NEWSLETTER

What's The Message This Week?



That's from ***Liza Donnelly*** in her post this week entitled "***It's Just That Simple: Vote***" (https://lizadonnelly.substack.com/p/its-just-that-simple-vote?utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=web). You may know her cartoons and commentary from her +40 years publishing in ***The New Yorker***. In her post this week **on Substack** she writes:

> "Can he [Trump] do more damage? Of course he can, that's why we need the Democrats to win both houses of Congress, in order **to minimize the damage and put road blocks up for Trump.**"

Liza also points out **an important editorial from *The New York Times* this week**, entitled "***Trump Has Failed. Hold Him To Account***":

> https://www.nytimes.com/2026/10/27/opinion/editorials/inflation-war-corruption-trump-editorial.html?unlocked_article_code=1.MVE.75SE.II0zm0csZmxT&smid=url-share

For those who need convincing, this post from ***John Pavlovitz*** may be helpful, entitled "***To The People Who Aren't Planning On Voting***":

> https://johnpavlovitz.substack.com/p/to-the-people-who-arent-planning



It's Too Late To Mail Your Ballot, But You Can Still Vote

Through November 2, you can drop off your ballot and vote early. You can **personally hand in your ballot at your Town Office** during regular business hours **or deposit your ballot in the locked drop box at your Town Office** which will be available 24/7 until close of business on November 2. Once you return your ballot, you **can track it online** at the ***Vermont Voter Portal*** at https://vote.vermont.gov/public/dashboard

On Election Day, you can vote in person. If you don't return the ballot by November 2, bring it with you to vote on Election Day, November 3.

If you make a mistake while filling out the ballot, **follow the directions at the top of the ballot and visit the Town Clerk** for a new ballot. **If you lose your ballot,** visit your Town Clerk for a ballot.



Still trying to decide how to vote? Here are some suggestions to help:

--Election Guides: Find **Election Guides** in recent issues of ***The Islander*** and ***Seven Days***, and online at ***VTDigger*.org.**

--Candidate Websites and Events**:** The **candidate websites** are a good **source of information**, and watch or sign up for **updates on events where you can meet the candidates**.

--Candidate Interviews and Debates*:* In the federal and statewide races, you can find **candidate interviews and debates on *Vermont Public***: https://www.vermontpublic.org/about-us/2026-09-14/vermont-public-2026-general-election-debates?utm_source=website&utm_medium=mininav&utm_campaign=election2026.

--Legislative Scorecards: If you wonder **how incumbent candidates in the VT House and Senate have voted on VT legislative issues,** *VPIRG* has **Legislative Scorecards** for the issues they are following: https://www.vpirg.org/legislative-scorecards/



Tuesday, November 3, Election Day – Vote 7am-7pm

If you haven't voted early, this is your **last chance to vote** in the Midterm Elections, and you **must vote that day in person** at your polling place. You **can even register that day** in person with ID if you haven't registered already. **Bring your ballot with you to vote** on Election Day.

If you don't have a ballot, you can still get a ballot and vote by signing an **Affidavit of No Ballot Cast** from the Town Clerk.

South Hero Residents please note: If you wait to vote in person on Election Day, the polling place will be at the **South Hero Congregational Church at 24 South St. in South Hero.**

Grand Isle Residents please note: There is **an additional local issue** that did not get on the ballot that all registered voters automatically received. This issue is **whether to approve the adoption of a Draft Grand Isle Charter** dated August 17, 2026 **("Town Charter"):** https://grandislevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/GRE26-001-Town-Charter-ReDraft-Grand-Isle-Charter-08-06-26-w-8-17-26-as-approved-date-mis.pdf. **See an explanation** of what happened **and how to cast your vote** on the Town Charter at: https://grandislevt.org/town-charter-how-to-vote/. You can vote on this early or on Election Day. Currently, a **Vermont Absentee Ballot Request (obtained from the Town Clerk) must be filled out in order to get the special ballot from the Town Clerk needed to vote on the Town Charter.**

One more note. We don't expect problems, but **if you witness voter intimidation** at the polls, there is a **Hotline number** for you to call: 866-OUR-VOTE

Election Day Approaches, But It's Not Too Late To Act!

