



November 6 NEWSLETTER

UPDATES, MINUTES, AND ACTION ITEMS

The Government Shutdown

Day 37 - officially the longest in U.S. history, surpassing the duration of the government shutdown during the first Trump administration. Americans are feeling the impacts that worsen every day.

The following is from an [NPR article](#):

Over 1 million federal workers are working [without paychecks](#). Another roughly 600,000 have been furloughed, and although a 2019 law ensures they are entitled to backpay after the shutdown is over, [recent comments](#) by President Trump have left many worried about whether that will still happen.

Air traffic control shortages have caused delays and [disruptions at airports](#) across the country. [National park sites](#) are reducing operations, and [Smithsonian museums](#) are closed. The [IRS furloughed](#) nearly half its staff, creating delays in taxpayer services. Tens of thousands of children from low-income families are now at risk of losing [access to the Head Start](#) program. And federal food and nutrition benefits, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), stopped over the weekend, prompting widespread outcry and pushback from two federal judges.

[NPR Nov 6 article](#) - A Rhode Island federal judge has ordered the Trump administration to find enough money to restore full funding for SNAP benefits by Friday. In failing to fully fund the food assistance program that covers 42 million low-income Americans, U.S. District Court Judge John McConnell Jr. said the government "failed to consider the harms individuals who rely on those benefits would suffer." He also said President Trump showed "intent to defy a court order" when he posted on Truth Social this week that SNAP benefits would not restart until after the federal shutdown was over.

The Republican government shutdown has decimated funding for SNAP, leaving 42 million Americans without access to their full food stamp benefits. President Trump and Republicans could end the shutdown immediately, but they refuse to negotiate with Democrats on a funding bill that protects healthcare and keeps it affordable. INCC continues to support our Democratic Senators, Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, as they stand firm to reach an agreement that protects us from Trump's healthcare cuts, price hikes, and lawlessness.

Indivisible North Curry County (INCC) will continue supporting our community during these difficult times. Donations to the Common Good Food Bank in Port Orford are welcomed at every Port Orford Friday rally. Last week, this resulted in the delivery of a box of food and donations totaling \$550.00. After the last No Kings rally in Gold Beach, \$45.00 was donated to the Christian Help Food Bank in Gold Beach. We encourage INCC members in all communities to contribute to their local food banks.

We are actively planning community dinners in Port Orford and Gold Beach, with hopes to expand to Brookings. We aim to partner with other local organizations to make sure that NO ONE GOES HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

BREAKING NEWS – Federal government shutdown and SNAP benefits

“As of this morning, Oregon families are beginning to access their full November SNAP benefits restored on their Oregon Trail Cards,” Kotek said in a statement Friday. “This means all Oregonians receiving SNAP will have their full monthly benefit available now, regardless of their usual payment schedule.”

This happened in Oregon despite the ongoing national court battle.

Get the current information on your benefits [HERE](#).

RURAL ORGANIZING PROJECT (ROP) IS VISITING PORT ORFORD

Our organizer representative from ROP, Stephanie Hunter, will be meeting with INCC on Monday, November 17, at the Port Orford library from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Stephanie will be introducing the Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) program conversation tool. This tool makes it easier to talk with community members, organizations, and institutions (such as schools and local elected officials) about what we are facing and find points of connection. It includes a survey script and a troubleshooting guide for how to start talking with community members about the current moment and bring more people into our movement. [Check out ROP.](#)

Join us for coffee, muffins, and great conversation!

Card Campaign for Democracy

Saving Democracy One Card at a Time

INCC is joining a new card campaign, the Card Campaign for Democracy (CC4Democracy). This group is a volunteer grassroots team dedicated to disseminating verified information about the Trump presidency and its impact on our democracy, citizens, and immigrants. CC4Democracy creates factual and informative pass-along cards to spread the facts far and wide. These cards are handouts, meant to be left in places and passed around to reach as many people as possible who are discontented with this current administration.

