



South Florida Progressive bulletin



April 10, 2017

EVENTS AND ACTIVISM CALENDAR:

- Apr 7 PDA Broward 6:30 pm**
599 SW 2nd Ave; Fort Lauderdale
- Apr 8 Healthcare for All Rally 10 am**
6401 N Federal Hwy; Fort Lauderdale
- Apr 8 Healthcare for All Rally 12 noon-1 pm**
1611 NW 12th Ave (Jackson Mem) Miami
- Apr 9 Welcome Neighbors Canvas 10 am - 1 pm**
1620 Drexel Ave Miami Beach JVP, SEIU,
FLIC sponsors; (stopracism, Islamophobia)
rsvp denevel@gmail.com
- Apr 9 Friends of Everglades Annual Meet 2-4 pm**
5530 Sunset Dr; South Miami
- Apr 9 Prison in 12 Landscapes Film 7 pm**
15700 NW 39th Pl; Opa-Locka
hosted by Dream Defenders
- Apr 10 Miami Dems Gen'l Meeting 6 pm**
4349 NW 36th St; Miami Springs
- Apr 12 Labor Community Roundtable 6:30 pm**
8191 NW 12th St; Miami
- Apr 13 Indivisible Broward #Resist 1:30 pm**
2040 N Dixie Hwy, Wilton Manors, FL
Congressman Ted Deutch, Jeff Clements
- Apr 15 - Tax March - Trump Hollywood 9 am**
- Apr 17 Broward ACLU 6:30-7:45**
3151 Powerline Rd; Fort Lauderdale
- Apr 17 US - Russia Relations Is This Cold War**
2:30 pm FIU 11200 SW 8th St Rm 233;
Miami; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-russia-relations-is-this-cold-war-2-tickets-32861529720>
- Apr 18 Broward Dems 7 pm**
5701 Cypress Rd; Plantation
- Apr 20 Democratic Progressive Caucus Broward**
6:30 pm ; 1700 NW 66th Ave #100
Plantation
- Apr 22 - Science March**
- Apr 26 North Broward Democratic Club 7:30 pm**
1801 NE 6th St; Pompano Beach -
Guest - Stephen Bittel

- Apr 29 Climate Rally/March MiamiDade**
1 pm Jose Marti Park 351 SW 4th
Miami
- Apr 29 - Climate Rally/March Broward**
2 pm. George English Park- 1101
Bayview Dr; FLL
- Apr 30 Indivisible South Florida 3-5 pm**
1480 SW 9th Ave; FortLauderdale
- May 1 - Nationwide Strike; Local rally**

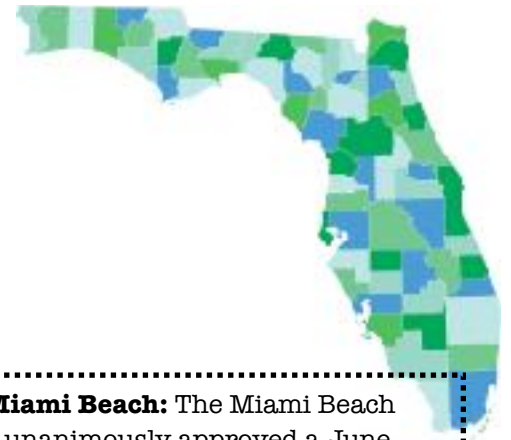
"I know that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today, my own government"
- the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

May Day in Red and Green

The green traditions of MayDay are easily explained by the release we feel at the end of winter, when out of doors becomes green and inhabitable. May poles and dancing and frolicking in the woods and music and celebration; there is this May Day. In the US the Puritans won out and these spring traditions were demolished, literally.

The red tradition of May Day in the US came from the Haymarket district in Chicago, where on May Day in 1886 the molder's union went on strike. McCormick cut wages 15% even though his profits were 71%. 4 members of the molder's union were shot dead by police during a lockout. Huge civil unrest followed. Then the eight hour day standard for labor was established by the Federation of Organized Trade and Labor Unions of the US.

