Resist, persist, and transform: The emergence and impact of grassroots resistance groups opposing the Trump presidency

The November 2016 election sparked nationwide resistance to the new Trump administration and Republican Congress. Initial studies have focused on public protests and professionally staffed advocacy organizations, but the resistance also includes thousands of volunteer-led grassroots groups. This article uses data from online surveys, fieldwork observations and interviews, and web searches to analyze the development, demographics, and activities of grassroots resistance groups located in multiple states as well as all parts of Pennsylvania. Starting right after the 2016 election, local resistance groups were founded in places of all sizes and partisan orientations through friendships and social media contacts. Most of their members and leaders are middle-class, college-educated white women. Groups have reached out to surrounding communities, generating and supporting candidates for local, state, and national public offices; and many participants seek to join and reform local Democratic Party organizations.

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Under Trump, the nation’s federal courts have also become increasingly White. Of the 248 judges confirmed or nominated since Trump took office, only eight were Black and eight were Hispanic, according to records compiled by NPR News. Retreating from civil rights. Trump’s presidency has corresponded with a surge in activity by white nationalist groups, as well as concern about the growing danger they pose. Recent assessments by
the Department of Homeland Security describe white supremacists as the country’s gravest domestic threat, exceeding that of the Islamic State and other terror groups, according to documents obtained by the Lawfare national security website and reported by Politico. The FBI has expanded resources to tracking hate groups and crimes. But grassroots efforts like Eberly’s have helped transform the race into a toss-up contest, according to the nonpartisan Cook Political Report. McCready has raised four times as much money as his Republican opponent, pastor Mark Harris, and he sees groups like Eberly’s as key to his victory. “No dark money,” McCready says, “can stop a neighbor talking to another neighbor at their door.” Eberly and her group’s co-founder, Ava Williamson, canvass for Democrat Dan McCready in North Carolina’s 9th House district. Dina Litovsky—Redux for TIME. Indivisible N.C. 9 is just one platoon in a volunteer a Gose, Leah and Theda Skocpol. “Resist, Persist, and Transform: The Emergence and Impact of Grassroots Resistance Groups Opposing the Trump Presidency.” Mobilization Journal, forthcoming. Leah Gose and Theda Skocpol, Harvard University. Abstract. The November 2016 election sparked the creation of thousands of local groups committed to resisting the new Trump administration and Republican Congress. Our paper uses online surveys and interviews as well as evidence from fieldwork and web searches to analyze the development, demographics, and activities of such groups operating since late The so-called “Resistance”, the think tank-generated campaign to continue the authentic grassroots energy from the Bernie Sanders campaign and artificially harness it to oppose Donald Trump, is… It always will be bullshit. The leaders of the “Resistance” do not oppose Donald Trump. They are Donald Trump dressed in drag. As we discussed previously, the US intelligence community has been aggressively demanding that congress reauthorize its Orwellian Section 702 surveillance powers, and the president has been echoing those demands. House Democrats could have forced an amendment called the USA RIGHTS Act to abridge this administration’s ability to spy on US citizens, but they did not. Intel Documents contains information and depth to the story and setting of the Resistance series, and are commonly scattered throughout each level in the games. In Resistance Retribution, collecting Intel Documents unlocks certain weapons by finding all the intel in a particular category: The Longbow 1S-1K, the XR-004 Allure, and the Plasma Grenade are all unlocked after collecting all of the intel for that weapon’s particular category. Once all all 67 pieces of intel are unlocked, the HE .44 Magnum