

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 1.12.2021

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GOOD NEWS!

Both Senate seats were won in GA. Bright side to invasion of the Capitol but now seeing some accountability. Another article of impeachment. Trump would be the only President to be impeached twice. Favorability ratings down to 33%. Liz Cheney is going to vote for impeachment. Companies including Marriott, Blue Cross, etc. no money to Republicans who were seditious. Hallmark demanded a refund from Hawley. The Patriot's Belichick refuses Medal of Freedom. PGA dropping Trump's course for 2022 tournament. Mike Pompeo told to not show up in Luxembourg. Deutsche Bank has dropped Trump.

REPORT BACKS

TRUMP IS GUILTY Demo at Trump Hotel: Wednesday, January 6 at 5:30 pm

Jackie: Great, jumped on it very quickly. Very visible. Julie's letters were magnificent. Great banners. Took over the whole area and made it light up. Another thing going on in Times Square; marched over to our demo. They became louder. A lot of coverage. It was convoluted because we got mixed up with Refuse Fascism.

Donna: Great fun. I was energized. Holding a banner and got interviewed by WNYC and Jamie was interviewed, too. A great demo despite Refuse Fascism.

Jenny: NY One had a long segment about the event. Jamie, Jenny were interviewed.

SAY THEIR NAMES at 96th St. and Broadway: Friday, January 8 at 4:30 pm

Very good. Great banners—White supremacy; Stop Killing Black People

Reminder: 4:30 pm on Fridays

Livvie—new people (non-RaR) are attending the Say Their Names.

Jamie—what struck me last Friday, we had more ugly comments of people walking by than any other days. Shocking how many hostile comments there were.

Jenny: the importance of trying to stay grounded and just saying their names. This was a neighborhood action. New people keep joining.

Alexandra: If you haven't received emails about people who have been murdered, recommend reading them about the people who have been killed.

Jon W—Specificity is important. Asking Jamie about hostile comments. Variety of things—hostile tirades. It was the volume. Self-righteousness. What about all lives matter. Please don't get distracted and don't get engaged.

This Friday is MLK's BD. May be a target date. Safety wise we need to up our game. We have to watch and take care of one another.

Cherie—was there anything different this week that may have caused the up in hostility?

Joan—maybe Washington's events influenced Friday's demo.

INVOKING THE 25th In Redhook, Brooklyn, Sunday, January 10th at TBD??
At Christopher St. Pier: Monday, January 11th at 6:45 pm
In DUMBO, Brooklyn, Tuesday, January 11th at 5:45 pm

Got great pictures. The events went well. After the Redhook event, Martin put it out on twitter and someone with 500,000 followers shared it. Other sites being discussed for the near future.

Ray—15 of us assembled last night at Christopher St Pier; Martin was there; George was last minute. Great spot; great Manhattan skyline shots. George requested two events.

1.1MM impressions on twitter for Invoke the 25th. Spread like wildfire.

Impeach, Expel, Invoke the 25th—used at Dumbo action today

To find out about the next one, can contact Martin. Will discuss at Actions tomorrow. The Trump site is the best. Trump Hotel.

CLIMATE ACTION at 39th Street and 7th Avenue: Rescheduled for Sunday, January 17th at noon

Livvie—Climate group is doing a demo in front of 3 banks; protesting one pipeline in front of 3 banks—39th and 7th Ave action—will carry banners from bank to bank. Banner says “Stop Investing in Climate Disaster”—Additional signage will target each bank—cancelled last Sunday because Proud Boys had something planned around the same time in the same area. We wanted to stay away from them. So rescheduled for Sunday, noon, Jan. 17; meeting at thread and needle statue. Might get Martin to film. Ken Schles is photographing.

REPORT BACK AND UPCOMING

Tax the Rich—Livvie—working as part of a coalition; launching a letter writing effort urging people to contact their legislature; explaining the tax the rich movement. It’s coming up; choose to do letters which will be personalized by district. Participants need to print the letters out, supply their own envelope and postage. Mostly printed with some room for a hand-written note. Next week there will be more details. May ask for postage money.

Other Tax the Rich actions—Mark Hannay—turn up at different Billionaire’s residents with our letters. Wall St should pay a sales tax OR Tax the Rich is in the works. Virginia—use the Wall St. Bull

Mark—Do these in well-heeled neighborhoods—UWS, Park Slope, UES etc.
End the special tax breaks for corporations and very rich people instead of Tax the Rich which some think is fomenting class warfare.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

NYCAN Nuclear Ban Action—Robert C—Report Back—Did three: Times Square, Battery Park , and Dumbo

Donna A, Erik M, Jackie Rudin—took wonderful photos. Jackie showed up at all three and took wonderful photos. Protect the Results and ICAN people came to the actions. We integrated a variety of movements together. Jackie noted how good Robert is at creating community. Not a hit and run; a hit and stay.

For help in disseminating the @nuclearban photos and press release please contact Robert rcroon@gmail.com.

Robert has a small crew to do an action later in the week acknowledging the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entering into force.

Vaccine Access for People in Congregate Settings: Thursday, January 14, 1 pm, 90

Church St. Stu: Good news is that shelters, along with prisons and jails, are now on the list now.

Such an important issue; matter of life and death for a lot of people. Highest infection rates are in these congregate facilities. Infection rate is probably understated because there are not enough tests. Majority are black and brown and have a lot of ingoing vulnerabilities. They are

physically 20 years older than their chronological age. These groups are in the 1c group. Only 54,000 in prisons and jails. Racial justice issue.

