

# Resource Guide

## Election 2016 And Beyond

### **A Supplement to the Election Curriculum Series Consisting of:**

**Organizing on Shifting Terrain**

**The Right, the Far Right and the Rise of Donald Trump**

**The U.S. Electoral System and Progressive Electoral Strategy**

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