

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 immediately started suffering more oppression, corruption and attacks on honest, constitutional government. Trump's abuses have continued throughout his term of office. 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. **Non-violent grassroots organizing really works!**

Trump is only the latest symptom of serious underlying problems. Demonizing 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.

The institutional Democratic Party vigorously rebuffed the truly progressive candidate for the 2020 nomination and lined up in support of a long-term "centrist" with decades of subservience to Big Business and the Military-Industrial Complex. Electoral politics can be important but are not enough to solve the real problems.

Now is the time to **organize strategically smart and non-violent 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

Glen Anderson's blog – www.parallaxperspectives.org – includes a number of resources to help people cope with our current political crisis. The website's categories for "Nonviolence" and "Organizing" offer many resources. Some of the TV programs – which you can watch and/or read about through the blog's "TV Programs" category – deal constructively with our nation's crisis and urge nonviolent grassroots organizing to deal effectively with our current crisis.

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: At www.lutheranpeace.org, click "Resources" link and then "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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