There is much we can do to build the civics foundation needed to succeed against misinformation and disinformation in 2026 and 2028. INCC hopes these cards will serve as one of our tools. The card below, showing both sides, will be our first campaign. The cards are being printed and packaged in sets of 10, with instructions for distributing them in the community. They will soon be available at all INCC meetings and rallies.

America On the Brink

Our **DEMOCRACY** is under attack by this administration and Project 2025. They will not stop until we are no longer a democracy and become an autocracy. **WHAT WILL WE LOSE** if they succeed? Freedom and opportunity.

Our country is a Democratic Republic.

- **We are governed by laws**, not by any single person or group of people. This is known as the "rule of law." *Under the law, everyone is equal.*
- **All citizens**, except for those convicted of felonies in some states, have the right to vote in free and fair elections and to *participate in the governing processes.*
- **Our Constitution protects our rights**, though work remains to restore and *ensure some of our freedoms.*
- **We have the right to express ourselves** freely through writing, art, music, and theater and even to *speak out against the government or government authority and policies.*
- **The law is not a political tool** used to oppress certain groups, silence free speech, or *seek revenge on political opponents.*
- **We all have equal rights** to education and economic opportunities and are free to worship (or not) as we choose. *Minorities and minority religions are protected.*
- **Within the bounds of the law**, we have the right to choose how and where we live and who we love. *The government doesn't make those decisions for us.*

Call your Senators and Representatives at (202) 224-3121 to demand they **STAND UP** for our **DEMOCRACY!**

For more info on the facts stated in this card, use this QR code or visit <https://cc4democracy.com>



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Our **DEMOCRACY** is under attack by this administration and Project 2025. They will not stop until we are no longer a democracy and become an autocracy. **AUTOCRACY is a DICTATORSHIP** that controls the country. It's oppressive and bleak. What does this look like?

Under Dictatorships

- **The government** is led by a strongman ruler or a small group with unlimited authority.
- **All government officials** must be completely loyal to the leader(s). Project 2025 calls for replacing thousands of career civil servants with loyalists. *This is currently underway.*
- **Elections may take place**, but the results are rigged and controlled by the leader(s) through disinformation and lies. Some people are denied their right to vote. *The infrastructure for this is currently being built.*
- **Free speech**, especially if it opposes the government, is not tolerated. The press is censored or controlled by loyalists. Disapproved books are banned. *This is happening right now.*
- **Violence and the law** are used as political tools. Opponents of the leader(s), including the media, are harassed, targeted for revenge, and often imprisoned or killed. *This is happening right now.*
- **Ethnic, religious, and gender minorities** have fewer rights than favored groups and are often portrayed as threats (poisoning the blood...). Mass detention of minorities is widespread. *Concentration camps are now being built, with more on the way.*
- **The government controls** access to education and economic opportunities and may mandate religious beliefs. *The structure for this is being put in place.*

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INCC Minutes November 6, 2025