Reach Out to Contacts

If you know folks who haven't voted, **please let them know what is at stake and urge them to vote**. Reach out. Visit, call, email or text people you know. Post on social media and locally on Front Porch Forum. Get involved in phone banking. Canvass for candidates. It's crunch time.

You can find **up-to-date voting data and forecasting** for around the country **on several sites**, including https://onpointpolitics.us/. This information can be exciting, but more than that, it **may help each of us see where our influence could be most valuable if we have a chance to contact friends, family and acquaintances in other states.**

"Get Out the Vote" Through Phone Banking

Here are some Phone Banks that will continue through Election Day:

--***Indivisible National*** is conducting Phone Banks for **Congressional and Senate races:** https://2026.indivisible.org/phone-banks/ - calls

--***GrayPAC*** is conducting Senior-to-Senior Phone Banks called Party Line to **reach fellow seniors** about **what's at stake** and **help turn out voters**: https://www.mobilize.us/graypac/event/1031295/

--The ***Environmental Voter Project*** is conducting Phone Banks to **turn non-voting and seldom-voting environmentalists out to vote** in this election: https://www.environmentalvoter.org/get-involved

--***Lean Left Vermont*** is conducting Phone Banks to **get out the vote** and to **help cure ballots (i.e., help voters fix ballots that have been rejected so their votes are counted)**: https://www.leanleftvt.org/take-action and https://www.leanleftvt.org/calendar

Support the People Who Report The Truth

Trump is continually attacking the press, branding journalists as treasonous or worse for accurately reporting the news. **We need to support the independent journalists who are putting it all on the line to report what is happening in this country.**

Think about who your go-to people are who warn and inform and report the truth. If they have **a paid subscription**, that presents an opportunity to support them. **It's in our best interest to make sure they are well funded for the fight ahead.**

What's Next?

NO KINGS: Election Defense Preparation

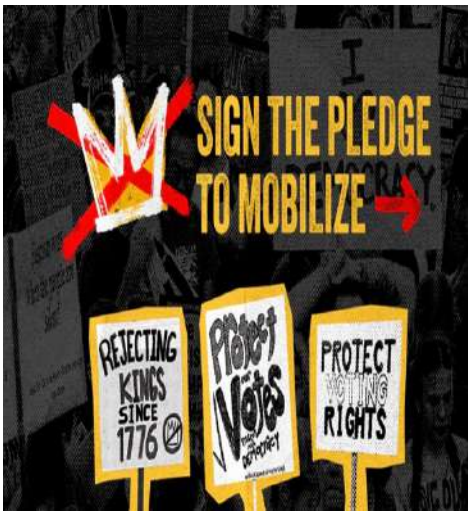
The NO KINGS movement, which includes *Indivisible National*, is **preparing** its nationwide network **to rapidly respond to** any attempts at **election interference**: https://www.nokings.org/defenders

> "If officials attempt to obstruct the count or refuse to certify valid results, **our movement must be ready** to stand together in **disciplined, nonviolent community action to defend our elections**. This includes you.
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> Because in America, the people choose their leaders, and we will **not allow any official to subvert the will of the voters.**"

The response to election disruption and subversion will only be effective if "We the People" participate.

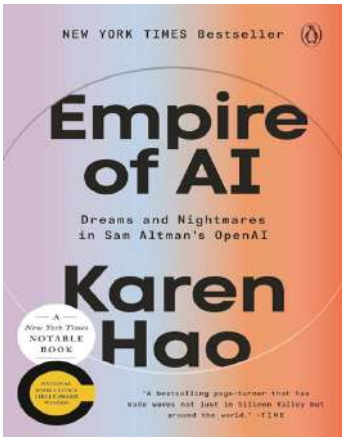
All of us are encouraged to sign a NO KINGS pledge in which we **"commit to be part of the solution, ready to join mass nonviolent action in rapid response to election disruption and subversion if needed."**

Check out the pledge at: https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/1067000/



What Else Is Happening?

