

## NON-PARTISAN OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT AND GET INVOLVED WITH ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO PROTECT DEMOCRACY

### WEBSITES

COMMON CAUSE – Massachusetts - [commoncause.org/massachusetts](https://commoncause.org/massachusetts)

- VOTING & ELECTIONS Campaigns – The Votes Act, Same Day Voter Registration, Automatic Voter Registration and Election Protection
- GERRYMANDERING
- MONEY & INFLUENCE (Campaigns) – Citizen Funded Elections, Democracy Amendment to overturn Citizens United, Foreign Corporations, Disclosure & Transparency
- ETHICS & TRANSPARENCY

RECLAIM OUR DEMOCRACY - This website provides useful information to help you better understand authoritarianism and why it is gaining support among certain political leaders, how we got to this point, and what is needed to thwart authoritarianism and help reclaim our democracy. <https://reclaimourdemocracy.org/>

UU FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE - <https://uusj.net/wp1/> The UUSJ Democracy Action Team's long-term goal is to **help save our democracy from the powerful forces attacking it**. These forces are evident in the widespread efforts to deny voting rights, the violent attempt to overturn the results of a free and fair election, and the efforts to make our national legislative bodies ineffective.

DECLARATION FOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY- <https://dfadcoalition.org/> The Declaration for American Democracy is an anti-oppression coalition working together to make the promise of democracy real for all of us. We believe our democratic systems, institutions, and leaders must reflect, represent, and respect the diverse, multicultural nation that we are and have always been. For democracy to work for all of us, it must include all of us and address the deep systemic, institutional challenges that continue to block meaningful progress to this day. As America's diversity continues to grow, so must our democracy.

FAITHFUL DEMOCRACY - <https://faithfuldemocracy.us/> While our partners represent a diversity of beliefs and traditions, we unite around the common goal of creating a healthier, thriving democracy. We recognize that, on a practical level, only a healthy, well-functioning democracy has the capacity to attend to any of the issues our faith calls us to address: systemic racism, climate change, hunger, violence, poverty, healthcare and more.

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN - [poorpeoplescampaign.org](https://poorpeoplescampaign.org) Tens of millions of people live in every region, state and county of the country, confronting the unnecessary injustices of poverty and economic insecurity, systemic racism, the denial of health care, ecological devastation, wealth inequality and rampant militarism every day.

VOTER PARTICIPATION CENTER – a nationwide non-profit engaged in large-scale registration of voters that make up the new American majority – [voterparticipation.org](https://voterparticipation.org)

WHEN WE ALL VOTE – Created by Michelle Obama, offers multiple ways that individuals and community groups can engage voters - [whenweallvote.org](https://whenweallvote.org)

BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE – [brennancenter.org](http://brennancenter.org) conducts rigorous research to identify problems and provide in-depth empirical findings and compelling analyses of pressing legal and policy issues. They also pioneer and champion policy solutions, such as automatic voter registration and small-donor public financing.

VET THE VOTE – A national campaign to recruit veterans and military family members to become the next generation of poll workers [vetthe.vote](http://vetthe.vote)

THE CIVICS CENTER – Focuses on registration and engagement of young people, especially 18 year olds and in high school – [thecivicscenter.org](http://thecivicscenter.org)

ROCK THE VOTE is dedicated to the building the political power of young people. [Rockthevote.org](http://Rockthevote.org)  
STUDENTS LEARN STUDENTS VOTE – Is the largest nonpartisan network in the country dedicated to increasing student voter participation. [slsvcoalition.org](http://slsvcoalition.org)

HEAD COUNT – uses the power of music to register voters to promote participation in democracy – [headcount.org](http://headcount.org)

### **BOOKS**

David Pepper – **Saving Democracy** – A User Manual for Every American

Rachael Maddow – **Prequel** – An American Fight Against Fascism

Madeline Albright – **Fascism: A Warning**

Nancy MacLean – **Democracy in Chains**

Steven Levitsky & Daniel Ziblatt -**How Democracies Die & Tyranny of the Minority**

Steven Phillips - **How We Win the Civil War**

Frances Moore Lappe and Adam Eichen- **Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning and Connection for the America We Want**

Katherine M. Gehl and Michael E. Porter- **Why Competition in the Politics Industry is Failing America: A Strategy for Reinvigorating Our Democracy**

Ruth Ben-Ghiat – **Strongmen: Mussolini to The Present**