

Indivisible Tucson Announcements

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and redeem the soul of America.”

"John Lewis made this statement on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 1, 2020 commemorating the tragic events of Bloody Sunday."

SOURCE: <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/five-things-john-lewis-taught-us-about-getting-in-good-trouble/>

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1. Indivisible on the bombing of Iran:

<https://act.indivisible.org/sign/no-iran-war-senate/>

We suggest that you subscribe to the Indivisible National weekly messaging/newsletter:
At <https://indivisible.org/> enter your email and zip code.

Also, it can be useful at a time like this to follow the news using international sources,

such as:

BBC News (UK): <https://www.bbc.com/news>

The Guardian (UK): <https://www.theguardian.com/us>

For example:

Retaliate now, later or never: What Iran's next move could be [*Better I thought than a similar analysis in the NYT by David Sanger*]

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c80pvg5nmrdo>

Analysis: Trump falls into the Netanyahu trap [*Worth reading - whatever your views*]

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/22/trump-falls-into-the-netanyahu-trap-israel-iran-us>

2. The Next big event: July 17, Good Trouble Lives On

July 17, Good Trouble Lives On - Mark Your Calendars!

<https://goodtroubleliveson.org/>

Good Trouble Lives On is a national day of action to respond to the attacks on our civil and human rights by the Trump administration. Together, we'll remind them that in America, the power lies with the people. Coined by civil rights leader Congressman John Lewis, "**Good Trouble**" is the action of coming together to take peaceful, non-violent action to challenge injustice and create meaningful change. The civil rights leaders of the past have shown us the power of collective action. That's why **on July 17**, five years since the passing of Congressman John Lewis, communities across the country will take to the streets, courthouses, and community spaces to carry forward his fight for justice, voting rights, and dignity for all.

Phineas and Mitch of Democracy Unites Us write:

We at DUU have not determined what form our protest will take, but it will be fun and we will let you know the details as the date gets close.

3. The 3.5% Protest Rule

This is getting a lot of attention now that it is well established that the No Kings! protests

drew at least 5 million Americans out into the streets.

Pod Save America

The 3.5% Protest Rule That Could Bring Down Trump

<https://crooked.com/podcast/the-3-5-protest-rule-that-could-bring-down-trump/>

How much of America would we need to mobilize to stop Trump's power grab?

According to political scientist Erica Chenoweth, it takes 3.5 percent—the threshold after which every protest movement, across the world, has been successful. Against the backdrop of the anti-ICE and No Kings protests, the national guard deployment, and Donald Trump's birthday pageant, Chenoweth joins the show to break down the math of the 3.5 percent rule, explain why nonviolence is the key to meeting it, and to share the lessons the civil rights movement can teach us about staying unified, organized, and disciplined in the fight against authoritarianism.

If You Can Keep It about the 3.5% rule

What's so special about 3.5 percent?

5 million people protesting for democracy is a very big deal

<https://www.ifyoucankeepit.org/p/whats-so-special-about-35-percent>

The 3.5 percent rule is descriptive, not predictive. To be crystal clear, this is not some magic formula. The rule doesn't mean that, if protestors in the United States hit 3.5 percent, all of this is automatically resolved, the autocratic faction goes away, and democracy endures. Rather, the 3.5 percent rule is a pattern; it's a trend that seems to hold across the world.

4. CD-7 election

Quick reminder: Voting has begun in the Primary for the CD-7 Special Election, culminating in Election Day (Vote or Drop Off Early Ballot) Tuesday, July 15.

5. Pressure Ciscomani - MESSAGE FROM THE PRESSURE CISCOMANI TEAM

This week is VITAL for everyone to take action because the Big Bad Budget Bill is likely to be voted on in the Senate and move to the House. We need to tell

Ciscomani that his constituents demand that he vote against the bill.

The Pressure Ciscomani Team was well represented (6 of us, with our own ITAA table with our flyers displayed) at an amazing Town Hall organized by Tucson Citizen Organizers on Saturday...over 275 in attendance, with a range of speakers describing the bad provisions of the BBB. We continue to partner with other organizations working on our common purpose, like Keep AZ Blue, Climate Power, Honest Arizona, and Take Action Tucson.

