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Greetings!

It's about TIME

Trump's Playbook



You may already have read or know about the recent *Time* magazine story and interview with Donald Trump about his plans for his hoped-for presidency.

Trump puts out the plan of Project 25, which we looked at last month, in his own words. He would turn reproductive rights over to the states and allow them to monitor women's pregnancies. He would also militarize the border, create detention centers and deport millions of immigrants, pardon insurrectionists, abandon NATO, close the White House pandemic-preparedness office, use the National Guard to suppress civil unrest, fire career civil servants by the thousands and hire only those loyal to him, and much more.

Time asked whether there would be political violence if he doesn't win the election. He replied, "I think we're gonna win. And if we don't win, you know, it depends. It always depends on the fairness of an election." (It's not much of a stretch to see what he means by that.)

As Dan Rather says, "The story and interview gives an apocalyptic picture of what Trump 2.0 would look like, straight from the horse's mouth." Below I've highlighted several commentators who elaborate on the story and the consequences of what we're facing. Take heed. We are warned.



Stories, insights and action for a world that works for all of us

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Justice is what love looks like in public.
Jim Hightower

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Favorite Resources

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## Be warned and take action

## A Closer Look at "Trump 2.0"

**Dan Rather** reminds us of Trump's track record in "Why did Trump do the Time interview?" and how important it is to



remember the damage to our country he was responsible for. Jay Kuo, author of *The Status Kuo*, emphasizes three major issues in "Believe Him When He Says It:" abortion and women's reproductive rights, migrants and the border, democracy and the rule of law. He warns us to "be clear-eyed about what he is

promising and projecting."

Robert Hubbell summarizes the *Time* story and interview in "We Have Been Warned." He says, "We ignore Trump's threats at our peril and the peril of our democracy."

TIME: "How Far Would Trump Go?" Here is the Time's story which reveals the larger scary picture of what a Trump second term would look like.



### Action Sites for Climate and Democracy

Given the threats to our democracy and our Earth, I am leaving this resource guide in until the election in November. Everyone is needed to do whatever they can! **Cimate Action** 

100 Things You Can Do to Help in the Climate Crisis 15 Actions to Make a Difference

#### **Protect Our Democracy**

<u>Chop Wood, Carry Water</u>: Provides daily actions for our democracy.

thecivicscenter.org: Mobilizing the youth vote in America. <u>civicinfluencers.org</u>: Also working to register young voters.

vote.org: Everything you need to know to vote.

steady.substack.com: Dan Rather's excellent commentary on current affairs. RobertHubbell.substack.com: Reflections on and summary of today's news.

guides.vote: Non-partisan guide to how candidates stand on issues.

commoncause.org: An organization working for all aspects of democracy.

<u>votefwd.org</u>: Write letters to encourage folks to vote.

postcardstovoters.org: Here you can write postcards to encourage voters. citizen,org: Public Citizen is another organization working for democracy. statesproject.org: A pro-democracy organization working at the state level.

<u>VoteRiders</u> will tell you what you need to know in order to ensure you can vote.

Remember, as Dr. Seuss says, "Every Voice Counts!"

## **All Kinds of Good News**



#### **French Revolution** Cyclists now outnumber motorists in Paris

Even though in the suburbs, where transport by car was found to be the main form of mobility, for journeys from the outskirts of Paris to the center, the number of cyclists now far exceeds the number of



### **Democracy Wins in Senegal**

Despite attempted delays and imprisonments by the former president, Senegal pulled off a free and fair election and a peaceful transfer of power to Bassirou Diomaye Faye in late March. The victory

motorists, a huge change from just five years ago.

The city's mayor Anne Hidalgo has pushed through a great many anti-motoring measures during her two administrations—such as reducing the number of parking places, restricting access by SUVs, and closing some major roads to motorists—and the latest survey will be validation for her policies, none of which have caused the kind of protests that the French capital has long been famous for. Here's the article.



#### Get a fix: Dare to repair

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans throw away nearly 40 million tons of broken stuff each year. Repair cafes — of which there are now more than 3,000 across the world — offer an economical and environmentally friendly solution. To date, the Tool Library in Buffalo, NY has diverted 7,779 pounds of waste from landfills via its repair cafes and amassed a communal tool collection of nearly 5,000 items. Read more.

was secured by young voters, indicating the rise of a new political class that will play a key role in democratic trends. The article noted that 2024 is the biggest global election year in history and the future of democracy is on every ballot. Senegal is a contry on the Atlantic coast of Africa with a population of roughly 17 million. Read more.



#### Use It Or Lose It

This is referring to the methane gas that is emitted from our landfills and the work that is being done to capture it and turn it into energy. That work is the business of Ameresco, a company that designs, builds and operates renewable energy plants for landfills around the US. Across the United States, landfills are accumulating trash faster than materials can decompose. In the nearly 2,000 landfills in the US food waste contributes over 50 percent of fugitive methane emissions from municipal solid waste landfills. Once collected by Landfill Gas-to-Energy Systems the methane can be utilized in one of a few ways, as electricity to use on-site or feed into the local power grid, or as natural gas. Read here.

### **Wisdom for Our Time**



We have to conduct our struggle on a high plane. With dignity, decency, and integrity...hate can amass a lot of power but hate can never be great. In order to be great you have to love. Democracy is a moral endeavor. We have to believe in it. We have to have faith in it. —NY Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado

### A View of the Moon



## My Column

"It's about time we . . . "
I invite you to write your own endings to this beginning sentence. I've listed some of my own thoughts in this month's column.

# "It is a beautiful and wondrous sight to behold the body of the Moon." Galileo Galilee, 1610

For many it is still a wondrous sight as you will see and hear in this inspiring video where viewers exclaim,
"O my God!" "Whoa!" "No Way!"

Let's remember to look at the moon and reflect on how united we are on this small planet. Virginia / Gibi Like, "It's about time we got money out of politics."