~from itsGoingDown.org



A new website: www.ourstates.org is tracking bills in each state which assist Trump's agenda to make it easier for us to track and resist those bills in our state legislatures. We have several bills in Florida, and especially as a triple red state, which endanger local rule to our communities and which further Trump's regressive agenda. **These bills further Trump's goals:**

- HB 697/SB 786** prohibit sanctuary cities
- SB 1096** criminalizes protests which interfere with traffic and release drivers of liability if protester is injured
- HB 203/SB 348** Restricts abortion rights
- SB 342** - Limits abortion rights

These bills thwart Trump's agenda and support our progressive agenda:

- SB 160** raises the minimum wage
- HJR 565** restores voting rights to felons
- SB 72** register to vote at DMV
- HB 623/SB 666** bans gender oriented discrimination

Please use www.ourstates.org to address these bills with your local representative.

Ban on Fracking Bill: House bill sponsor Rep. Mike Miller, R-Orlando, said he still thinks the state should have some sort of a fracking ban, but the study would ward off lawsuits brought by property owners who feel their rights have been violated. He said House leadership would not let his bill move forward without the study. Sen. Dana Young, the Tampa Republican who sponsored the Senate version, said the state's delicate geology and its reliance on massive aquifers for drinking water call for a complete prohibition.

"There's just no place for it here," Young said. Young said she had vetted the bill and determined the rights of property owners would not be violated. "The bill doesn't stop property owners from accessing those minerals; it just forecloses one method of doing so," Young said. "Property rights are not impacted at all."

Advocates for the fracking ban said they think there still is hope for the bill.

Tim Canova of Progress for All has called for supporters of the ban on fracking to appeal directly to FL House speaker Corcoran: Please call State House Speaker Corcoran NOW at 1-888-925-7006 and tell him to bring up the fracking ban bill known as "HB 451" in committee. It's our duty to keep the House accountable to the people and not Rodrigues' special interests!

Preemption in Miami Beach: The Miami Beach City Commission unanimously approved a June 2016 ordinance increasing the rate to \$10.31 per hour effective January 1, 2018. As passed, this rate would increase to \$11.31 in 2019, \$12.31 in 2020, and \$13.31 in 2021. The state minimum wage rate increased to \$8.10 per hour on January 1, 2017. The state and business groups are opposing the Miami Beach ordinance, citing a 2013 state law that says, "a political subdivision may not establish, mandate, or otherwise require an employer to pay a minimum wage, other than a state or federal minimum wage." Mayor Philip Levine, who proposed the minimum wage ordinance, has argued that the rate increase is necessary to keep pace with the cost of living.

On January 23, 2017, Circuit Court Judge Peter Lopez granted a motion by Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi to join a lawsuit against Miami Beach over the city's minimum wage rate. Bondi filed the motion on December 28, 2016, seeking to join an existing suit brought by the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Florida Retail Federation, and Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association. Lopez ruled that the city's minimum wage law was invalidated by state law on March 28, 2017, with city attorneys promising an appeal to the ruling. ~ Ballotpedia

Despite a public information campaign to expose the truth about water privatization, despite huge public opposition to the **efforts to privatize the water utility in North Miami Beach**, despite the fact that Mayor George Vallejo is the subject of an ongoing Miami Dade criminal probe, and despite the fact that the FBI has launched an investigation into the water negotiations, commissioners voted 4-2 to move forward with a plan for privatization with company CH2M Hill. There are even more red flags on this deal, which were not disclosed at the public meeting. The bidding process was not transparent, accusations that the city utility purposefully allowed the plant to deteriorate to make the residents more willing to privatize it have been made. Please let your commissioners know you oppose privatization!

Trump Floats New Tourism Crackdown -

In Miami, where tourism and international investment make up the majority of the local economy, this is a nightmare.

