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Forward Ever, Backward Never: Defeat Project 2025



LEFT:
Protest at DNC.
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BOTTOM LEFT:
San Francisco
protest. New law
forces RV dwellers
out.
Photo /
Sarah Menefee

BOTTOM RIGHT:
Hurricane Helene.
FL. Jamir Lewis and
his daughters wade
through waters.
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Make Your Vote Count

By Georgia de la Garza

This 2024 election is gaining on us and the pressure to get to the ballot box is intense and in many states, confusing. Race-based gerrymandering, voter purging, postal service hoarding, fear propaganda—this suppression is created to be inconvenient and exhausting. We cannot give up and walk away in this election. We must be vigilant with our vote. It has to count and it needs to count in big numbers. Don't take it for granted you are registered. Check your registration status. Make

sure your driver's license is valid and locate your polling place. Don't take it for granted it's where it always was. Absolutely do not wait until election day. That tradition could cost you your vote. Vote early! Vote in person or if you plan on a mail-in ballot, take it to the post office and take a picture of yourself handing over your ballot to secure the date you dropped it off. If you are getting the run-around at your polling place, demand an election judge to assist you. Fight for your vote to be counted. Let the world see us united.

What to Do During and After the Elections

From the Editors

The 2024 elections are happening at a time of deep crisis in our country and world. Our rights are under attack. The "major" political parties disappoint many people. Among those who value peace, the Earth, human rights, social justice and democracy, there is a debate about what to do. Some are supportive of Harris, while others are so disgusted with both the

Democratic and Republican parties that they will either vote for third parties or not vote. Others insist that regardless of the Democrats' shortcomings, the most important thing at the moment is to push back the extreme right and keep Trump and his Project 2025, the far-right blueprint for eliminating democracy (including voting), out of the White House.

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'The America We Should Strive For'

Springfield's Caring Spirit

A social media meme went viral that praised the humanitarianism of Springfield, Ohio following the verbal assault launched on Haitians in the Presidential debate. "This is so awesome," said the meme. "There are reports that local Springfield residents are packing Haitian restaurants to show support for their contributions to the neighborhood. This is the America we should strive for." In other cities too, organizations, churches and ordinary people

rallied to the Haitians' defense. A Columbus, Ohio councilman summed up people's caring spirit with these words: "[Our] strength lies in us being together as a unified community... because today it's Haiti, and tomorrow it's another country. It is a narrative that ... isn't fair and it creates chaos and uncertainty and an unsafe environment for entire communities, cities and countries. And certainly, here in the city of Columbus, we will not stand for it."



Residents pack Haitian restaurants in Springfield. PHOTO / FACEBOOK

If Immigrants and Nonimmigrants Fight for Each Other, We All Win

By Bob Lee

Migrants, immigrants and refugees surely see America as a bundle of contradictions. Our country, a beacon of hope for some, shows its most brutal face at the militarized border: shooting them with pepper balls, lining the border with deadly razor wire, separating families, detaining people in miserable conditions, abusing people with violence and sexual assault, denying people the right to claim asylum. Many people suffer and some die trying to cross the border, and then, those who do make it in are denied things like labor rights and social services (even though they pay taxes), and are endangered by the lies of grandstanding politicians. An especially ugly lie

is one that tries to pit African Americans and immigrants against each other.

But, on the other hand millions of Americans are rejecting the lies, and thousands are stepping forward to aid newcomers in a variety of ways, including food, shelter, legal assistance and political advocacy, and welcoming the benefit of newcomers' skills and ideas.

All of us suffer when our country mistreats immigrants, migrants and refugees. The militarization of the border, which extends 100 miles inland, restricts democracy for us all. Abusing immigrants and limiting their rights sets the stage

for denying everyone's rights.

As author David Bacon put it earlier this year, "Overcoming today's increasingly reactionary and dangerous right-wing threat requires the unity of immigrants and nonimmigrants: each must fight for the other."



Families Belong Together protest, Chicago, 2018.

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Don't Steal Our Shelter!

