

RESOURCES FOR ORGANIZING NONVIOLENT GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS

People who support human rights, civil liberties, environmental quality, the climate, and other humane values were stunned by the November 2016 election and fear radical damage to these aspects of our civilization and ecosystems. We are already suffering more oppression, corruption and attacks on honest, constitutional government. But instead of feeling immobilized like “deer in the headlights” or freaking out, we can nonviolently resist! [Our remedy is to organize nonviolent movements from the grassroots up.](#) so we can resist oppression and accomplish our positive goals for peace, human rights, social & economic justice, environmental sustainable, honest democracy, etc. [Nonviolent grassroots organizing really works!](#)

Trump is only the latest symptom of serious underlying problems. Demoning this one person can distract people from solving the underlying systemic problems. If – because of his corruption or psychiatric disabilities – he is removed from office through impeachment or the Constitution’s 25th Amendment, the right-wing vice president, right-wing cabinet, right-wing Congress, and all of our nation’s underlying systemic problems will still persist.

Now is the time to [organize strategically smart and nonviolent grassroots movements](#) to effectively counter the oppression, repression, and harmful policies that are ruining our nation – and to work effectively for our positive goals. Our organizing can help people solve these long-standing problems. [See the resources in this box and below it:](#)

NONVIOLENT GRASSROOTS REMEDIES FOR OUR CURRENT CRISIS

The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation’s website – www.olympiafor.org – includes a number of resources to help people cope with our current political crisis. Several episodes of our TV program series – which you can watch and/or read about through the website’s “**TV Programs**” section – deal constructively with our nation’s crisis. The December 2016 episode and several of our 2017 episodes deal with the crisis in helpful ways. The website’s “**Nonviolence**” section offers a number of resources, especially under the subheadings “**Understanding and Using Nonviolence**” and “**Using Nonviolence in the Real World.**”

Books

MANY, MANY, MANY BOOKS AND RESOURCES ARE EXCELLENT FOR THIS TOPIC. HERE ARE JUST A FEW:

- *Why Civil Resistance Works* by Erica Chenoweth and Maria J. Stephan (2011)
- *This is an Uprising* by Mark Engler and Paul Engler (2016) (Also see www.thisisanuprising.org)
- *Doing Democracy: The MAP Model for Organizing Social Movements* by Bill Moyer, JoAnn McAllister, Mary Lou Finley, and Steven Soifer
- *A Force More Powerful* by Peter Ackerman and Jack DuVall – and the DVD/VHS series
- Books and other resources offered (some by simple downloads) by the Albert Einstein Institution, www.aeinstein.org
- Books listed as resources on nonviolence at the Lutheran Peace Fellowship’s website. Visit www.lutheranpeace.org. Click “Resources” link. Then click “Nonviolence” link.
- Books by and about Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Writings in many places by Michael Nagler and George Lakey

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

MANY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR WEBSITES OFFER EXCELLENT INFORMATION, INSIGHTS, AND RESOURCES. I ESPECIALLY RECOMMEND THESE:

- For decades I have been recommending the amazingly smart resources by Gene Sharp and others at The Albert Einstein Institution: www.aeinstein.org.
- Lutheran Peace Fellowship: Visit www.lutheranpeace.org. Click “Resources” link. Then click “Nonviolence” link.
- Nonviolence International: www.nonviolenceinternational.net
- International Center on Nonviolent Conflict: www.nonviolent-conflict.org
- Campaign Nonviolence: www.paceebene.org/programs/campaign-nonviolence

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See resources at the “Nonviolence” and “Organizing” parts of my blog, www.parallaxperspectives.org