



## ***Thanksgiving Greetings***

*We give thanks and appreciation to all the individuals and organizations who have worked closely with Floridians for Democracy. Many have been with us since inception, others have participated in various capacities along the way, and some have even joined us **since** the November elections!*

*We are motivated by your actions, your contributions, your energy, and your hopes.*

*Respectfully, The Boards of Floridians for Democracy & Floridians for Democracy Institute*

## ***Gut Punch! Remorse! Exhaustion! Reenergize! Refocus!***

No question this past election, nationally and in Florida, was a gut punch to most all of us. We have heard from many of you. Some have stopped watching the news. Some are still too stunned to discuss it. Others feel a deep anger for half of the voters in our country. "Exhausted" is a word we often hear.

We have been asked about the future of FFD. Many are encouraging us to continue our mission to protect and preserve democracy. There is deep appreciation for our efforts to provide "education" and for our "collaboration." [Click here for a few of your inspirational comments following our November post-election newsletter.](#)

Our mission is more complex and challenging than we may have envisioned or thought just a few weeks ago. Regardless of any strategic adjustments, it remains essential that we play a part in identifying and trying to defeat activities that further threaten democracy, freedom, and a fair and just multicultural society.

FFD leadership has made a conscious decision to not make any specific plans until people have had time to rest, adjust, and enjoy time with friends and family through the holidays. We are reassessing our role, our fiscal and operational resources, and our capabilities. We will reconvene in mid-January.

## **ACTION STEPS**

**Collaborate:** In the meantime, many of us will pursue action steps to increase

support for organizations that are on the frontline fighting the inevitable legal battles necessary to protect democracy, freedom, and the Constitution. [For example, see this full-page ACLU ad in the "New York Times" on November 10.](#) There are numerous other organizations that share and represent our values. Now would be a great time to donate or increase your contributions to one or more of them.

**Educate:** To reinforce the importance of speaking up and speaking out, consider this book by the late Professor Howard Zinn, [You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train](#).

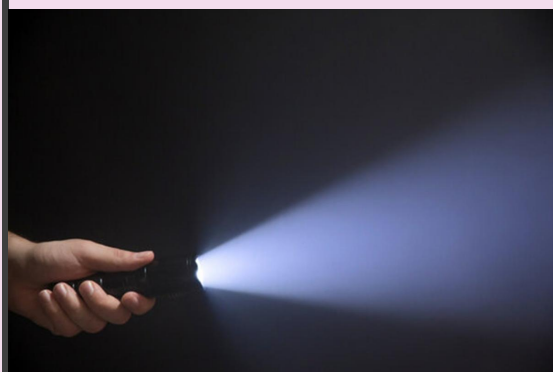
*Rest assured, We are not shifting to neutral and,  
as the ACLU said,*

## **We Are Not Moving to Canada!**

It is true **Democracy does die in darkness!**

It is also true many powerful and determined people are working hard to keep us in that darkness.

While they are stealing our hard-earned freedoms and threatening our democracy, we cannot stick our heads in the sand.



**We cannot be  
silent or indifferent!**

**We must remain vigilant.  
Together let's shine our  
steadfast light!**

**[YOUR feedback is welcomed:  
info@floridiansfordemocracy.org](mailto:info@floridiansfordemocracy.org)**

### **Resolve: 8 Reasons That Keep Me Going My Response To A Difficult Email** David Pepper --- Nov 23, 2024

*"Current generations must accept the role American history has now placed on us. We are not simply the beneficiaries of the heroic struggle and sacrifice by those who came before us, as if the battle for American democracy had been settled once and for all (the lesson is, it never is) for us to enjoy.*



*"No, our role is clearly to grab the baton from the pro-democracy heroes who came before us, and carry that baton forward as they did, countering the anti-democracy forces who are always there, pushing the other way. **I accept this role.**" [See full article here; it's worth a read!](#)*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We envision a state of Florida where all elected leaders proactively implement laws ensuring all residents have equal opportunity, regardless of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation as granted by democratic freedoms dictated in the constitution.

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