Groups vow to keep organizing

By Sarah Menefee

Emboldened by a recent Supreme Court ruling that cities can now take homeless people's tents and possessions and harass and arrest them, whether they have shelter to offer or not, California's Democratic Governor Newsom, who supported this cruel ruling, has now ordered cities to step up sweeps of encampments and the towing of vehicle homes, creating greater havoc in homeless communities, prompting more calls for solutions by the displaced and their advocates.

In Sacramento, the city cut off water to the independent sanctioned RV community Camp Resolution in the midst of an historic heat wave, and then brutally evicted its majority female, elder and disabled residents. One of those displaced is Jeanne, a violinist, described by Crystal Sanchez of the Sacramento Homeless Union, as "a beautiful musician, beyond talented, who plays at local

venues with bands." Many are now in medical crisis and without shelter. Lawsuits against the city have been launched.

In Los Angeles, Oakland, Berkeley, Fresno, Santa Cruz and other California cities, removals of unhoused communities are ramping up. People ask: 'Where Do We Go?' and 'Move On to Where?'

In San Francisco, the mayor proposed a new ordinance to fast-track the towing of RVs and other vehicles, which house hundreds of people, many of them families. Rallies to 'Stop the Poor Tows' were held in protest of this mean law. Dozens of RV residents and advocates spoke before the SFMTA, the body that would oversee the removals. Despite heartfelt pleas and testimonies, the ordinance passed. Here are words of some who spoke:

Lukas Illa, Human Right Organizer with the Coalition on Homelessness: "Working people with vehicular housing are being pushed from



Protesting San Francisco's law evicting vehicle dwellers. PHOTO / SARAH MENEFEE

street to street where they face harassment from both city workers and neighbors alike."

Santos: "I want housing and nada mas! I'm fed up at how I'm treated, dealing with the cops and the city. The solution is housing for everybody."

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Ban Fossil Fuels. Join the Movement!

As carbon dioxide continues to fill our atmosphere at a rising rate, causing water temperatures in the Gulf to rise to 90°F, Big Oil and their 60 big bank funders continue to rake in big profits. While they spew lies and propaganda about global warming, ignoring scientists, we are suffering extreme more frequent weather and disasters like Hurricane Helene. If it wasn't for organizations like the Rocking Chairs and Sunrise, seniors and youth groups working together all over the country and globally, calling out banks funding fossil fuel, how much longer would we be in the dark? Their fearless efforts are heroic. We watched many of them getting arrested this past year protesting banks like Citi, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and Chase. If we don't all stand up and join the movement, we will actually collapse as a civilization.



Hurricane Helene demolished this Florida home.

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What to Do During and After the Elections

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We at the People's Tribune feel it's crucial to defeat Trump and Project 2025. But this is not an endorsement of the Democratic Party. The people have been driven backward over many years by both Democratic and Republican administrations. Many remain deeply disappointed at the Democrats' stands on issues such as the economy, climate, immigration, housing, healthcare, police violence, gun violence and the genocide in Palestine. It's clear that, regardless of who wins the election, the people will have a fight on their hands to stop the wars, feed and house people, and build a real democracy.

Again, this is not an endorsement of the Democratic Party, but rather a call to defend what little democracy remains by, at this moment, keeping Trump and Project 2025 out of the White House. If Trump loses, then we the people will have a little more maneuverability to broaden and unify a movement of tens of millions of workers in this country. So stopping Trump does not mean we stop applying pressure to the Democrats on our issues. It simply means voting to defeat Project 2025.

A broad movement against corporate power and for democracy, peace, justice, equality and prosperity for all is rising up in America. It will not let anyone stand in its way as it pushes forward to create a free society that nurtures and protects all of its people.

Michigan's Prescient Lesson Vote While You Still Can!!!

National, statewide, and local candidates deluge voters with the upcoming November elections. Yet not enough attention is given to the threat to our Democratic rights as we've known them.