A drop in tourism means major losses to pretty much everyone in Miami. Hotel owners and real-estate tycoons, of course, will suffer, but so will the city's large service industry. The majority of Miami's low-income residents work at bars, restaurants, or hotels that cater to foreign vacationers — hoteliers can typically stomach a dip in profits, but many hourly workers in Miami can't afford to lose crucial restaurant tips or food-service shifts. During last summer's Zika outbreak, bartenders reported losing hundreds of dollars in tips they normally earned each week. That could translate to thousands of dollars in losses per year for people such as servers, bartenders, and cab or Lyft drivers.

And always remember: the majority of mass shootings in U.S. history have been committed by white Americans. from **New Times**: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/donald-trump-reportedly-floats-tourism-crackdown-that-could-hurt-miamis-economy-9253845>

Florida's Political Future:

Under Debbie Wasserman Schultz's (FL 23 and former DNC chair) guidance, the Florida Democratic Party has been decimated. Once a swing state, Florida has become solidly red; Republicans hold the governorship, the House and Senate in the State Legislature with comfortable majorities, and Trump won the state in 2016 after Obama took it in 2008 and 2012. Republicans hold 16 out of the 27 congressional seats that Florida has in the United States House of Representatives. Under the authoritarian rule of a billionaire donor combined with the influence of Wasserman Schultz, the Democratic Party is sure to continue its decline in Florida. link: <http://observer.com/2017/04/florida-chair-stephen-bittel-rigs-race-rewards-accomplishes/>

Governor vs State Attorney; Florida style

A big legal battle is developing in the State of Florida that is catching national attention due to the nature of the dispute. A dispute of immense significance in the battle for dignity and respect of all American people, but especially of minority people. It is a battle for the respect of prosecutorial independence which is crucial for the proper functioning of our legal system.

The battle in question has to do with the elected prosecutor of Central Florida's Ninth Judicial Circuit, Aramis D. Ayala. Ms. Ayala has taken a position contrary to that of Governor Scott opposing the imposition of the death penalty on a prisoner in death row. Ms. Ayala point of contention is that the death penalty doesn't do anything to alleviate crime nor does protect police officers. The prisoner in question, Markeith Loyd, is accused of having killed a police officer, Lt. Debra Clayton. There has been pushback against Ms. Ayala coming from the State Attorney General Pam Biondi and the police unions.

I am not philosophically opposed to the death penalty, but I do have concerns about the history of its application in our nation. First, race plays a major role in the exercise of the death penalty. Randolph Bracy, the chairman of the Florida Senate criminal justice committee, stated in an Op-Ed in 4/4/17 New York Times that as a black man he sees the death penalty as a "powerful symbol of injustice in which race often determines who lives and who dies especially in Florida." Mr. Bracy adds that African-Americans are grossly over-represented on Florida's death row.

A second point to consider in doubting the proper use of the death penalty is the result of a study from the University of Michigan made public in 2014 which stated that in a conservative estimate 120 of the roughly 3,000 inmates in death row were innocent of the charges for which they were to be executed. This is a major consideration. This fact alone turned me from being philosophically open to the death penalty into a practical opponent of the death penalty. It might be a coincidence, but I think not, that Ms. Ayala received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Michigan, and is a Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law, a Catholic institution.

Ms. Ayala might not be in solid ground with Governor Scott or with Florida Republicans, but she is on solid ground with her constituents in the Ninth Judicial Circuit who oppose the death penalty 58% to 36%. Considering the two major points of contention already mentioned, I have no qualms in expressing my support for Ms. Ayala's prosecutorial discretion. I also see executive interference in judicial decisions as an unwelcome and dangerous precedent for our legal system. In these dangerous times where lawlessness seems to be a prerogative of executives, attempts to circumvent judicial independence must be denied. ~ Lorenzo Canizares

From the ACLU - link to statement of our rights when we are protesting: https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_pdf_file/kyr_protests.pdf

On 'healthcare' and 'defense' in the US: These are also the two areas of public policy in which bad policy predictably and inevitably leads to massive losses of human life. In terms of keeping people safe from disease and war respectively, U.S. "healthcare" and U.S. "defense" both fail catastrophically despite their ever-growing price tags. In fact, the huge amounts of money involved contribute to their failures by corrupting and distorting the non-commercial purposes they are both supposed to serve. From "Duping Americans on healthcare and war" by Sandy Davies: <https://consortiumnews.com/2017/03/30/duping-americans-on-healthcare-and-war/>

