

# HOPE IS IN THE STREETS

It's not surprising that the very worst people have gained control of the institutions of our society. Who else wants to hold power, to rule? As long as our society is based on coercion and competition, the worst will always rise to the top. The problem is the institutions themselves.

It's naïve to hope that CNN, the FBI, or the Democratic Party will thwart Trump's authoritarian ambitions. They are just as essential to the power structure as Trump himself is, just as complicit in its functioning. Grassroots resistance has been the only thing that has succeeded in putting the brakes on Trump's advance. Every victory against him has begun with people taking action on their own initiative. If we hadn't blockaded the airports, would any judge have had the guts to block the Muslim ban? If we hadn't flooded the streets, would White House employees have taken the risk of leaking information?

Together, we have the power to take back our lives and disable the institutions through which our rulers seek to dominate us. No party, politician, or organization can do this for us. Let's become ungovernable and free.



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