



One Million Rising

Community Meeting

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What Is One Million Rising?

One Million Rising is a strategic framework to fight authoritarianism through peaceful non-cooperation.

We build the movement by bringing more people into the fold - one meeting at a time.

We are in a
moment of an
authoritarian
breakthrough

A short window in which a
would-be authoritarian
regime attempts to rapidly
consolidate power, eliminate
checks on their power, and
operate with impunity.



What Authoritarians (wanna-be kings) Do



**Direct
Investigations
Against Critics**



**Give License to
Lawbreaking**



**Regulatory
Retaliation**

**Deploy Military
Domestically**



**Federal Law
Enforcement
Overreach**



**The Autocrat
Won't Leave**



From [The Authoritarian Playbook for 2025](#),
United to Protect
Democracy

We are in a race against time: Our People Power vs The Regime



Our task: build and activate
a powerful opposition of
nonviolent mass defiance
capable of interrupting the
regime.

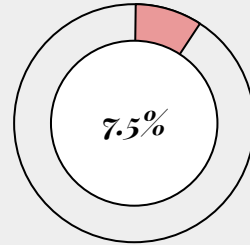
What is needed?

A civil resistance movement taking sustained action over time.

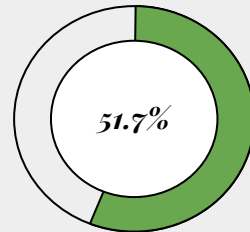


Researchers studied 35 cases of democratic backsliding from 1991-2021. How often were the people successful?

- With no civil resistance movement: 7.5%



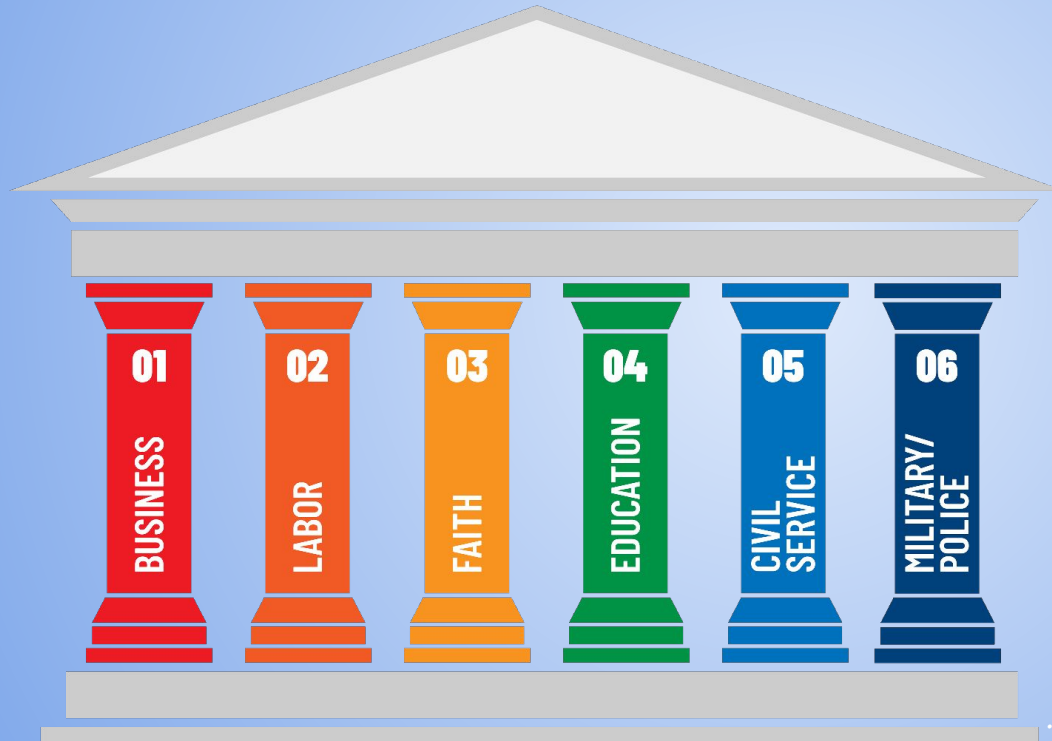
- With a civil resistance movement: 51.7%



What makes people power successful?

- Large, diverse participation & sustained momentum (3.5% rule)
- A repertoire of nonviolent tactics
- Discipline & resilience despite escalating repression
- Loyalty shifts among key pillars

The Regime's Pillars of Support



01 BUSINESS

02 LABOR

03 FAITH

04 EDUCATION

05 CIVIL SERVICE

06 MILITARY/POLICE

...and many more.

Noncooperation is the act of refusing to cooperate or comply with requests, demands, or orders.



Enough noncooperation will cause a pillar to completely defect — or at least be unreliable in the autocrat's power grab.

Individuals, groups, pillars, and entire societies can engage in noncooperation.

PILLARS NONCOOPERATION: EXAMPLES



Local Businesses

It's happened already:

Dodgers Stadium owners refused to allow ICE on their premises, going against law enforcement compliance norms.

We can make it happen more:

Join activists who have begun asking local businesses to put up "No ICE" signs in their windows.

PILLARS NONCOOPERATION: EXAMPLES



Consumers (Economic Noncooperation)

It's happened already:

Avelo Airlines is facing pressure for enabling ICE, and just shut down west coast operations;
Tesla and Target faced major blowback from customers for aligning with Trump

We can make it happen more:

Join the Target and Dollar General boycotts to protest their cancellation of DEI programs

PILLARS NONCOOPERATION: EXAMPLES



Higher Education

It's happened already:

Harvard's refusal to comply with Trump's orders set a contrasting precedent for academic institutions (vs UPenn, Columbia) (at least until initially).

We can make it happen more:

Join alumni letter campaigns to school administrations; look for pressure points in towns/cities with large local college/university presence.

What can we do in Northern Colorado?

- Grow the movement
- Stop activation of ICE detention facilities
- Urge local businesses to stand up to ICE
- Boycott business that cooperate
 - Amazon
 - Dollar General
 - T Mobile
 - Target
 - Washington Post

Grow the Movement

Links are on our website:

www.indivisiblenoco.com

- Listen to the 3 One Million Rising webinars.
- Read The Authoritarian Handbook.
- Gather friends and family - in person or online - and share this information.
- Prepare for Signs of Solidarity campaign.

Signs of Solidarity



- Visit local business and ask them to post signs of solidarity
- Label private employees-only areas where ICE can't enter without a signed judicial warrant
- Hand out “know your rights” cards

We need your commitment to the movement

1. Watch the training videos and read [The Authoritarian Playbook](#)
2. Build the movement
 - Gather with 2+ people before 9/10
 - Register meeting using form on website
 - Share information re urgency of being involved
3. Commit to an action as a group
 - Document action using form on websites
4. Sign up for follow-up meeting on 9/11
 - Bring your resistance group if possible
5. Clone yourself