How gerrymandering prevents real representation: In terms of the population of people living in the state, North Carolina is very close to an even 50/50 split between registered Democrats and Republicans. But when it comes to the state legislature, it's a very different story. There are 74 Republicans compared to only 46 Democrats in the House, and 35 Republicans to 15 Democrats in the Senate. Some of this stark divide can be attributed to gerrymandering that's disadvantaged populations that tend to vote for Democratic lawmakers.

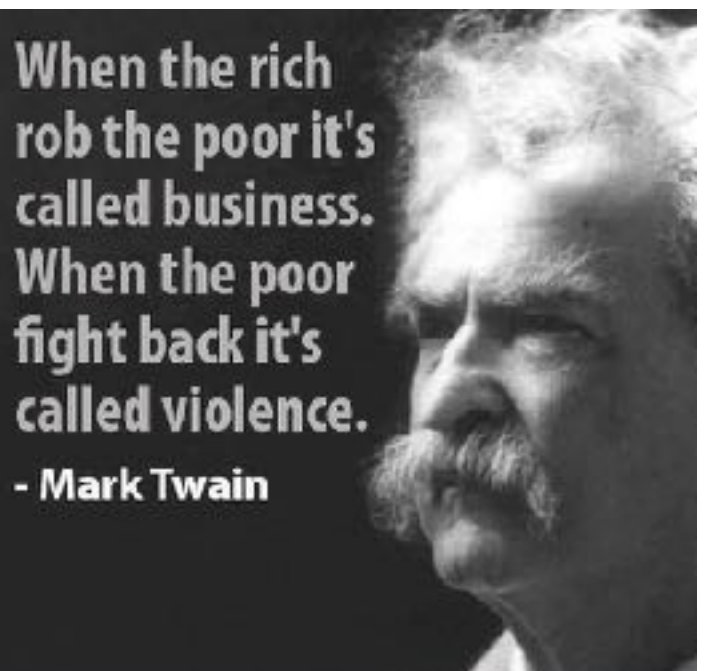
Some economic statistics to expose the economy inequality in the US: the total net worth (home and financial assets minus debt) of the richest adult in the bottom 70% of North Americans is only about \$150,000. And that 'growing' job market? A Princeton study concluded that a stunning 94 percent of the nine million new jobs created in the past decade were temporary or contract-based, rather than traditional full-time positions.

The truth about mass movements; Success in South Korea! In South Korea a popular movement brought down President Park Geun-hye, the corrupt daughter of a former dictator who was impeached. The people prevailed despite the illegal banning of an opposition political party, arrests of opposition leaders and severe restrictions on protest.

Obamacare is not viable. HR 676 has been introduced - Medicare for All! These Florida Democrats in Congress are NOT as yet supporting this bill. Let's change that by making some important calls:

Al Lawson (FL5) 202-225-0123
Jacksonville 904-354-1652
Stephanie Murphy (FL 7) 202-225-4035
Orlando 888-205-5421
Darren Soto (FL 9) 202-225-9889
Kissimmee 407-452-1171
Val Demings (FL 10) 202-225- 2176
Orlando 321-388-9808
Charlie Crist (FL 13) 202-225-5961
St. Petersburg 727-318-6770
Lois Frankel (FL 21) 202-225-9890
Boca Raton 561-998-9045
Ted Deutch (FL 22) 202-225-3001
Boca Raton 561-470-5440
Debbie Wasserman Schultz (DWS) (FL23)
202-225-7931
Sunrise 954-845-1179

PS - This movement is working. Alcee Hastings (FL 20), Frederica Wilson (FL 24) and Kathy Castor (FL 14) signed onto this bill recently so make these calls!



