

The Fight for Democracy must continue.

Why must we work now to strengthen democracy? "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." [Edmund Burke].

Yes, we won the presidency, but there is no time to relax. The autocracy-wolf is at the door. *Please note sources at the bottom of the page.*

We should consider that 'wolf':

- Who loves *autocracy* and Trump? An almost unbelievable *70 million* voters – mainly Republicans. (a)
- Who voted for Trump *and therefore the end of democracy?* The disenfranchised. (b)
- What has caused this disenfranchisement? Republican economic plans. (c.)

Republicans, through their policies, reward the wealthy while these policies disenfranchise workers and the poor who are drawn into voting Republican due to their repeated lies. (d)(e)

It is a vicious, yet intentional circle, meant to keep working and middle class Americans voting against their own self-interest. And it appears the GOP plans to stay on this autocracy 'path'.

- How "can [our] nation reverse democratic erosion..?" (f) With work. Being aware.
- "Can a slide toward authoritarianism be reversed?" (f) Yes.

How can we EACH help save democracy? You can:

Share and defend TRUTH! And facts.	Share what Democrats believe (i) – below.
Call out! lies each time you can.	Post truth on social media.
Support media that 'give' TRUTH	Write letters to editors.
Join peaceful protests.	Start a truth-phone-tree.
Vote! And in primaries! (g)	Join the Democratic party and help your precinct.
Demand voting be easier & accessible.	Demand legislative spending disclosures.
Demand racial and economic justice.	Demand truth from legislators.

Demand decency and honor.	Demand legislators do their jobs. (h)
Demand equal education.	Demand an end to Gerrymandering.
Demand truth and challenge lies.	Register to vote. (g)
Demand livable wages.	Demand workers' rights.
Vote to end felon disenfranchisement.	Support candidates who share these values. (i)
Volunteer! Help in your precinct.	Write or call our legislators. Send info on this page! (h)

“Because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation. Our blunders become their burdens. But one thing is certain. If we merge mercy with might and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change, our children’s birth right. So let us leave behind a country better than one we were left with... “



Amanda Gorman. “The Hill We Climb”. 1/20/21.

DEMOCRATS BELIEVE IN: (we need to remember & share to counter the lies) (i)

Health-care for all **Fair and easy voting** **TRUTH**
Responsible capitalism *Social Security (not socialism!)*
Clean: air & water & energy-jobs *Good! public education*
Fair Immigration Laws *Equal opportunity to succeed*
Women making their own health choices **Rule of Law**
Responsible gun legislation/control **Broadband for all**
Justice reform ... more rehab, fewer felons **Fair, livable wages**
Safe bridges & roads **The CONSTITUTION**
Democracy! “Of...by...and for the people” NOT corporations.
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REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IN :

POWER. No platform. No legislation of/by/for the people. It is the Party of **NO, but YES** to: Dark Money PACs, supporting the top 1% and to Trump’s attempt to end our democracy. [Concerns Americans share and GOP legislators ignore. – Henderson County Democratic Party \(myhcdp.com\)](#) (h)

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**January 2021 UPDATE:**

Many of the above concerns could be addressed to strengthen democracy, through the HR1

Bill which will be going before the Congress.

NOTE: The Republicans/GOP do not support HR1 which seeks to improve: ETHICS, accountability, solve Citizen United issues of uncapped campaign contributions, support voting rights, end Gerrymandering, introduce campaign finance reform and codes of ethics for the Supreme Court and many more benefits to democracy.

-> *Encourage our legislators to support the HR 1 Bill.*

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Sources:

(a) [Republicans closely resemble autocratic parties in Hungary and Turkey – study | US news | The Guardian](#)

(b) [Josh Hawley Speaks For Millions Of Disenfranchised Trump Voters – Rips Dems For Russia Hoax \(VIDEO\) \(americanlookout.com\)](#) **and:** (Additional source on “disenfranchisement”: [“Mass Voter Disenfranchisement”: GOP Ramps Up Assault on Voting Rights Across U.S. Ahead of Election | Democracy Now!](#))

(c) [Disenfranchisement – A Republican Political Strategy | A One Man Think Tank](#)

(d) [Trump Lost. But Racism Will Probably Win Again. – Mother Jones](#)

(e) [Unity will come when people ‘feel it in their pockets’: former Citigroup chairman \(yahoo.com\)](#)

(f) [Can a Democracy on the Brink of Authoritarianism Recover? – Mother Jones](#)

(g) [Sen. Ron Wyden: The Capitol riots prove we need to strengthen our democracy. That begins with voting rights. \(nbcnews.com\)](#)

(h) [Concerns Americans share and GOP legislators ignore. – Henderson County Democratic Party \(myhcdp.com\)](#)

(i) **“Democrats Believe in”** above.

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