Now more than ever, it's (still) up to us.

The results of the 2026 midterm elections were, without a doubt, encouraging. They demonstrated the power that we, the people, can harness when we truly understand the serious consequences of the problems we are up against, know we have something worth fighting for, and seize every opportunity to make our voices heard in a meaningful way.

The historic voter turnout that led to a "blue tsunami" was both a resounding repudiation of Trumpism and MAGA fascism and an unmistakably loud wake-up call to the corporate-controlled leadership of the Democratic party. It was a demand for constructive change, accountability, and the establishment of true democracy.

And now, we have our work cut out for us on all fronts.

The entrenched Democratic leadership- Schumer, Jeffries, Pelosi, et al- has consistently demonstrated its commitment to business as usual and sabotaged the efforts of the more progressive elements in its own party. Notes longtime activist, independent journalist and political commentator Chris Hedges, these "corporate indentured Democrats" are as much the servants of the war industry, the billionaire class, the corporations, and the lobby supporting the Israeli government's genocide in Palestine as the Republicans. And they have continued (even after the elections) to show reluctance to impeach Trump and hold his blatantly corrupt, unlawful administration accountable for its crimes against the country and the world.

As Hedges warns, "If the hierarchy of the Democratic party maintains control [and] if the party refuses to address the needs of the disenfranchised working class and the serious issues that the country is facing, the backlash will be severe and will contribute to the further rise of authoritarianism and a fascist future for our country." (*https://www.youtube.com/live/PbmbPDgp-dIHedges)*

We want a consistent, concrete, serious commitment from the people we have now elected to address the issues we care about. The pushback from those currently in power will be unrelenting. But we must insist that those we've elected tackle these issues with equal vigor. That is, after all, why we turned out in such numbers to vote for them.

These issues include but are by no means limited to:

- Restoring the rule of law and routing out corruption at all levels of government, starting at the top.
- Controlling the cost of living and removing the concentration of wealth and power from the hands of the few.
- Raising the minimum wage to a living wage.
- Enacting a wealth tax.
- Ending corporate America's undermining of the public voice and repealing the restrictive laws that make forming unions impossible.
- Abolishing ICE and ending government surveillance and terror.
- Providing unlimited universal health care, childcare, and elder care.
- Restoring reproductive rights and gender affirming care.
- Ending US wars of aggression against Iran and worldwide.
- Ending all US military, economic, and political support for the Israeli government's war on Palestine.
- Ending all US military, economic and political support for all authoritarian world leaders, including Trump's ties to the Putin regime.
- Imposing serious and verifiable restrictions on AI and reining in the construction of Data Centers.
- Working with other nations to do anything and everything possible to mitigate climate change and to abolish nuclear weapons.

Here are only a few of the ways we can pressure those we have elected to ensure that they are accountable to us:

- Consistently monitoring how they vote.
- Insisting that they hold town halls to hear our views and answer our questions.
- Visiting their offices, flooding their telephone lines, sending emails and letters, and publishing opinion pieces in all media.
- **Consistently taking to the streets in large numbers and doing nonviolent civil disobedience if necessary. (It will be).**

Silence is not an option.

Resist this Endless War. Resist fascism now (before it's too late.)

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