ROAR: liberalism cannot defeat fascism. The latter lives in the former's bosom and thrives on its self-inflicted decay. What is urgently needed today is a radical alternative emerging from within society — a broad-based, inclusive and forward-looking anti-fascist mass movement led by the marginalized and oppressed and organized on the principles of solidarity, feminism, internationalism, anti-racism and anti-capitalism.

Bigotry and Violence in Trump's America

Last month an Israeli-American teenager was arrested, accused of the wave of bomb threats that had terrorized many in the Jewish community since President Trump's election. Trump was slow in condemning these threats, as well as several incidents of anti-Semitic vandalism and claimed that they could be all be part of a false flag campaign (which turned out to be partly true). However, he did respond to a letter signed by every single US Senator, asking him to take "swift action: against these threats. No similar demand for protection of other targeted minorities has come from the Senate and no similar condemnation of other types of religious and ethnic violence has come from the president. Far more serious hate crimes that have taken place since Trump's election have generated far less outrage than the anti-Semitic bomb threats and cemetery desecration. For example, Trump expressed no sympathy for and, in fact, had nothing to say about the high-profile murder of a black man in New York City by a white supremacist.

According to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, there have been 35 attacks on mosques — including vandalism, break-ins and death threats. At least four mosques have been burned down. During one week, the homes of a Pakistani-American family in Virginia and an Iranian refugee in Oregon were broken into and anti-Muslim obscenities were found. In February, after demanding to know if two men from India drinking at a Kansas bar were in the country illegally, a white man shot them, killing one. Last month, someone shot a Sikh man in Washington State, telling him to go back to his country.

Are we giving too much emphasis to apparent anti-Semitism while turning a blind eye to actual acts of religious and ethnic violence? Anti-Semitism is part of — but only a part of - the bigotry spreading throughout Trumpland. Yet there has been more pressure on Trump to speak out about apparent anti-Semitism than about actual attacks on Muslims, immigrants and refugees. Anti-Semitism is real and there are anti-Semites in and around Trump's administration, like former national security adviser, Michael Flynn who had to apologize for attacking CNN by retweeting "Not anymore, Jews, not anymore" and White House adviser Sebastian Gorka, who wore a fascist Hungarian medal to Trump's inauguration ball. But we cannot let the controversy over anti-Semitism distract us from Islamophobia, which demonizes Muslims the way Jews once were. (Gorka has alleged that the Islamic State is already well established in United States.)

Nor can we let the anti-Semitism controversies distract us from Trump's whipping up anti-immigrant feeling, which threatens to keep out today's refugees as it once did Jewish refugees. Trump and those around him have openly dehumanized Muslims and non-white immigrants (remember 'Mexican rapists') in ways we would not tolerate if they were aimed at Jews.

We need to reject and fight against all forms of bigotry and racial/ethnic/religious violence. Let's make the chant "The People United Will Never Be Defeated" a reality.
~Audrey Bomse, JVP member

SAY NO TO ISLAMOPHOBIA, RACISM AND HATRED!
Without harassing efforts to ensure our neighborhoods are welcoming and safe places for EVERYONE!

Across the country, communities have been reaching out to shopkeepers who have put beautiful signs in their windows showing their support to Muslim communities and standing against all forms of Islamophobia, racism, and hatred!
... AND WE ARE DOING IT IN SOUTH FLORIDA TOO!

**JOIN US SUNDAY, APRIL 9
FROM 10 AM TIL 1 PM
1620 DREXEL AVE, MIAMI BEACH**

Please RSVP to adornel@gmail.com if you are able to join us!

“
A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom.
—Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Join the #No54BillionforWar Campaign!
www.codepink.org/no54billionforwar

May 1 & Beyond: Toward a Summer of Resistance

We can defeat Trump's agenda. But to do so we will need to build a powerful movement that both stands up against his right wing policies, and fights for positive change for working people and all those under attack.