Ask Michigan how Benton Harbor lost its precious public park, how Pontiac lost almost all its Public Services (Police, Fire Department, and EMS), how Detroit was forced into bankruptcy while its world class Municipal Water System was regionalized. Lastly, how Flint became a victim of the infamous water crisis, derived from the Michigan Emergency Manager (dictatorship) law. The Michigan Center for Public Policy designed the blueprint for that law. The seizure of public assets (aka privatization) was and is the end game. Governed by edict, this model has metastasized into the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025.

While Michigan's Emergency Managers were dispatched to reign supreme over targeted Michigan cities and school boards, Project 2025 proposes that the entire Federal bureaucracy be placed under direct presidential control. Now a President becomes Dictator in Chief, with already broad immunity, courtesy

of the Supreme Court. With a roll back in protections from EPA, for example, how does one grieve the poisoning of water such as in Flint — which still does not have clean water.

The notorious Heritage Foundation uses a narrative of blaming immigrants to justify its dystopian agenda, just as the Michigan Center

for Public Policy used African-American elected officials to pedal its corporate objectives.

All who care about defending and expanding our freedoms dare not avoid using the VOTE, while we can. This along with other social justice activities is one tool in the toolbox to secure political power.



Residents protest dismantling of democracy in Flint, MI, two years before the disastrous water crisis.

PHOTO / DAYMONJHARTLEY.COM

AMERICA'S NOT BROKE. WE'RE BEING ROBBED.

IBM got a \$324M tax rebate on \$500M in profits

Amazon got a \$129M tax rebate on \$11B in profits

Netflix paid no income tax on \$856M in profits

Coors got a \$23M tax rebate on \$1.3B in profits

GM reported a negative tax rate on \$4.3B in profits

Abortion Tragedies and a Georgia Victory

By Karel Riley

Two Black women recently died in Georgia because they were unable to obtain basic abortion health care due to hospitals and doctors fearing prosecution under that state's six-week abortion ban. Democracy is strangled as people's bodily autonomy is taken away.

However, Fulton County Judge Robert McBurney struck down Georgia's abortion ban as unconstitutional in October, leaving an earlier law allowing abortion up to 22 weeks in effect. The judge wrote in his ruling that "liberty in Georgia" includes "the power of a woman to control her own body . . . and to reject state

interference with her healthcare choices." The judge wrote that "women are not some piece of collectively owned community property the disposition of which is decided by majority vote."

One of the reasons victory came about was because grassroots organizations such as Sister Song Women of Color Reproduction Justice Collective and others filed a lawsuit against the State of Georgia, and the county judge took a firm stand on the side of justice. "Georgia has an opportunity to ensure we are able to live beyond tragic circumstances, to ensure that physicians will be able to act in their expertise, and to ensure that no one else

has to die unnecessarily," said the director of the Feminist Women's Healthcare Center.

The struggle continues. The ruling will be appealed by the State.

This case reveals who we elect at the local and state levels is critically important, and when they do not represent our wishes, we organize to oppose them, and victory is possible.

Editor's note: As we go to print, the Supreme Court has put on hold the abortion rights victory until the State of Georgia's appeal has been heard.

Abortion rights rally outside DNC, Chicago, 2024.

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Americans Want Arms Embargo on Israel, Says Student Leader

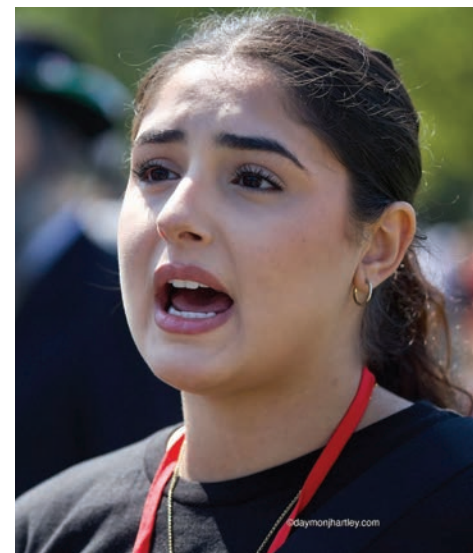
The People's Tribune recently interviewed Abla Abdelkader, a member of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) at the University of Illinois Chicago. Below are brief excerpts from the interview. See the full interview at peopletribune.org.

