

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 12.12.2023

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Good News:

- Kevin McCarthy resigns from the house leaving another Republican seat vacant.
- NY Highest Court ordered NY to redesign its electoral map: that may affect 2 to 4 seats
- Judge Chutkan seems to have jumped over Appellate Court to Supreme Court.
- Israeli woman, Yael Nor “is fighting to be good.” Her charity, Road to Recovery continues to drive sick Palestinians to hospital appointments in Israel. She has continued her work after the murders of Israelis by Hamas.
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-67592468>

Upcoming Actions

Wednesday, December 13, 5:30PM-6:30PM, Federalist Society of NYC Xmas Party 32 East 21st St. (Hardings Bar)

- Everyone attending is a member of Federalist Society got last 5 Supreme Court Justices and Clarence Thomas appointed.
- Oppty to get more photos out about Project 2025
- Oppty to go out together afterwards.

Thursday, December 14, Immigration Vigil 5PM Times Square Subway.

- Regular immigration vigil location for the winter.
- More positive feedback than we expected last week.
- Mayor Adams is turning families out of shelters and making them reapply.
 - No reasonable policy reason; Disrupts kids' schooling.
 - Doing the same thing that is happening in Gaza.

- Congress is locked into gridlock around a spending bill where Republicans are tying immigration policy to funding for Ukraine and Israel.
- There is more action in Senate where Dems have a bare majority.
- Here is the NYIC letter to Schumer and Gillibrand outlining the draconian measures being demanded by Republicans:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vsWUtcAm8wdBs2ET7v9NvtQXBy3m65_o/view

Trump Going Out Of Business - Sunday December 17, 11:30AM Meet at Pulitzer Fountain in front of Plaza Hotel between 58th and 59th Street.

- **Map:** Pulitzer fountain per Google map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/eeH7AHxFNGaKfhAm7>
- Weather looks pretty good: 53 degrees, no rain.
- Truck will do some loops down around there.
- Signs and discounted merchandise
- Owen will film; Heather will direct.
- There will be a crowd there.

Mark your calendars for January 6 insurrection anniversary, January 11 (closing arguments in Trump Civil Case) and January 16 (start of part 2 of E. Jean Carroll defamation case).

- Every year on **Jan 6**, we have done an Indict Action on the steps of the Public Library. The indictments have come down, so we will do another action TBD. Likely to be on the steps of the Library.
 - Proposed: IMPEACH, INDICT, CONVICT
 - GUILTY
- **Date for closing arguments is 1/11.** Likely to be a lot of press. Judge Engoron is going to rule online. The last day lawyers will be there is 1/11.
- **Jan 16:** Opportunity to thank E. Jean Carroll and call trump out for the defamation case.

Follow up discussion from last week's presentation about Project 2025, and how we want to integrate it into our work during the 2024 election cycle. Also, how to message with his day one dictator comments.

- Very interesting discussion with Ann Christine Tedesky. We did not have to discuss this much, nor trump's remarks about "Day One" last week. We will use this time now.
- Minutes from last week's discussion:
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59db9ec1beba3b908067f4/t/6574141cb13f3c696c8c08d6/1702106140809/RaR+Minutes+Dec+5+2023.pdf>

Discussion:

- We did not hear anything new. It does not change much. We need to get people to vote. Seems academic. ("I'm prepared to be mistaken.")
- We have condensed the document to 70 pages - which will be at the Town Hall
- Some really smart people have not heard of Project 2025. Huge potential for raising awareness. Much bigger than trump. Policy document: Students for Justice can tackle this: interns can do TikTok's and raise awareness with younger people
- It is our job to make it un-wonky. Use this to tar the Republican Party. Tar every candidate from the Republican Party. A lot of work and messaging needed.
- People are tired from the last 7 years. Trump's numbers went up after his "Day One" comment on Sean Hannity. This document has been drafted over 4 years. We are not prepared to handle what rights are being stripped from us. Training centers have been set up. This is the most important thing that we can focus on.