Our instruction for each of you this week is to contact Ciscomani's office, by phone (520-881-3588; 202-225-2542) or email, (<https://ciscomani.house.gov/>) as many times as you can, to say: VOTE NO ON THE BUDGET BILL! Represent your constituents, not billionaires and party leaders in Washington.

If that's all you say, that's okay, but if you want more content, see the attached items:

1. There is an informative flyer (2-Faced Ciscomani) which you can print out and post in your neighborhood - telephone poles, bulletin boards, bus stops. The flyer has a lot of detail. ANY OF THE PARAGRAPHS IN THE FLYER CAN BE ADDED TO YOUR CALL OR EMAIL TO CISCOMANI

2. There is info about the impact of the termination of climate tax credits. The House Bill (which Ciscomani said he didn't read!) eliminated them entirely. The Senate Bill is similar, but with a short delay. There is language you can add in about how these provisions hurt Arizonans.

3. There is a phone script for confronting him about the provision in the bill that was called out by an AZ Supreme Court justice for essentially blocking citizens and non-profits from suing the federal government. This is just one of many horrible provisions in the bill.

4. In case you need a reminder, I included two of our earlier flyers with bullets about the impacts of the bill on Medicaid, other health insurance, and SNAP for Arizonans, ALL SO BILLIONAIRES CAN KEEP THEIR BIG TAX CUTS THAT THEY DON'T NEED. And post these as well.

Thanks so much.....If you want to join our 30 member team, contact Ken Minkoff at kminkov@aol.com

Best,

Ken

Attachments:

1. [two-faced-Cisco-FINAL2.pdf](#)
2. [budget-bill-climate-credits-phone-script.pdf](#)
3. [budget-bill-bond-trap-phone-script.pdf](#)
4. [Ciscomani-Turn-Your-Back-vertical-V4.jpg](#)
5. [Ciscomani-DG&M.E.-final.pdf](#)

6. Boycott & Build - MESSAGE FROM THE BOYCOTT AND BUILD GROUP

Want to participate in the Boycott and Build group or just have an interest in learning what we are up to? Please join us this Thursday June 28th at 3pm on Zoom. Reach out to Lisa Vaughn at lisabehappy@gmail.com for the meeting link and to be added to the email list for the Boycott and Build group.

BOYCOTTS AND BUYCOTTS INFLUENCE PILLARS OF SUPPORT

No Kings showed us that there are millions of people out there ready to take action to stop America's slide toward authoritarianism. If you missed the No Kings followup call, we encourage you to watch [Maria Stephan of The Horizons Project speak on this call - - start at minute 30:40 thru 38:10](#)). Maria discusses the importance of pressuring the "pillars of support" to stop complying or directly supporting this administration's authoritarian impulses. One of those pillars of support is businesses. That pillar is not a monolith. It is made up of individual consumers, workers, investors and CEOs. Influencing individuals, influences the pillar.

Boycotts, Buycotts (supporting enablers of democratic values) and non-violent resistance like the civil rights lunch counter sit-ins work. Please take a listen to Maria's few minutes of discussion to understand how your actions as a consumer, worker, investor or possibly even a CEO either enables or can help topple authoritarianism.

TESLA, T-MOBILE, TARGET and AVELO AIRLINES

Maria Stephan's talk discusses Tesla and the impacts protests have had in bringing awareness to the role of Elon Musk in harming our democracy. She mentions two ways to continue to put pressure on Musk. [Learn more](#) about both of these campaigns:

- 1) Be a part of the Musk Must Fall Global Day of Celebration on Saturday
- 2) Pressure T-Mobile to stop using Musk's Starlink

DIAMONDBACKS BILLIONAIRE OWNER -

Know what your ticket and merchandise purchases support!

When you purchase an AZ Diamondbacks ticket or merchandise do you know where that money goes?

According to [USNews](#) the Diamondbacks owner was the 2nd highest donor in AZ to the Republican party in the 2024 election cycle giving \$814,841 to Republicans and \$0 to Democrats. In this election cycle in particular, that makes quite a statement about the values this billionaire supports. And now the very people he helped pay to elect are ready to give the Diamondbacks a huge taxpayer handout.

