

The Core of Our 2024 Elections: Democracy vs. Fascism

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In our Analysis and Global Reach opening section here, many of the articles naturally cover crisis like the current war on Gaza and other works of analysis on the international situation. Nonetheless, we will lead off with a domestic piece on our upcoming elections in November.

There is good reason to do so. The 2024 elections will be a struggle between democracy or fascism. The threats posed by Trump are widely known. He's told us what his plans are: act as a dictator on day one to implement key portions of *Project 2025*. That includes appointing heads of government cabinet posts, departments, and agencies with "temporary" Secretaries, chosen for their absolute loyalty to Donald Trump and who will pledge to carry out everything he wants to do.

Removing potentially thousands of professional staff in those agencies to be replaced by new staff completely loyal to Trump

and his program ushers in fascism. It would destroy democracy and scores of social programs in the United States that millions of Americans rely upon, and support the creation of a rightwing dictatorship. Here's what it looks like for openers:

- Rounding up tens of thousands of people of color—many who would be wrongfully characterized as "illegal immigrants"—then putting them in detention camps and deporting them.
- Rounding up "enemies"—Democrats, protesters, civil rights activists, women's rights organizers, climate justice activists, union organizers and activists, and a broad catch-all category of "Marxists and socialists"—and putting armed military forces on American streets to stop protest demonstrations.
- Threatening a massive war of destruction—including using first strike nuclear weapons internationally—destroying foreign "enemies" and burning the planet earth from massive radiation fallout.

The only way to stop this is to defeat Trump handily in the November 2024 elections. That means electing the only people and party capable of doing this: Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, and Democratic office holders and candidates up and down the ballot. Agreement with Biden/Harris on everything isn't required. There is one goal: defeat Trump and his MAGA movement. Here's a two-part program :

1. Use the broadest possible outreach to educate voters on the threats that Trump poses.
2. Use the broadest possible outreach to educate voters on the positive accomplishments of Biden/Harris and the Democratic Party.

Here's a short list of Biden/Harris accomplishments:

- Signed the American Rescue Plan to protect workers, the public and businesses from the devastation of the Covid 19 pandemic after Trump mishandled it until he was voted out of office in 2020.
- Passed the Inflation Reduction Act, to lower inflation, and slash the costs of insulin and other medical drugs.

- Signed the \$1 trillion Infrastructure Rebuilding law to rebuild roads, bridges and other infrastructure and create hundreds of thousands of good paying jobs.
- Biden removed Trump appointed corporate heads of the National Labor Relations Board and many other worker-oriented agencies and replaced them with union leaders.
- Biden removed Trump appointed corporate heads of Health, Education and many other departments and agencies, and replaced them with leaders in each field.

Contact your local Democratic Party, Our Revolution, Progressive Democrats of America, Working families Party, Justice Democrats allies, all unions in your area, and other progressive and civic organizations to volunteer. We need every hand engaged to help defeat Trump and elect Biden by talking to voters at their front doors, phone- calling, and other methods of outreach and education.