

# We can only win if we fight.

Sometimes we lose, sometimes we win. But we will definitely lose if we don't fight.

## 2014 Block the Boat

Palestinian organizers, dock workers, and community members have enforced an ongoing blockade against Israeli ZIM ships.

## Muslim Ban Protests

In response to Trump's 2017 Muslim Ban, thousands of protesters mobilized at airports and taxi drivers boycotted pickups at JFK. A federal judge granted a stay that effectively freed individuals detained at airports.

## Seattle 1999

A diverse coalition of ~40,000 protesters blocked the WTO from launching a new round of trade talks and set the stage for what is now known as the anti-globalization movement.

## 2019 Chicago Public Schools Strike

Chicago teachers and community members won a contract based on "common good" proposals that secured not only higher wages, but sanctuary language and increased resources for students and the community.

# Building power now.

"To win back what's being taken from us, and to get ready to go for more, we need to learn to organize together in ways that most people have never experienced—democratically, from the bottom up."

-David Whitehouse, "We Need to Do This Together," *Tempest Collective*

### Join your union.

If your jobs doesn't have one, start one.

Check out [workerorganizing.com](http://workerorganizing.com) to learn how.

### Skill up on community defense.

Search for ICE Watch and jail support groups in your area.

Join a membership-based organization where you can regularly meet up with people for collective discussions and debate, political education, and organizing for the next action.

Avoid non-profits that are beholden to their funders over their members.

Organize to demand the city budget prioritizes people.

Check out [peoplesplan.nyc](http://peoplesplan.nyc) to learn more.

Join or start a tenant's union or tenant association.

Check out [housingjusticeforall.org](http://housingjusticeforall.org) to learn more.

But... "demonstrating [with] large numbers of people in the streets is not enough. We've done that."

26 MILLION PEOPLE PROTEST IN 2020  
Biden forced to switch from courting donors to courting activists

Democrats promise to cancel student debt, pay for family leave, invest in child care, etc.

FOUR YEARS LATER: Biden wins more votes than any other presidential election in U.S. history. Harris appeals to the few, and mass disaffection with Democratic Party

Instead of waiting for the next election of the few, we can channel our collective power into organizing for the many.

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we are many and they are few."

-Keenaga-Yamahitta Taylor

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based on

"Democratic Dealignment,"

Keeanga-Yamahitta Taylor on The Dig Podcast

"Trump and his oligarchs (back) at the gate,"

Tempest National Committee

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"Trump's Hammer, Our Hope: An Emergency Townhall,"

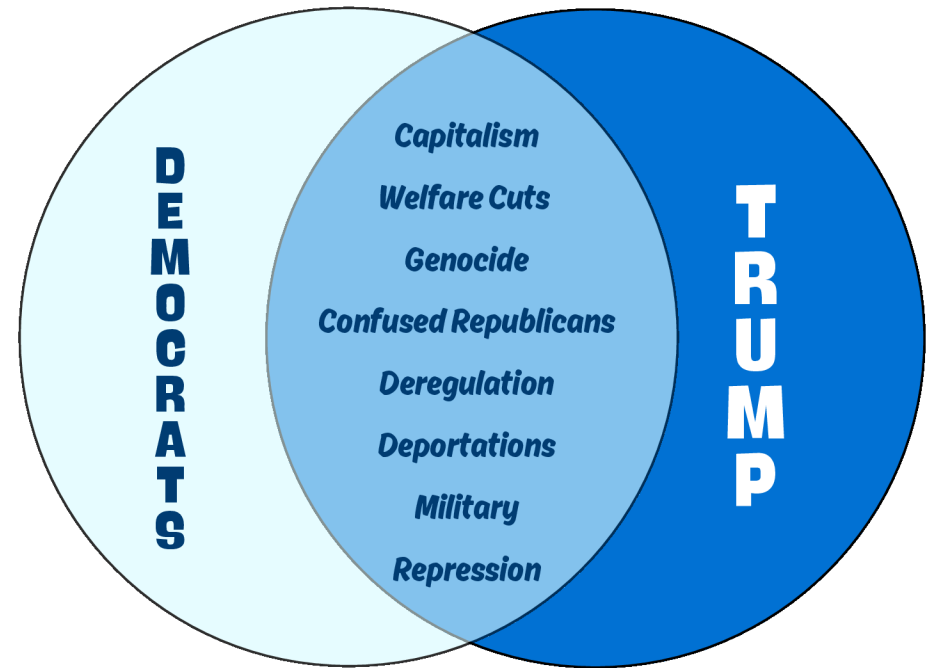
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FROM THE  
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# FOR STRUGGLE AND BREAKING OUT OF THE TWO-PARTY STRANGLEHOLD

The Democrats have consistently failed to provide a solution that would address the immiseration and precarity faced by the majority of us today.

Absent an alternative, Trump has successfully exploited this political vacuum - not by offering a solution, but at least providing an explanation in the form of blaming immigrants and "crime" (versus the Democrats failing to even acknowledge there's a problem).



"There should be no question that Trump and the Republicans will overreach in some ways, defeating themselves by seeking to do or gain too much. This will inevitably produce splits within the capitalist establishment. New social movements may emerge from those ruptures. Whatever our challenges, these movements will contain opportunities for forging a resistance that refuses to be lured back into the Democratic Party ranks in 2026 and in 2028.

Nowhere in the world has the strategy of electoralism—treating elections as the primary way to change society—even mitigated, let alone solved, the problems of the 21st century's unfolding catastrophes. In fact, it has strengthened the hand of the far right everywhere.

Transformative change will require us to build resilient, democratic, and politically independent organizations out of the movements to come."

-Tempest National Committee