



New Rules

Grassroots mobilization and mass protest against the Trump junta have reached an all-time high. Yet our growing Anti-Trump resistance is still relatively weak when it comes to explaining exactly what it is we are fighting for. Are we talking about a return to Establishment Democratic Party rule, a slight revision of the status quo we experienced during the Obama and Clinton administrations? Or are we talking about a genuine grassroots “Political Revolution” as called for by Bernie Sanders, now the most popular politician in the U.S.?

We’ve protested against Trump’s corporate cronies and swamp cabinet; against dirty oil pipelines and fracking; against rollbacks of environmental, food safety, health and consumer protection regulations; against the slaughter of civilians in Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan and Iraq; against racist police and immigration policies; against laws designed to marginalize workers, poor people and minorities; and against anti-choice and homophobic cabinet and Supreme Court appointments and legislation. Now, it’s time to work for something. It’s time to connect the dots between all of our burning issues, and unite our single-issue constituencies under a common vision and strategy for societal Regeneration—we cannot afford to return to the Democratic Party Establishment’s business-as-usual politics.

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Get Personal!

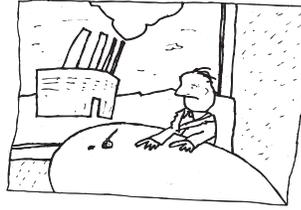
We’re all guilty of relying on technology as our only means of political participation. We sign online petitions, share critical information, conduct research without leaving the comfort of our own homes. But it’s not enough anymore. We need to get out, talk to people, knock on doors, circulate petitions by hand. We need to organize in our own communities, face-to-face, with our neighbors. We think *Meetup.com* can play a key role in helping us all bridge the gap between online and on-the-ground activism. Since we launched #Resist and #Regenerate on *Meetup.com*, you’ve helped us create nearly 200 local Meetup groups, with over 2200 members. The concept is simple: Start a #Resist and #Regenerate group on Meetup, reach out and invite activists and concerned citizens to a meeting, identify a local issue or local candidate, and start working together. orgcns.org/2qDNQ2n

Grow Ahead

Monsanto and industrial agriculture would have you believe that their GMO monoculture crops are the answer to world hunger. That’s a flat-out lie. In fact, small-scale farmers, working only 25% of the world’s farmland, produce 80% of the food for developing countries. Yet those farmers are increasingly vulnerable to mounting threats, including climate change. Unlike heavily subsidized corporate agribusiness, small farmers get little or no government or market support to help them overcome challenges or market their goods.

Grow Ahead, a new online lending and funding program, connects individuals and organizations directly to small-scale family farmer organizations, so that we can help the farmers who use agroecological practices that build healthy soil and strong local economies. The program, launched by Fair World Project (a project of OCA), makes it easy for consumers and organizations to support small farmers by providing critical resources, including farmer-led trainings which have a proven track record of success in farming communities. growahead.org

‘Corporation Protection Agency’



On February 24, Trump signed Executive Order 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda.” Trump falsely claimed that the intent of the task force created by the order was to “alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens” on the American people. The real goal of Trump’s executive order is to get rid of regulations that protect you

and your family from things like pesticides and poisons. Trump’s priority is to protect corporate profits—not the American people.

To comply with the order, the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs is soliciting public comments on which regulations—regulations that were put in place to protect Americans from toxic chemicals—the agency should repeal, replace or modify.

It’s no coincidence that when Trump signed the executive order, he handed the signing pen to Andrew Liveris, CEO of Dow Chemical. It’s also no coincidence that Trump’s EPA chief, Scott Pruitt, wasted no time overturning the Obama administration’s proposed ban on one of Dow’s top-selling poisons, chlorpyrifos, an organophosphate pesticide. (Pruitt’s move prompted a lawsuit by environmental groups).

There’s little doubt the under Trump and Pruitt, the “Environmental” Protection Agency is fast morphing into a taxpayer-funded “Corporation” Protection Agency. Just last week, Trump appointed the American Chemistry Council’s former senior director of regulatory science policy to a new position at the EPA: deputy assistant administrator of the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. And the EPA last week also dismissed at least five scientists on its scientific review board. Pruitt told the media he will replace the scientists with industry representatives who “understand the impact of regulations on the regulated community.” The government agency in charge of protecting you from poisons will now protect corporations from regulations. Under Trump, the EPA is abandoning its mission to “protect you, your family, and the environment from potential risks from pesticides and toxic chemicals.” We need to speak up. orgcns.org/2pcy5hD

Fracking Kills Babies

An epidemiological study published recently in the *Journal of Environmental Protection* revealed for the first time that fracking kills babies. The study examined early infant deaths 0-28 days before and after the drilling of fracking wells, using official data from the U.S. Centre for Disease Control to compare the immediate post-fracking four-year period (2007-10) with the pre-fracking four-year period (2003-06). According to the study: “There were about 50 more babies died in these 10 counties than would have been predicted if the rate had been the same over the period as all of Pennsylvania, where the incidence rate fell over the same period.” orgcns.org/2qCBZFv

March Against Monsanto

On May 20, activists in 300 cities on six continents participated in the sixth annual International March Against Monsanto.

As citizens and consumers, we must continue to stand up to Monsanto and other corporate criminals, But even as we resist the corporate takeover of our government and regulatory agencies, we must also talk about solutions—including how we can regenerate everything from our health to our economies and communities, by building a new Regeneration Movement. That message—Resist and Regenerate—is the message we all brought to the March Against Monsanto this year.