"If Kamala Harris says that she's calling for a ceasefire, but continuing to send arms to Israel, those two things don't coincide. So our next thing is on campuses to start calling for

our universities to, number one, cut the ties, continue that divestment and cutting the ties with Israeli institutions, and also weapons manufacturers or any corporations that bolster the Israeli regime. And on top of that, we will continue to mobilize for our government to properly represent us and properly adhere to their constituents' demands, which hasn't been the case over the past 10 months when the majority of Americans wanted a ceasefire.

And we still don't have one. And now Americans are calling for a total arms embargo of weapons to Israel. And that is still not happening."

"[After the election] the reality for Palestinians will not change. We will continue to be protesting, because either party will continue the onslaught that is happening in Gaza. I don't see any calming of the civil unrest that we've seen."



Abla Abdelkader of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) at the University of Illinois Chicago. PHOTO / DAYMONJHARTLEY.COM

Peace is a Survival Issue for Humanity

A number of observers argue that World War 3 is already under way, in Ukraine and the Middle East. If we don't stop it, it's only a question of time before it becomes nuclear war. It's estimated that a nuclear war would kill 60% of humanity in 72 minutes. Stopping war is now a survival issue for the human race.

Even conventional weapons are terribly destructive, as the ongoing massacres in Palestine and Lebanon show, along with the hundreds of thousands killed in Ukraine. And the gigantic military budgets, especially of the U.S., eat up trillions of dollars that could be spent on human needs.

Nour, of Codepink, noted that "The very same day [in September that Israel got \$8.7 billion in U.S. military aid], the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced a \$9 billion shortfall in funds for Hurricane Helene recovery efforts. It's a stark reminder of who the U.S. government keeps safe — and it isn't us."

If America were to stop making war, this alone would bring peace to most of the world and halt the threat of nuclear war. Through action at the polls and in the streets, we can stop the catastrophe that is engulfing us. Let's get it done.

AIPAC Finances Defeat of Challenger for Peace



Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO), the first African American woman to serve in the U.S. House from Missouri, thanks her supporters, vowing to continue to champion legislation for the people, including housing for all, an end to homelessness, reproductive and abortion rights, healthcare for all, a Gaza ceasefire, and more, following her Democratic primary loss in August. Her opponent's race was heavily financed by the pro-Israel group AIPAC, making it the second most expensive race in U.S. history. The question for America is if it is right that our elections can be determined by the amount of money billionaires donate to candidates of their choice? And is it right that foreign interests, under the guise of being U.S. PACs, have such enormous influence over the livelihood of everyday people in our country.

Read full article at peopletribune.org.

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David Hogg
davidhogg111



If you keep talking about the assassination attempt don't you dare tell the kids who survive school shootings and their families to "just get over it"

What happened today is unacceptable and what happens every day to kids who aren't the president and don't survive isn't either.

David Hogg works to get young people elected to office. He is a gun control activist and student survivor of the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

Watch Greg Palast's free movie "Vigilante" on voter suppression.

The 2024 election is in danger. Vote-fraud hunters challenged 852,381 voters of color in 2020, and blocked the vote of 4,000 Black soldiers.

<https://www.gregpalast.com/stream-no-charge-palasts-new-doc-vigilantes-inc/>

Corporate Control of Healthcare a Weapon for Employers

Single Payer Healthcare says: "Boeing cut off health insurance for the 33,000 IAM members and their families on strike against the giant aircraft maker. Corporate control of health care gives employers a weapon they use to threaten workers who are locked out or on strike. We must take bargaining for health care Off the Table. We can end corporate con-

rol of health benefits when we enact national, not-for-profit, single payer health care, an Improved Medicare for All. Such a publicly-funded system would guarantee that workers in struggle for economic justice would not lose their health benefits. Those benefits would be beyond the employers' reach!"