sustain cultural vitality, and expand economic opportunities for future generations. [Read more here.](#)

Wisdom for Our Time

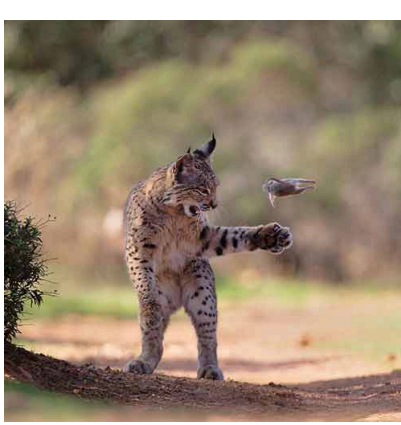


"Regardless of this administration, I believe this is a country of laws, and I believe that this injustice will come to its end. Keep fighting. Do not give up. I wish all of you love and justice. Keep going." —Kilmar Abrego Garcia

Wildlife Photos of the Year Top prize to "Flying Rodent"



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



A young Iberian lynx is photographed here having fun with its captured rodent. Once near extinction with fewer than 100 individuals in the early 2000s, the species has rebounded to over 2,000 through sustained conservation and reintroduction efforts. [See other captivating photographs here.](#)

*Happy May!
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Time to act!

Time to soak up a long list of good news put together by Jessica Craven in her post of April 26th. [Extra! Extra!](#)

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