

Greetings!

"A Beacon of Hope"



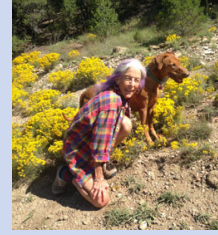
The Obama Presidential Center opened on Juneteenth. It is a 19 acre campus located in Chicago's Jackson Park and includes a museum, a library, exhibits, playgrounds and athletic facilities.

Michele Obama gave [a stirring 15 minute speech](#) in which she called the Center a "beacon of hope." The place and the speech are inspiring and hopeful.

President Obama talked about the power of our shared values and beliefs.

"It's why the exhibits here focus not just on policies but on the shared values that make democracy possible. A belief in the intrinsic dignity and worth of all people, and that no one is above the law or beneath its protection. A belief in checks and balances in our government, and an accountability that comes with an independent judiciary, and a robust free press. A belief that our military and law enforcement owe allegiance not to any president or political party, but to the people and our Constitution. A belief in the peaceful transfer of power after the people have spoken in fair and free elections, recognizing that in a large, complicated society like ours, no group or faction gets its way 100% of the time. And a belief that qualities of character, honesty, integrity, kindness, compassion, a sense of duty and honor, those things matter in our public dealings, just as they do in our private lives."

[Here are President Obama's full remarks.](#)



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*Justice is what love looks  
like in public.*

Cornell West

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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



Did you know?

The Trump administration is going all out to undermine the midterm elections by making voting difficult or impossible. But here's the thing:

There are 340 million of us! There are 50 states, 3,140 counties, and 100,000 polling locations. We have armies of well-trained, highly effective lawyers poised to challenge any unlawful move by Trump. We have the advantage. All we have to do is turnout and help others do the same. *The complete*

answer to voter suppression is turnout. —Robert Hubbell



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.

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.

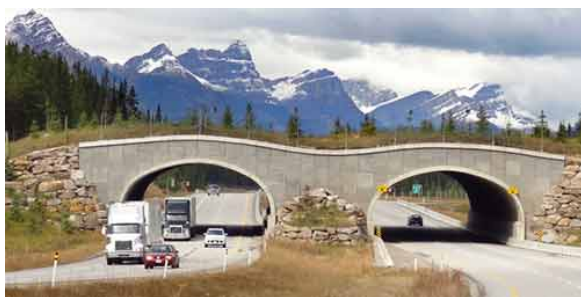
Postcards to Swing States: Write postcards to help get out the vote.

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.

All Kinds of Good News



Wildlife Crossings

Four states — Utah, Virginia, Idaho, and Oregon — have just successfully passed legislation that will bolster state transportation budgets to build more wildlife crossings and make it easier to expand wildlife crossing infrastructure. Wildlife crossings see strong bipartisan support across the country, with lawmakers from both parties championing their development. This is likely due to the fact that overpasses and underpasses



Japan's "89 Percent Project"

136 news organizations across Japan are working together to remind people, through TV announcements and daily social media posts, that 89% of Japanese people support stronger climate action.

Inspired by Covering Climate Now's "89 Percent Project," every television

designed for animals are highly effective in reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions — some studies estimate by over 90%. [Read more here.](#)



Bravo Brazil!

Under President Lula deforestation in Brazil has fallen to its lowest level in a decade. From January to June, an estimated 500 square miles of forest were cleared in the Brazilian Amazon, a 38 percent drop compared with the same period last year, according to Brazil's National Institute for Space Research (INPE). It was also the lowest overall decrease since 2016. In recent years, deforestation in Brazil reached a peak around 2022, under Lula's far-right predecessor Jair Bolsonaro. That year saw the clearing of an area 13 times the size of New York City.

Lula is currently campaigning for his fourth non-consecutive term as president; previously, he served two terms from 2003 to 2011.

[Read more here.](#)

station and network in Japan began a two-year program this spring of airing public service commercials pointing out that 89% of people in Japan support climate action. "Talking about climate change is an essential first step towards doing something about it."

[Read here.](#)



Africa's Restoration Projects

The TerraFund operates 198 projects across 27 African countries. Since 2022, TerraFund has created more than 108,000 new jobs, supported more than 504,000 people and engaged nearly 88,000 community volunteers. The projects are empowering women and youth, advancing education, and providing economic opportunity as well as restoring land. [Read this good news story here.](#)

Wisdom for Our Time



"“You’re allowed to think about the worst possible scenario. But you gotta go out there and do something about it.”
—Jalen Brunson, New York Knicks star point guard.

IMAGINE



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

**Time to soak up a long
list of good news and**



This song by John Lennon never ceases to bring me to tears of hope and longing. It also keeps me doing what I can to make the vision a reality. [Watch this YouTube here.](#)

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