



TODAY WE ARE STANDING UP TOGETHER, DETERMINED TO DRIVE OUT THE BUSH REGIME.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WORLD CAN'T WAIT! STEERING COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 5

We come from different political viewpoints but we all agree: we must bring the Bush program to a HALT. This is an audacious and historic venture born of urgent necessity. "The Bush Regime is setting out to radically re-make society very quickly, in a fascist way, and for generations to come. We must act now; the future is in the balance."

In just the past year we have witnessed the destruction of peoples' fundamental rights through government spying made legal, the installment of Roberts & Alito to the Supreme Court, the passage of the Patriot Act, and the legalization of torture in Bush's new Military Commission Act passed last week. This law stripped the fundamental right of habeas corpus for 14,000 detainees in secret prisons around the world and for people anywhere in the world that the president accuses of being an enemy combatant. And all this happened without any real opposition in the halls of power.

This is how fascism happens here, with an orderly transfer of power to the executive branch. Unprecedented power goes to a president and administration claiming war-time powers in a war promised to last generations; who lied about Iraq and is now laying plans for a catastrophic war with Iran; who believes he is on a mission from God.

This is indeed a defining moment. It is not too late to stop this fascist trajectory. But if it goes unopposed by the people of this country, it could be too late. If we don't stop it, this regime could succeed in silencing and suppressing dissent, critical thought, science, the ideals of equality and the way people think of basic human decency.

Millions of people deeply disturbed by this have been looking for a vehicle to express their outrage. Today in what may be hundreds of locations – many of them in states that went for Bush in 2004 – people are finding their courage in this vehicle. We are punching a hole in the political atmosphere of acquiescence and fear and opening the way for the kind of resistance needed to stop and reverse the direction this government is taking this society and the world.

Having taken this historic step that people the world over are hoping for, we must pledge to take this forward, transforming anguish, outrage and frustration into truly meaningful, positive and massive political mobilization. It must become better organized, staying on the offensive as much as it can, and setting entirely different political terms than the ones presently accepted as realistic and which are in fact complicit in the fascist remaking of life and government.

We have important plans to make over the next days and weeks before the elections. All of us are now responsible for what happens next. Come with courage and imagination to a mass meeting in your town.

The Bush regime must be *driven out*. This criminal regime must leave office politically repudiated and thoroughly discredited. Anything short of that is unacceptable to the world, to our children, to the future.

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YOUR GOVERNMENT, on the basis of outrageous lies, is waging a murderous and utterly illegitimate war in Iraq, with other countries in their sights.

YOUR GOVERNMENT is openly torturing people, and justifying it.

YOUR GOVERNMENT puts people in jail on the merest suspicion, refusing them lawyers, and either holding them indefinitely or deporting them in the dead of night.

YOUR GOVERNMENT is moving each day closer to a theocracy, where a narrow and hateful brand of Christian fundamentalism will rule.

YOUR GOVERNMENT suppresses the science that doesn't fit its religious, political and economic agenda, forcing present and future generations to pay a terrible price.

YOUR GOVERNMENT is moving to deny women here, and all over the world, the right to birth control and abortion.

YOUR GOVERNMENT enforces a culture of greed, bigotry, intolerance and ignorance.

People look at all this and think of Hitler—and rightly so. The Bush regime is setting out to radically remake society very quickly, in a fascist way, and for generations to come.

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Millions and millions are deeply disturbed and outraged. They recognize the need for a vehicle to express this outrage, yet they cannot find it; politics as usual cannot meet the enormity of the challenge.

There is not going to be some magical "pendulum swing." People who steal elections and believe they're on a "mission from God" will not go without a fight. There will be no savior from the Democratic Party. This whole idea of putting our hopes and energies into "leaders" who tell us to seek common ground with fascists and

religious fanatics is proving every day to be a disaster, and actually serves to demobilize people.



But silence and paralysis are NOT acceptable. That which you will not resist and mobilize to stop, you will learn – or be forced – to accept. There is no escaping it: the whole disastrous course of this Bush regime must be STOPPED. And we must take the responsibility to do it.

And there is a way. We are talking about something on a scale that can really make

a huge change in this country and in the world. We need more than fighting Bush's outrages one at a time, constantly losing ground to the whole onslaught. We must, and can, aim to create a political situation where the Bush regime's program is repudiated, where Bush himself is driven from office, and where the whole direction he has been taking society is reversed. We, in our millions, must and can take responsibility to change the course of history.

On October 5, people everywhere will walk out of school, take off work, and come to the downtowns and town squares and set out from there, going through the streets and calling on many more to join us—making a powerful statement: "NO! THIS REGIME DOES NOT REPRESENT US! AND WE WILL DRIVE IT OUT!" Acting in this way, we join with and give support and heart to people all over the globe who so urgently need and want this regime to be stopped. This will not be easy. If we speak the truth, they will try to silence us. If we act, they will try to stop us. But we speak for the majority, here and around the world. We are reaching out to the people who have been so badly fooled by Bush and we are NOT going to stop.

History is full of examples where people who had right on their side fought against tremendous odds and were victorious. And it is also full of examples of people passively hoping to wait it out, only to get swallowed up by a horror beyond what they ever imagined. **THE FUTURE IS UNWRITTEN. WHICH ONE WE GET IS UP TO US.**

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