AZ HB2704 (taxpayer subsidies for the Diamondbacks stadium) has passed the AZ Senate and now moves to the House before it will go to the governor's desk for her expected signature. Voice your concerns about redirecting taxpayer dollars to subsidize the billionaire owner of the Diamondbacks even as schools and public safety face budget cuts by boycotting games and merchandise.

Check out [this informative video from Robert Reich](#) to see how billionaire sports owners, like Diamondbacks owner Ken Kendrick, further enrich themselves at taxpayer's expense. And then ask yourself, is going to a game worth it?

HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION

- 1) When you shop, bank, or invest, remember you are strengthening a "pillar of influence" so make those decisions as carefully as you make your decisions to cast your vote at the ballot box.

2) Take time to contact businesses that are not supporting democratic values to let them know why you have already/or plan to shift your dollars elsewhere.

3) If you are a T-Mobile customer, [contact them](#) to let them know you plan to switch providers if they continue their support of Starlink. Echo the message from the organizers of this campaign to influence T-Mobile:

"By contracting with Starlink, T-Mobile is funding Elon Musk's attacks on democracy in the US and around the world. We're demanding T-Mobile pick a side. If they choose to continue in partnership with Starlink, they're complicit in his assault on working people and his support of far-right authoritarian governments around the world."

4) If you are a Diamondbacks fan, [contact them](#) to let them know you will no longer be a fan if they take AZ taxpayer's money to subsidize their stadium and call your AZ Representative and Gov Katie Hobbes to express your concerns.

5) Learn more about the Diamondbacks issue by reading [this article](#) shared by [Civic Engagement Beyond Voting](#).

You can use your financial resources to support those who would bow to a king, or to support those who will stand up to one.

7. Protect LGBTQ+ people especially youth

The government is shutting down the LGBTQ section of the suicide hotline:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/trump-administration-shut-lgbtq-youth-suicide-hotline-rcna213815>

but the organization that hosted that feature, the Trevor Project, is still available:

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

The Trevor Project is the leading suicide prevention and crisis intervention nonprofit organization for LGBTQ+ young people. We provide information & support to LGBTQ+

young people 24/7, all year round. Call: 1-866-488-7386.

Also, the Supreme Court is refusing to protect trans youth from laws banning gender-affirming care. You can find out more, and find out how you can help, from these organizations:

<https://www.hercampus.com/culture/transgender-support-organizations/>

and more listed here:

<https://glaad.org/resourcelist/>

8. Upcoming local events

Please note: this information is provided as a convenience for our readers. We do not research, endorse or validate these listings.

Please check the Take Action Tucson calendar for additional events:

<https://linktr.ee/takeactiontucson.org>

Tue, Jun 24 @ 5:30pm MST

Organizer: Healthcare Rising Arizona

Healthcare Rising Arizona: Defending Abortion Access Action Meeting

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/804985/>

This event's address is private. Sign up for more details.

(posted by Indivisible)

Wed, Jun 25 @ 5pm MST

After We March, We Organize! Solidarity Warriors Indivisible Action Group

Solidarity Warriors is an action-focused, Indivisible group formed from the Worth Fighting For movement.

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/748849/>

(posted by Indivisible)

9. Next ITAA General Membership meeting 7/7, 3:30 p.m.

Link to register for this meeting will be in your email, if you are subscribed to our email mailing list.

10. Short videos and other useful information

Don't Be A Sucker (1947) - U.S. War Department Film (18 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQ0ct9bglYo>

[Margrit says: I HIGHLY recommend watching this for historical context on dividing people - and what it is used for!]

Your Republican Congressman

<https://bsky.app/profile/mmkresge.bsky.social/post/3ls2oknip2k2d>

[Margrit says: this is scary because there is not one thing in it that is exaggerated. I appreciate that they target Republican congresspeople -- as bad as Trump is, he would not be where he is now without their complicity! This video and others produced by:]

Progress Action Fund

<https://progressactionfund.com/>

"When Republicans go low, we go lower."

Letter from Tina Smith's staff to Mike Lee's staff

<https://bsky.app/profile/urocklive1.bsky.social/post/3lrrhvaxij32e>

[Margrit says: the context for this is underhanded and vicious tweets and repostings of horrible content by Mike Lee's staff following the politically motivated shootings in Minnesota.]

That's it for this week - thank you everyone for all you do!

-- Margrit