- No ban, no wall, no raids! Not one more deportation. For real sanctuary cities.
- Stop Trump and Ryan's assault on healthcare. Defend Medicaid and Planned Parenthood.
- Defeat Trump's vicious anti-working class budget. No cuts to public education, mass transit, or affordable housing.
- We need Medicare for all, with free and accessible reproductive care.
- No to Trump's military build-up.
- Stop the Republican war on the labor movement. No right-to-work-for-less legislation.
- Stop the war on the environment! For a massive expansion of renewable energy.
- Defend the right to protest.
- Pass a federal \$15 minimum wage.
- Tax the rich! Fully fund human services.
- Free college for all. Cancel student debt.
- Black Lives Matter! End the mass incarceration state.

From Movement for the 99%

It is inspiring to see the grand movement of movements becoming manifest in the United States and around the world. We live in a transformational era. If we continue working together in resistance and creation of transformational alternatives we may find a new world that is better than we can currently imagine.

We only have one month until **May Day**. Let's use our time well to organize and mobilize protests that demonstrate our unified calls for economic, racial and environmental justice. From Popular Resistance

May Day Strike: Immigrants' rights groups, led by Movimiento Cosecha, are taking the lead in organizing "Un Día Sin Inmigrantes/A Day Without Immigrants" on May 1. Their pledge reads: "We will not go to work, we will not go to school and we will not buy. We are going to make it clear that this country cannot function without immigrants. This is only the beginning of our fight toward permanent protection, dignity and respect." Maurice Mitchell, an organizer with the Movement for Black Lives says "It's our assessment that now, more than ever, it's critical that movements from different communities find ways to collaborate. We think that May Day presents a particular opportunity for people across different sectors and communities to find common cause."

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In 1944, President FDR proposed an Economic Bill of Rights. They were:



Can We Get to Yes?

