

USE YOUR WALLET TO SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

The Boycott and Build group believes "wallet activism" is a critical component to building a sustainable democracy, an equitable economy, and a healthy planet.

Although people used to shop primarily for necessities and special occasions, big corporations and marketing companies have now created a culture where shopping and greed rather than citizenship are the primary drivers of our decision-making.

Your decisions about what you buy, where you buy and what businesses you support can help save our democracy – or continue the corporation-created status quo. You vote with your wallet.

Success Stories

In the 1960s and '70s, Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers persuaded Americans to boycott grapes and lettuce to successfully force growers to recognize agricultural workers' union and to improve their working conditions.

Recent protests at Tesla dealerships across the country (Tucson's was the biggest!) sank Tesla's sales and deflated Elon Musk's power and influence. The Republican Supreme Court candidate he contributed to and campaigned for in Wisconsin LOST. On the May 29th national Indivisible weekly Zoom, Ezra Levin attributed Musk's exit from Trump's inner circle to the Tesla protests. **We are powerful!**

What to Do

- 1) Buy what you need; resist the impulse to buy everything you want.
- 2) When you do make purchases, support companies whose values align with yours, preferably a local business to help support our community.
- 3) Bank and invest with a local bank or credit union that invests in our local community

Boycott

Amazon and Whole Foods: Jeff Bezos gave \$1M to Trump's inaugural fund.

Amazon mistreats its employees and squeezes its third-party sellers.

Amazon's packaging and delivery system hurt the environment.

The public library has two books on Amazon: *Move Fast and Break Things* by Jonathan Taplin and *How to Resist Amazon and Why* by Danny Caine

Google: Donated \$1M to Trump's inaugural fund.

Google tracks you and helps advertisers target ads to you.

Facebook and Instagram: Mark Zuckerberg gave \$1 M to Trump's inaugural fund. Zuckerberg has gotten rich off your data.

Hobby Lobby: Denies contraception coverage to its female employees.

Additions? Email me (Diane) at dlintucson@yahoo.com. **Take charge! Use your power!**

Patronize/Use Instead

Antigone Books

Bookmans

Other locally owned bookstores

Buy things you might have gotten on Amazon directly from the manufacturer.

Food Conspiracy Food Co-op on 4th Avenue. They added a parking lot. Great produce selection and they work with local producers. Great bulk (grains, beans, nuts, dried fruit, etc.) section.

Sprouts is based in Phoenix.

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