

RESOURCE LIST FOR NONVIOLENT RESPONSE TO A COUP ATTEMPT

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The following is the beginning of a list of available resources to help us become better prepared to engage an effective, strategic nonviolent response to a coup attempt.

Let's pool our information, SVFM, and add to this list so as to develop a comprehensive resource that anyone in the meeting can access.

To add an item to this Resource List, send information to Maggie O'Neill at oneill.maggie9@gmail.com, including usable link and what category you wish to place it in.

How this list is organized:

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- F. UPCOMING EVENTS
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A. LITERATURE TO HELP UNDERSTAND STRATEGY BUILDING

Chenoweth, E. and Stephan, M.: Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict. NY: Columbia University Press, 2011.

Engler, M. & Engler, P.: This is an Uprising: How Nonviolent Revolt is Shaping the Twenty-First Century. NY: Nation Books, 2016.

Lakey, G.: How We Win: A Guide to Nonviolent Direct Action Campaigning. Brooklyn, NY: Melville House Publishing, 2018.

Moyer, B. (et. al.): Doing Democracy: The MAP Model for Organizing Social Movements. Gabriola Island, BC, Canada: New Society Publishers, 2001.

Sharp, G.: From Dictatorship to Democracy: A Conceptual Framework for Liberation. Boston: The Albert Einstein Institution. First printing, 2002. No copyright. The author has intentionally placed this material in the public domain.

Sharp, G.: How Nonviolent Struggle Works. Boston: The Albert Einstein Institution, 2013.

Zunes, Stephen: Civil Resistance against Coups: A Comparative and Historical Perspective, 2018.

B. TED Talks (www.ted.com)

Jamila Raqib: The Secret to Effective Nonviolent Resistance.

(https://www.ted.com/talks/jamila_raqib_the_secret_to_effective_nonviolent_resistance)

Scilla Elworthy: Fighting with Nonviolence

(https://www.ted.com/talks/scilla_elworthy_fighting_with_non_violence)

Srdja Popovic: How to Topple a Dictator

(https://www.ted.com/talks/srdja_popovic_how_to_topple_a_dictator)

Julia Bacha: Pay Attention to Nonviolence

(https://www.ted.com/talks/julia_bacha)

Van Jones: What If a Presidential Candidate Refuses to Concede After an Election

https://www.ted.com/talks/van_jones_what_if_a_us_presidential_candidate_refuses_to_concede_after_an_election?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare

C. OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

The Albert Einstein Institution (www.aeinstein.org)

- A variety of monographs and pamphlets are available in PDF as free downloads.

Waging Nonviolence (www.wagingnonviolence.org)

- Articles on history, strategies, and current nonviolent campaigns. Many of George Lakey's articles are archived on this site and are well worth reading. Other writers are also making insightful contributions, especially Daniel Hunter.

ICNC (International Center on Nonviolent Conflict) has a rich resource library. There are several classic resources available for download via their website, including

- The Anti-Coup by Gene Sharp and Bruce Jenkins
- Training Manual for Nonviolent Defense against the Coup d'état

<https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org>

The Social Dilemma

<https://www.thesocialdilemma.com/>

A documentary that can be viewed on Netflix. Here is a statement from The Social Dilemma website: "Never before have a handful of tech designers had such control over the way billions of us think, act, and live our lives. We tweet, we like, and we share— but what are the consequences of our growing dependence on social media? This documentary-drama hybrid reveals how social media is reprogramming civilization with tech experts sounding the alarm on their own creations. "

Securing Democracy in a Conflicted Election: Resources for Educators

https://www.peace-ed-campaign.org/securing-democracy-in-a-conflicted-election-resources-for-educators/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=monthly-Nov+2020

Relevant US Election History (requires NY Times subscription)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/11/opinion/trump-concession-transition.html>

The article discusses contested elections, such as those in 1800, 1860, and in the reconstruction era of the 1880s, as well as options of the current president to threaten US democracy.

“Fresh Air” interview with Journalist Garrett Garth

<https://www.npr.org/2020/11/12/934117807/journalist-details-potential-mischief-of-trumps-remaining-weeks-in-office>

Garth gives predictions of what actions may be taken during the Lame Duck period as well as what the current president may do after leaving Washington.

Importance of Georgia Runoff Elections

https://www.yesmagazine.org/opinion/2020/11/18/election-georgia-local-organizing/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=YESDaily_20201120&utm_content=YESDaily_20201120+CID_f72545a534eeb60fa908dd69ac2646e7&utm_source=CM&utm_term=Read%20the%20full%20story

D. ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Choose Democracy is the organization that is offering the “How to Beat an Election-Related Power Grab” hosted by George Lakey and Zein Nakhoda. Many in SVFM have participated already. Additional trainings are offered if you’re interested.

<https://choosedemocracy.us>

The **Blackout Collective** offers online training, and helpful resources for staying safe.

www.blackoutcollective.org

Eileen Flanagan is a Philadelphia Quaker who has developed a comprehensive resource for training and discernment:

<https://eileenflanagan.teachable.com/p/finding-your-role>

The **community safety toolkit** offers helpful information and resources for staying safe.