- Fritzie

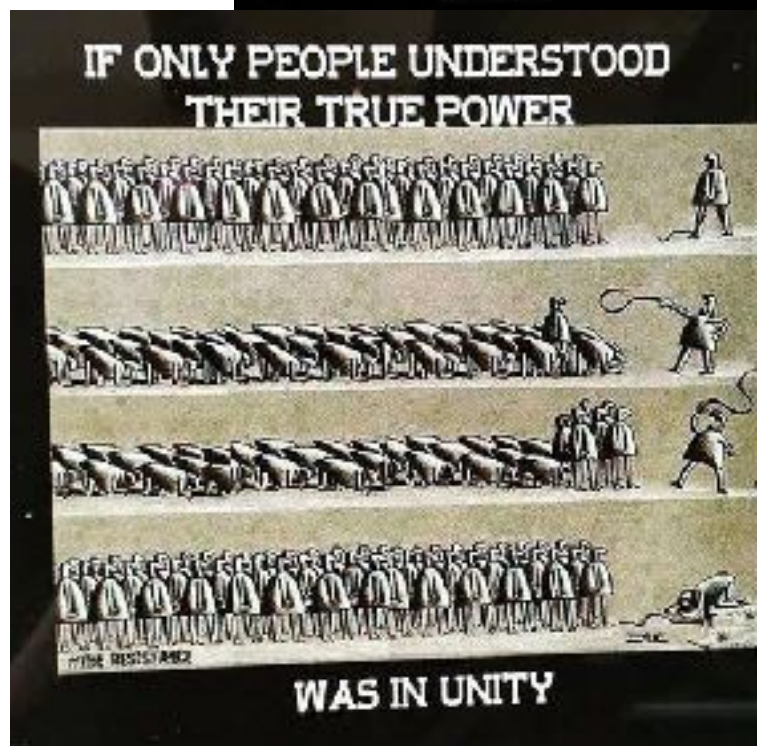
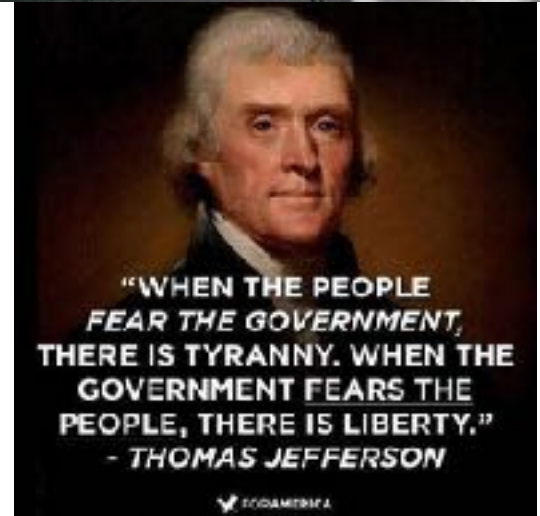
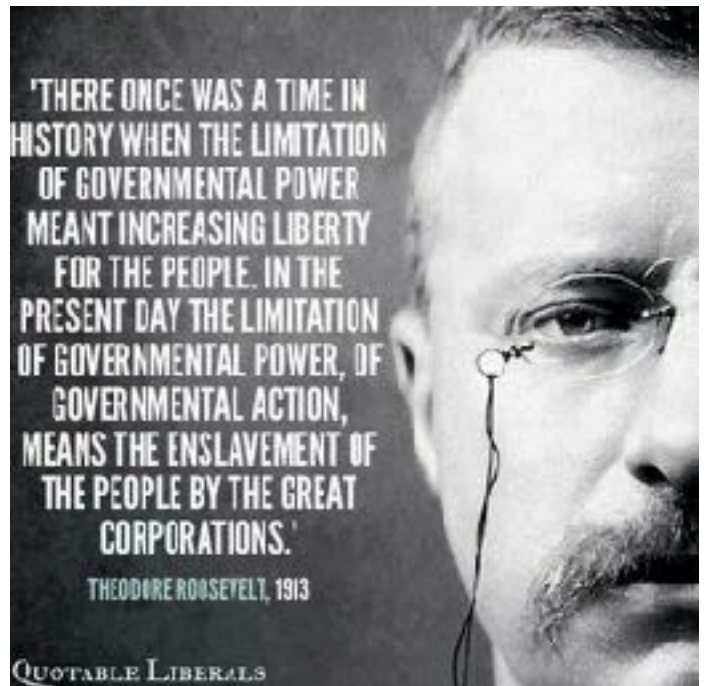
We are all breathing a huge sigh of relief at stopping the greed monsters in their plan to peel back the ACA's (Obamacare) pathetic healthcare coverage to next to none with Ryan care. Paul Ryan and Donald Trump are in the corner wearing their dunce caps for believing they have a mandate to diminish the American people and finding out they are WRONG! The republican'ts remain the party of No! They were unable to repeal Obamacare after fifty attempts. They were unable to repeal and replace it with Ryan care even with the support of the 'dealmaker' 45. (eye roll, please!)

The resistance is working. However, our representation is that of a minority even though we are the majority of citizens of the US; the majority of Americans oppose the Trump - Ryan - McConnell triumvirate! The democrats are minorities in both Houses of Congress, but the majority, we the people - progressive democrats and independents and greens - must work to be heard because the corporate voices are pulling the levers of government.

We still have many more people to engage to become as powerful as we can be, as we must be, to mobilize effectively for single payer health care. This is the next step for us. To improve Obamacare we need to remove the insurance companies from the health care equation and join the ranks of the civilized countries which guarantee health care as a human right for all their citizens. You may think this is a rare group, but it isn't. Ten countries in Africa guarantee health care for all but not the US. We are WAAAAAYYYY behind on this issue. Why? because in America, business profits from suffering. It isn't allowed in Canada, in Denmark, in Ghana, in Egypt, in fifty eight countries, but here in the last bastion of the greed profiteers, every step in the healthcare process is a profit source.

So we can agree on healthcare as a human right, and we are moving forward on that part of our agenda. Rather than resisting Trump we must move forward on our ideas, our goals, even though we lack representation. Congress works for us, even though they pretend to work for their corporate donors. Once we have accelerated the progress on health care we need to move on the next agenda item. Since there is a proposal for right to work, perhaps the next cause should be the right to organize, fight for \$15, and cancel the right to work for less. The climate is always on our agenda, even though the corporate profiteers are trying to decimate our chances of survival by ignoring it. We have the Climate March April 29th. That is our next opportunity to return attention to the necessity of climate change funding, legislation. The May 1st strike being organized by the Movement for the 99% and other groups puts labor rights in the spotlight.