Thursday, November 5, 5:30-6:30pm – Pro-Democracy Book Club
in the lower level of the Worthen Library in South Hero



AI* is in the news every day**, which is why you **need to read the next book**: the new bestselling page-turner ***Empire of AI by ***Karen Hao***. It's the **inside story** of Sam Altman's OpenAI (which launched ChatGPT) and the **people controlling the *AI* technology**. Read and find out why Hao asserts: **"I've found only one metaphor that encapsulates the nature of what these AI power players are: empires."** All are welcome to join the discussion on November 5. Find out More! Contact: ici.bookclub@indivisibleci.org

Friday, November 6, 9am – ICE Out Vermont Day of Action, Williston

ICE Out Vermont Alliance's Day of Action in Williston will begin at 9am with a **funeral procession** from the **National Criminal Analysis and Targeting Center** at White Cap Business Park (**426 Industrial Ave**) to the **Law Enforcement Support Center** (**188 Harvest Lane**) where a **sit-in** will then take place.

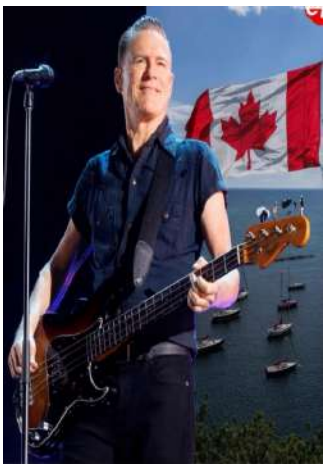
The **sit-in is limited** to those who have **completed non-violent direct action training**. Individuals may, from an adjacent area, support the sit-in without participating directly. Find out More! Go to: https://iceoutvt.org/take-action.

And There's More!

New *Lincoln Project* Ad – "*Republican Enablers*"

The ***Lincoln Project***, which is dedicated to the preservation, protection, and defense of democracy, has a new ad. The video's heading says, **"Let's Stop Trump's Agenda. Trump can't destroy America by himself. Let's take down his enablers."**
https://action.lincolnproject.us/republican_enablers_ad

New Song This Week From *Bryan Adams* – *"Lake Ontario"*



Canadian rocker ***Bryan Adams*** released a **Donald Trump protest song** with video this week entitled "***Lake Ontario***":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQFYuM2N1Bc

The song will be on **Bryan's new album** "***How's It Goin'***" which is coming out on November 6. That album also includes **another** previously released protest song with video entitled "***51st State***":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyyFIbaU45w



Weekly Protests!

Weekly Protest in Williston – Every Monday 12-1pm
Stand Against ICE in Maple Tree Place – Register:
https://www.mobilize.us/champlainvalleyindivisible/event/1001752/
at the back entrance by the parking lot, DHS/ICE Debt Mgt Center
166 Sycamore St., Williston VT

Weekly Protest in Williston – Every Wednesday 12-1pm
Stand Up Against ICE at White Cap Business Park, Williston – Register:
https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/896871/
in front of ICE surveillance center, White Cap Business Park
426 Industrial Ave, Williston VT

Weekly Protest in Milton – Every Saturday 11am-12pm
Milton-Westford-Georgia Weekly Honk & Wave for Democracy
https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/892881/
in front of Hannaford Milton, 259 US 7, Milton VT

Weekly Protest in St. Albans – Every Saturday 11am-12pm
St. Albans Stands Up for Democracy
https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/797327/
corner of Main St. and Fairfield St., St. Albans VT

Weekly Protest in Fairfax – Every Saturday 11am-12pm
Northern Vermont Stands Up for Democracy
https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/819163/
Fairfax Community Center, 1210 Main St., Fairfax VT
Food is collected for the Fairfax Food Shelf during the rally.

We welcome any comments, questions or suggestions concerning this newsletter. Contact: ici.newsletter@indivisibleci.org