<https://www.visionchangewin.com/services-and-programs/community-safety/>

The **Coup-O-Meter** assesses risk and has a number of links to other helpful resources. <https://isthisacoup.com>

The **Hold the Line Guide** outlines a four-step process for defending democracy. It is a downloadable document that also includes links to helpful organizations.

<https://holdthelineguide.com/>

ICNC has also hosted an hourlong webinar taught by Stephen Zunes on “How Can Civil Resistance Work against Violent Coups?”

<https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/can-civil-resistance-work-violent-coups/>

E. ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN DIRECT ACTION

Protect the Results is a national website linking actions around the country.

- Under the “Resources” tab there is a Host toolkit and a Social Media toolkit.
- Under the “Partners” tab they link to the websites of nearly 150 organizations that are mobilizing resistance. That alone is reason for hope!

<https://protecttheresults.com>

The Asheville chapter of **Indivisible**, working with Protect the Results <https://indivisibleavl.org/>

The Asheville Nonviolent Coalition to Protect Democracy and Prevent a Coup For efficiency, smaller affinity groups were formed to decide upon and initiate actions. Six SVFM Friends at one meeting were recognized by the facilitator as a potential “Quaker affinity” group. For more info, ask Beth Keiser (elizakeiser@aol.com, or 828 707 4271)

Choose Democracy has added a new action center to their website which includes several immediate steps Friends can take as well as helpful links to other resources.

https://choosedemocracy.us/take-action/?link_id=0&can_id=53a4f5fb26689d79001570259419900f&source=email-is-this-a-coup-2&email_referrer=email_976366&email_subject=brand-new-action-center-to-prevent-a-coup#.X5tH5y3MylM

Poor people's campaign

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/committee/north-carolina/>

Protect the Election/ Contact State Election Officials

https://www.protectourelection.com/contact-state-election-officials?sp_ref=681408046.392.211438.f.0.2&fbclid=IwAR1Nb0DF4sqV2prRjvG_RZ-IGjYqF-p8EoIDLmDXVym4H4IzhovuBFYIMZs

Braver Angels (formerly Better Angels) is a nationwide organization dedicated to facilitating dialogue across political divides. They have a new initiative called “Hold America Together” that is worth checking out.

https://braverangels.org/hat-initiative/?link_id=3&can_id=53a4f5fb26689d79001570259419900f&source=email-new-poll-56-of-americans-expect-election-violence&email_referrer=email_976422&email_subject=new-poll-over-70-of-americans-want-the-two-sides-to-work-together-despite-election-fears

F. UPCOMING EVENTS

Steps to Start a Shrimp Farm, Sunrise Asheville and Asheville Democratic Socialists of America
Includes Crucial Reading and Calendar of Actions.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hfa5vbcQPvYCa-dtgPvRDRRRYje_q_8bt27K23CydqU/edit

“Let’s be neighbors” sign

An invitation to show up for community by communicating a welcome to others

<https://www.letsbeneighbors.org/>

December 5-6: Massachusetts Peace Action Conference: Preparing Our Movements for the Next Four Years –Progressive Strategy Conference

Contact Susan Ikenberry for more info sjikenberry@yahoo.com

G. LIST OF WHAT SVFM MEMBERS ARE DOING/ OR COULD DO

In the event of a coup

- **Support for those on the streets** - meals, water, supplies
- **Presence on the streets** - physical, car caravan
- **Alternative presence on the streets** - singing, open worship
- **Witness and document** - the direct actions by others

To promote election integrity

- **SVFM Letter:** Write a letter that could be signed by those members who would like to and be sent to such leaders or as an op-ed to the Citizen-Times
- **Letter-writing:** Draft talking points that individuals could have to write their own individual letters and emails asking for public statements to be made protecting vote count.
- **Financial support**
- **Other:** Tweet storm, share info on social media, phone and texting
- **Postcarding to Georgia voters for runoff election turnout – organized by *Indivisible Black Mountain***
Contact Maggie O’Neill to get more postcards and addresses oneill.maggie9@gmail.com

To promote community unity

- **Friends Weaving Community** committee meets weekly on Zoom.
For more information. Contact Susan Murty, susan-murty@uiowa.edu
- **Post sign** at SVFM - “You Are Our Neighbors” – will be discussed at Dec 6 MFWAB
<https://www.letsbeneighbors.org/>
- **Encourage SVFM members** to purchase and post one of these signs at their homes and/or businesses /
- Formalize a **partnership** with local churches
- Organize a **car caravan** to promote unity
- **Read** *Everyday Ubuntu: Living Better Together, the African Way*, by Mungi Ngomane (granddaughter of Desmond Tutu) https://www.amazon.com/Everyday-Ubuntu-Living-Together-African/dp/0062977555/ref=sr_1_1?crid=RAUX0P7MNN1N&dchild=1&keywords=everyday+ubuntu&qid=1606065832&s=books&sprefix=Everyday+u%2Caps%2C207&sr=1-1
- **STAND WITH LOVE SIGNS** with Ruth Pittard, on corner in Black Mountain, Wednesdays at 5 pm
- **Listen to hymn** suggested by Marvin Schrock, “Restless Weaver, Ever Spinning”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jltm8X4QSMw>