- Examples of who has not heard of Project 2025:
 - Brian Lehrer last week.
 - No off-Broadway theater people knew about this.
- The first way to stop 2025 is to Stop trump. A lot of 2025 is being put to the test in Red States. The Koch Foundation does not like trump, but they will have to stomach him.
- Project 2025 is weaponizing trump. He was chaotic and impulsive. That is not what this is. Word has to get out.
- Will this be live streamed? News about livestreaming will come out on Thursday 12/14/23.
- SFJ will get involved. Andrea Miller, head of Center for Common Ground, is very interested and engaged.
- There was Roe VS Wade. Now no Roe vs Wade. People must be reminded: Gore Vidal: “United States of Amnesia.”
- AC talked about getting very used to living under fascism. Yes? No?
- Documentation regarding health is deeply misogynistic and anti-LGBT. Get rid of the Civil Service. Heritage published it and there is a huge network of people on this. This is a vast right wing conspiracy. Propublica podcasts: We don’t talk about Leo. <https://www.propublica.org/article/we-dont-talk-about-leonard-podcast>
- It’s also a way to “repackage” these horrible things in a new and different context and fire them up again. As Jackie just said, we’re all tired, but this is a way to get people motivated.
- What is the relationship of Rise and Resist to this thing. After reading the forerunners of this for years, how do we respond? Do we stay RaR or do we publicize a policy document.
- AC said: You are the disrupters. That is what we need to do. Jon chalked stop the Coup. “Day One” several people came by and said yes. That is what trump said. Press, CD, interviews. The press on Dictator stuff is playing.
- I felt denial. We can do a test case in terms of working to get Suozzi elected. We have to sound the alarm.
- Trump’s first term was chaos. Cooler minds are USING trump to shape this nation into a Christian theocracy. Very real danger. How methodical the Nazis were. Not just chaos to get to the other side of. STOP PROJECT 2025. Get out in front of the press. Get that into people’s heads.
- We are working on Project 2025: Messaging will be individualized: What it will do to you!
- There is a tight group working on this: Jamie, Julie, Jackie, AC, and others.
- Project 2025 = christian nationalist FASCIST society, constructed to concentrate wealth and power in an elite, and destroy those who posit another reality.
- We need to get the young people’s cutting edge perspectives. Get your trench coats out! We will be underground.
- STOP TRUMP. STOP PROJECT 2025. Very valuable process. Great discussion. We need to tell other RaR members who do not attend.
- It is a fait accompli. How do we communicate that? It is here now.

Report Backs

December 6, Elevator Actions at the MTA Board Mtg.

- Great video of the action. FIX THE ELEVATORS! SETTLE THE CASE!
- It moved really fast. Jean Ryan, disability activist, said her thing – excellent as usual.
- Lots of security because of congestion pricing - they got us out in no time.
- Our video was shown several thousand times.

- Show up! Do it!
- Show up where the press is.
- Here is to being ready and camera ready.
- Core of the larger action: target the vulnerable. Anything that is an “other.”
- First they came for disabled people...This is what it is.
- Video of the action:
- <https://twitter.com/scootercasterny/status/1732419150511776149?t=4EnwPY92C2whlYRy7fWulw>

December 7, CEASEFIRE lights at Columbus Circle Hanukkah celebration plus other actions that folks went to.

- We brought the orange CEASFIRE lit words.
- We lined the perimeter with our lights. We brought the action outside.
- People were really glad to see it; though we worried about bringing a prop to someone else’s action.
- Other actions: this afternoon (12/12) at Citibank way downtown. JVP, NY Communities for Change, Empowered Change. Citbank is financing genocide.
- <https://actionnetwork.org/events/citiprotest>
- Here is Wendy’s list of upcoming Palestine actions:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SN1_ptt1_5aA3rbGeli8fRmY8zz58moTeTfqXcohl4/edit

December 9, NYYRC Gala

- Good crew of very experienced people
- Police were very unprepared. Set up a pen far away. We made them freeze the sidewalk, which means no one can walk. We were free range and the cops were blocked in.
- There were two entrances, and we covered that too. We did not want to leave that group be unharassed.
- Alvin talked about being body-checked and the police said they saw nothing. Police state.
- People were there to kiss the ring of trump.
- I cannot yell at these people. I would rather try to talk to them.
- I don’t want to let those people feel comfortable in our town. I try to speak to people at Fox Truth Tuesdays. Not these people.

12/5 Truth Tuesdays at FOX every Tuesday at 12noon 47th St.& 6th Ave.

- A woman joined us from LA.
- The passersby were hostile. Probably because of the XMAS tree.
- Some positive encounters.

Non-RaR announcements

Weds, December 13, 12 pm: Manor Church between 26th between 8th and 9th Ave. There will be a No Bigots In Chelsea protest

- The Manor Church is sponsoring an event, the Foundation Conference, with the CEO of Bob Jones University.
- Action sponsored by LGBTQ+ People at Penn South. + ACT UP NY!

- Foundation Conference people want LGBT people to die.

Stop The Coup Town Hall - Sun Dec 17 2:30-4:30PM at The Center (208 W13th St.)

- News about livestreaming will come out on Thursday 12/14/23.
- Owen Crowley will be filming.
- There will be flyers and materials at the town hall that we can use to further distill our message.

Rally on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 11 am in front of Beth Israel Hospital on East Side.

- Mt Sinai (now Continuum) took over Beth Israel and will shut it down in July.
- Protest hosted by Carlina Rivera, Assembly member Harvey Epstein. Mark H. has been working on it.
- They pillaged Beth Israel.
- There will be no downtown community hospital; hospital desert. Many of the patients who use the hospital are from the housing projects.
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/19bJDUOGwTGybRxIBeYM7ao-cQHQ2pSgo/view?usp=drive_link

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