- 1) Discussed the upcoming visit from the Rural Organizing Project (ROP). INCC has been a long-time member of ROP and receives helpful information, updates, and training from this organization. Stephanie Hunter, an Organizer with ROP, will be meeting with INCC on Monday, November 10, at 10:00 am at the Port Orford library to discuss ROP's Neighbor-to-Neighbor conversation tool.
- 2) Discussed the Card Campaign for Democracy. A card has been chosen for our first campaign. 500 will be printed, and we will discuss the distribution at our next meeting.
- 3) Extended discussion on plans to support access to food in our community. It was decided to continue organizing a community meal that would take place in Port Orford on a regular basis. Several members are researching locations and possible supporters. The goal will be to have enough information at our next meeting to plan and set the date for the first community dinner.
- 4) Report on donation to Common Good Food Bank received at last rally – 1 box of food and \$550.00. After the last No Kings rally in Gold Beach, \$45.00 was donated to the Christian Help Food Bank in Gold Beach.
- 5) Discussed the national elections that were held on Tuesday, November 4. People came out to vote in unprecedented numbers. The results were astounding. This is how we do it - one by one by one. It all adds up. As President Obama said last night, "We've still got plenty of work to do, but the future looks a little bit brighter." And from national Indivisible: "In New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, and across the country, voters turned out at historic levels to say hell no to the regime. From ballot propositions and school boards to state Supreme Courts and gubernatorial races, the pro-democracy side is winning -- and beating expectations by huge margins. In the lead-up to Election Day, we saw some folks question if the energy we've mobilized in the streets from Hands Off! to No Kings would translate to wave-like energy at the ballot box. Last night's results across the country prove the answer is yes. But we've got to keep organizing and growing our movement if we want to save our democracy. **Our next big electoral test will be the 2026 midterms, and the work to win them starts now.**"
- 6) The next INCC Information/Organizing Meeting – Thursday, November 13 (and every Thursday), at the Port Orford Library – from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- 7) The next regular INCC Port Orford Rally is on Friday, November 14 (and every Friday) at the corner of 16th and Highway 101 in Port Orford from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Continue to call or email your Senators to encourage them to stand firm on the government shutdown. It's Day 37 of the government shutdown and the consequences of that are being felt all over America. Call or email your Senators:

Jeff Merkley - Phone: (202) 224-3753 [Email](#)

Ron Wyden - Phone: (202) 224-5244 [Email](#)

Another easy way to connect with your Senators - [democracy.io](#). Simply enter your information and you are connected to a page that will send your email directly to our Senators and our Representative.

HERE'S YOUR SCRIPT OR CREATE YOUR OWN:

Hi, my name is [YOUR NAME], and I'm a constituent from [YOUR CITY].

I'm calling to **THANK** Senator [NAME] for holding the line in the shutdown fight so far, and I expect the senator to **KEEP** fighting hard until we get a deal that protects us from Trump's healthcare cuts, price hikes, and lawlessness.

I'm counting on Senator [NAME] to hold strong and protect healthcare. Thank you!

2) Build a culture of defiance – Shape the narrative! If you are on social media, post and share information about the reality of living under an authoritarian government. Share the ways people are hurting. Share stories, perspectives, and pictures. Be a trustworthy source of information to your friends, family, and neighbors. Write letters to the editor. Check out the weekly updates for calls to action on [nokings.org/next](#).

3) Boycott campaign from the national Indivisible organization:



DON'T STREAM FASCISM

Spotify is treating ICE recruitment like just another ad. But when you turn family separation into a marketing pitch, you're not a platform — you're spreading propaganda.

- **Cancel your Spotify Premium subscription until Spotify removes all ICE ads**
- **Demand Spotify immediately terminate all ICE and DHS advertising contracts.**
- **Urge artists and podcasters to speak out.**

INDIVISIBLE

Spotify is running ads recruiting agents for ICE.

Let that sink in. A platform built to connect creators and listeners is helping an authoritarian regime build up its secret police force. They're choosing complicity over the artists, podcasters, and fans who make Spotify what it is -- and when users and musicians called them out, Spotify's first act was doubling down. But we're not going to idly accept that. We're going to make them listen. We're asking anyone who subscribes to Spotify Premium to cancel your subscription until Spotify stops running ICE ads. [Click here to watch step-by-step instructions on how to cancel Spotify Premium.](#)

When ABC/Disney capitulated to the Trump regime by silencing Jimmy Kimmel this year, millions of paying customers spoke up by canceling their Disney+ subscriptions and putting off their Disney vacations. It worked.

The same people-power that made ABC/Disney reverse course can work on Spotify. Spotify relies far more on its listeners and subscribers than on advertisers. If enough of us cancel our subscriptions, it'll send a clear message that's too loud for Spotify to ignore.

NOT a Spotify subscriber? How to take action:

If you're not a Spotify Premium subscriber, there's still a meaningful place for you in this campaign! Chances are high that you know someone -- a child, grandchild, friend, or social follower -- who uses Spotify Premium, and pushing your favorite artists and podcasters to speak out with us is also helpful.