Close the Book on Trump—Tuesday, Jan. 19 noon—42nd St at NYPL

Action on what may be Trump's last day in office. Reading of all Trump's crimes with banners and crimes. Rick is drafting a list of crimes—both those seen as crimes according to law—tax evasion etc but also technically legal things but immoral like separating kids from their parents. Trump will be investigated, charged, indicted, arrested and he's guilty. Throw the book at him.

NEW ACTION

Celebration of Georgia and looking forward—Saturday, January 23 mid-day, location TBD

We will get together in a park, can social distance, be together, opportunity for coalition building; join in community for the fight ahead.

Action endorsed. \$400 approved for signage.

A Rat Action per George—Date, Time and Place TBD

Stu: Idea of going to Trump Tower is very attractive to me. We need some closure by going there when Trump is so vulnerable. The Rat is always fun. Want the illuminated lights-maybe Invoke the 25th. Will discuss this action more at Actions Meeting Weds. Jan 13.

DISCUSSION: what happened last week and how does that affect what we need to do as RaR?

Stu: Need to hold Biden's feet to the fire. We can't have another 4 years like Obama.

Brigid: Gun violence project working with youth to resolve things peacefully. Hosts Peace Week; happens around MLK Day; this Friday through this week. Clear asks for white people to take action and step up. We want white people to show up. People from all over the City-large walk; townhall. If RaR could pick up some stuff for social media and could join in for Peace Week, that would be great.

Mark Hannay: We have to take this white supremacy thing pretty seriously. Going to the state capitals. Up to us as white people to step up and call out white supremacy and white privilege. Getting past Trump may take a while. Also need to push new political leaders where we want to go.

Jamie: We all saw this coming since Charlottesville, Michigan legislature attack. Felt like the 3rd or 4th coming of the Klan. We need to understand our history and frame our messaging around it. RaR is uniquely able to do that. Craft our messages and go out in the streets safely and responsibly. Easy to focus on Trump, McConnell. Now we need to look at something much more diffuse. We need to put pressure to change the rules to protect us from another Trump.

Vincent: Trump and Trumpism are symptoms of how we have been drifting in this country. Want to see the left in general focus on economic issues. Both parties have been taken over by

mega donors and corporations. We need to address the prison industrial complex including the War on Drugs. Where is the discussion of repealing the Trump Tax Scam from two years ago? This white supremacy will go away when they have jobs.

Jackie Orr: My understanding is that we are also a work in progress. Two things—agree that where we are as activists is at a moment where anti-racism has to be front and center. Obvious but also confusing, the fallout of this mob attack will make activism less secure. Gov. Of Florida puts forth legislation on Jan. 6 criminalizes protests and activists of color will be much less secure. Activists of color will feel it more than white activists. On Jan. 6 a lot of white people attacked white cops. White people were calling for Pence's death. Fascist elements with some white supremacy. The violence is mostly men, white middle class mobs.

Katrina: Knowing RaR, might be preaching to the choir; betting most heard there was a callout for people on the left to stay away from the Capitol. We're usually there; it was hard to stay home. It was a good call to make. Jan 17, 19, and 20 are sensitive dates. Some cops might try to prevent some of our gatherings, we just need to push back.

We need to keep doing peaceful protests and show how we are different from the Jan. 6 mob. Every privilege that these white MFers demand, we need to demand that for black and brown people. Turn the tables on them.

Rick: Pained and can't believe I'm going to say this, I don't have any assurance that they won't come back again. I was relieved to hear that the Joint Chiefs are not going to let this insurrection prevail. A coup is not going to happen. Don't think the good people on the left could prevent this. One thing we could do is focus back on the NYPD and DeBlasio and all that's happened in the past 6-9 months. Get at all the white supremacy and the connection to law enforcement.

Jenny: What came to mind is Resistance is Justified. A call to deny corporate domination. How do we come up with language that doesn't normalize stuff that we all feel strongly about. How do we not allow ourselves to be co-opted? Something about language is so important. Please be aware of military coups. We never want that. The danger of that on some level right now is high.

Jackie Rudin: Most of what I was thinking about has been said. Was the issue going to be about our safety or what we are going to focus on? Finds the Florida legislation very disturbing. Those who can will continue to go out. We now have to fear violence from the police. People like "them" are on our streets. Makes me more determined but also we need to be concerned. We are up against something more than Trump. Looks like it may get worse in the short term.

Virginia: White supremacy is the thread running through everything. More important than ever to model peaceful protests. Jan. 23 great time to talk about this. Show how wonderful it can be in person.

Cherie: Thing to remember about racism and white supremacy, there is going to be a real realignment. Some of the Trump people will get worse; some may accept Biden. New-Nazi groups who are not on social media; operate in the shadows; using this an opportunity to recruit disaffected Trumpers; Qanon. We could have worse white supremacy moving forward. Keep our eyes open and make more coalitions with groups of color.

Alexandra: Say how much I appreciate this group; depth of thought; helpful. Focus on economics is something I agree with. Budget justice is important; tackling fundamental inequities. We must highlight aspects of white supremacy.

Some links from chat to check out related to above discussion

Mark Hannay to Everyone : check this out: <https://www.mediamatters.org/>

Brigid to Everyone : fyi- this film offers some insight to consider

<https://www.disturbingthepeacefilm.com/>

FINANCE

\$18,000 decrease of \$600 from three weeks ago.

Floor approved \$108 a month for storage; it's \$116 as of Oct 2021. Charged \$67 in late fees for 2020. **Paying an additional \$8 a month was approved.**

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