We need to abandon "No!" to the republican'ts and remember to be who **we, the people** are. Yes! We Can!



The People's Corner

~Lorenzo Canizares

While we are in the midst of heavy discussions around issues that President Trump and his Neo-Nazi team have selected to build up their "chaos by design," people keep being deported at a much rapid pace than it was done during President Obama's term. People's lives are being destroyed, families are being separated and the cruelty being inflicted in the immigrant community keeps expanding.

Our nation is now ruled by a president who equates making America great with keeping non-white people out. A president that refuses to see the reality of the responsibility towards others that are living the results of the mess that we have created through our obsessive Greed and desire of domination of others.

Please pay attention to the fact that the biggest fear factor being presented by President Trump is composed of two main waves of immigration; one from South of the Border, the other from the Middle East. From South of the Border are mainly coming to our borders women and children. Of those women and children 91 percent of them are coming from Central America an area of the world where the rates of homicide are the highest in the world. What can we say about Central America? DNA murderers? No. Nations where the powerful United States of America have immense political influence as seen through the masterminding of the Honduran coup of 2009 that turned a relatively peaceful nation into a Narco-State and, consequently, into the highest per capita rate of homicide in the world. What happened in Honduras in 2009? The President at the time, Manuel Zelaya, was not the typical pliant President that our State Department is used to deal with and like with other "uppity types" like Qaddafi later on, Zelaya became a victim of regime change. Last year (3/16), a prominent environmentalist Indigenous leader, Berta Caceres, was assassinated a few weeks after she publicly blamed Hillary Clinton for the Honduras coup. Narco-State, gangs exported from here to there to assure instability, and "chaos by design" makes people want to leave their country just to survive.

The Middle East really needs not much explanation except for the fact that the Syrian massacre that we see in Television, especially the destruction of Aleppo and Palmyra, we need to ask ourselves - who is arming ISIS and the other foreign rebels? If not us directly, our dependent Middle Eastern allies, like Saudi Arabia and Qatar who through their own sources of support, are the main provider who maintain the mercenary opposition to the Syrian government (another regime change adventure courtesy of our State Department).

These are just two examples of the damage that we have caused throughout the world that have turned the lives of people upside down. We have turned peaceful nations into homicide champions, and now we want to negate access to people (mainly women and children) that are trying to escape certain death.

I want to conclude this essay with a brief extract of a Wall Street Journal editorial of 3/7/17 that states "National Foundation for American Policy executive director Stuart Anderson visited last year's science competition and interviewed its 40 finalists and their parents. He reports some of his jaw-dropping findings in a new study he's releasing this week. Lo, 83% of last year's finalists were children of immigrants."

Against the Muslim Ban? Take ACTION: Trump's bigoted agenda is out of control, and Congress needs to put a permanent stop to it. You can urge your senator to co-sponsor Senator Feinstein's bill to halt this shameful executive action, by going to <https://act.amnestyusa.org/ea-action/action?>

Four children have been granted SIJS (Special Immigrant Juveniles Status) and have pending applications for legal permanent residency. To obtain SIJS, a state court must determine that it is not in the minor's best interest to return to his or her home country. Under U.S. law, a minor with SIJS is considered to have been paroled into the U.S. Three of them have already been issued their Employment Authorization Document, and their mothers are currently subject to stays of removal. Additionally, each of the four families have friends or relatives in the U.S. who are willing to take them in, and ensure their appearance at future hearings. Despite their status, compelling grounds for asylum and protection, and serious mental and physical health concerns, ICE officials refuse to release these four children and their mothers. There is no justification under U.S. or international law to continue to detain these families. Please take action to protect these families, at <https://act.amnestyusa.org/ea-action/action?>

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The White House

