

These are the characteristics of a fascist takeover:

- Ultra-nationalism centered on the cult of a redemptive, “infallible” leader who never admits mistakes.
- Endless military incursions and interventions, seeking to expand territory and power and steal resources through armed conflict, military occupations, and economic pressure.
- Repeated denials and violations of the human rights of targeted groups.
- Media censorship and control of mass media.
- Fraudulent elections and voter suppression (or the canceling of elections entirely).
- Fixation with perceived national decline, humiliation, or victimhood.
- Obsession with “national security,” crime and punishment, and fostering a sense of the nation under attack.
- Control over education.
- Rewriting of history.
- Rampant sexism.
- Labeling and targeting of gender non-conforming people and people of color as enemies.
- Normalizing corruption and political violence.
- Ignoring due process.
- Protecting corporate power and suppressing labor power.
- Using the military on civilians.
- Political power derived from promoting lies.
- Appointing incompetent loyalists to high office: loyalty to the “leader” is paramount and more important than competence.
- Ignoring due process.
- Erasing and faking government data.
- Religion and government are intertwined.
- Disdain for intellectuals and the arts not aligned with the narrative.

And here we are.

We must act now- nonviolently and with consistent purpose- to stop this takeover and remove this regime from power while we still can.

Here are two immediate action items:

1. Tell Your Congressional Representatives to DE-FUND ICE and the Department of Homeland Security (America’s New Gestapo).

ICE and Border Patrol are now the highest-funded federal law enforcement agencies, with a budget larger than most of the world’s militaries. They are intentionally wreaking havoc in our communities and terrorizing (and killing) citizens and non-citizens alike. The January 7 murder of Renee Good in Minneapolis was not an isolated tragedy. The MAGA government wants even more money for these agencies in FY 2026. They must be stopped.

DHS funding expires on January 30 and must be renewed in Congress. Democrats will only use their leverage to rein in ICE and Border Patrol if constituents demand it. Flood Congress with calls and emails. Go to <https://indivisible.org/ice-out-house> for a link (and sample script).

2. Join one of the “Free America Walkout” rallies and demonstrations happening across the country on Tuesday, January 20, the first-year anniversary of the beginning of Trump’s disastrous second term. To find an event near you, go to <https://action.womensmarch.com/calendars/free-america-weekend>. (There are several events planned in Connecticut.)

ABOLISH ICE
END U.S. Wars and Occupations
REMOVE the Trump Regime

Resist fascism now (before it’s too late.) Resist this endless war.
New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice:

<https://newhavensundayvigil.org>
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