# THE TASK FORCE FOR DEMOCRACY:

# 2025 IMPACT REPORT



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# OUR MISSION & VISION

We're a 100% youth-led team coordinating 6 campaigns organizing students to demand a more just democracy for our generation! We work alongside our youth & movement partners to center students in the fight against advancing autocracy.

*We're nonpartisan. We don't do electoral politics. And we stay focused on ending the root causes of inequality in our democracy.*

We know that true democracy cannot exist just at the ballot box, but must be present in the workplace, and in our education. Our campaigns aim to end structural inequality across different areas of our democracy, and include: fighting voter suppression & money in politics, organizing students under autocracy, stopping a dangerous constitutional convention, using transparency laws to hold power accountable, and more!



# A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Only twelve days after the election, we gathered community members and leaders to discuss the path ahead of us under Trump's Presidency- attacks on democratic institutions & civil rights, DC autonomy, and voting rights.

Like many movements that came before us, we knew that it was imperative to activate a student movement with the goal of organizing for a just and inclusive democracy.

Since then, we have remained committed to being one of the leading student-run organizations training student organizers, connecting campus leaders, and solidifying our generation's role in the broader anti-authoritarian movement.

We are extremely proud of our team's work to meet this moment, both when we have the opportunity to plan ahead, and when we are called to rapidly respond to emerging attacks on our rights. Through it all, we are humbled to organize alongside incredible partners, and be part of a student movement dedicated to fighting authoritarianism in higher-education, and our wider democracy.

Our team is ready to continue the fight against fascism in 2026, and excited for more student organizers to join the movement!

In Solidarity,

Kaden Ouimet, *President*
Asher Heisten, *Vice President*
Sydney Snowden, *Chief of Staff*
Sebastian Clavel-Sanchez, *Board Member*
Quinn Fitzpatrick, *Board Member*
Anousha Khan, *Board Member*



# OUR EVENTS

**January 25th**
Rise for Democracy Teach-In

**April 4th**
Hands Off Our Education Protest

**April 10th**
Rapid Response Lobby Day Against the SAVE Act

**June - August**
Democracy In Action Trainings

**September 6th**
Good Trouble Lives On March

**September 9th**
DC Universities Walkout

**September 10th & 15th**
Lobbying & Banner Drop Against the SAVE Act in the Senate

**November 7th**
National Day of Action

**December 3rd**
Write for Our Rights: Letter to the Editor Workshop

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## Rise for Democracy Teach-In

Over 500+ community members and nearly 50 partners joined us for a 10 hour teach in to prepare for the Trump administration. Workshops covered mutual aid, community support, and organizing under authoritarianism.

## Democracy In Action Trainings

Students from 90+ campuses across the nation joined our weekly Tuesday trainings with partners to create campus campaign plans to prevent their universities from complying with the attacks on higher education.

## Write for Our Rights: Letter to the Editor Workshop

We worked with allies to host a workshop on how to write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper to spread awareness on the Dangers of a Constitutional Convention that bad actors are trying to host.





# MOBILIZING STUDENTS

## Hands Off Our Education Rally

With DC University Student Governments, local partners, and speakers like Mary Beth Tinker and Rep. Jamal Bowman we rallied 100+ students outside the Department of Education building to protest the Trump Administration's attacks on Title IX, DEI, and Free Speech in education.







*photos by Anna Russell*

## DC Universities Walkout

With DC partners, we coordinated staggered walkouts at four DC universities, in which over 2000 students and faculty walked out in protest of the National Guard's occupation of DC.




*photos from FreeDC via Instagram*




source: Georgetown Voice

## November 7th National Day of Action

source: Doral Chenoweth / Columbus Dispatch







source: Daniel Jacobi II via Greenfield Recorder

To build momentum for May 2026, we're coordinating with campus leaders across the US to hold actions on the first Friday of every month. On November 7th, 115+ campuses held actions urging their administrations to reject the Trump's "Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education".

Alex Hesskamp via the Guardian






source: Artivista Karlin via the Guardian

*background photo via Reuters*

# ON THE FIGHT FOR VOTING RIGHTS

## Rapid Response Lobby Day Against the SAVE Act

When the SAVE Act was abruptly brought to the House Floor for a vote, we organized a lobby day within 48 hours and advocated to 25 offices to vote "no," resulting in three votes changing.

## Good Trouble Lives On March

In honor of Rep. John Lewis, Georgia Congressman, voting rights activist, and former member of the Student Nonviolence Coordinating Committee, we mobilized our student base to turn out to the Good Trouble Lives on March on July 17th.

## Banner Drop Against the SAVE Act in the Senate

To keep the SAVE Act from reaching the Senate floor, we coordinated a banner drop coinciding with the end of the "Tea Party Tour," to bring attention to the harm of the SAVE Act.



# FRONTLINE FOR FREEDOM

**SUMMER ‘25**
We held 17 trainings on campus campaign planning with students repping 100+ campuses

**AUG 5th**
We announced the name for the fall student anti-authoritarian campaign, *Frontline for Freedom*

**FALL ‘25**
Our team took trips to New York and North Carolina college campuses to recruit campus leaders

**NOV 7th**
Our student-led protest outside the Apollo Management Headquarters, caused 1,000+ employees to stay home

After the summer Democracy in Action trainings, we launched the *Frontline for Freedom* campaign with partners in the anti-authoritarian movement. We’re utilizing intersectional base-building on campuses to resist attacks higher education with the goal of building up to a national day of action on May Day 2026!

We recruited our fellow organizers and campus leaders across the nation to join the movement and organize a day of action on every first Friday of the month to exercise the organizing muscle and build momentum towards May Day.



# OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

**We joined Article V partners**

in bi-weekly calls to discuss how we can collaborate on rescinding state resolutions for a Constitutional Convention!

**We prevented the SAVE Act**

from making its way to Trump's desk in 2025 with our lobbying and rapid response efforts!

**The DC Democracy & Autonomy Campaign**

became an independent campaign, after previously being a campaign priority under Students for Voting Rights! We joined the DC statehood roundtable and the FreeDC cross-campus workgroup!

**17 new staff members**

across six different states & Washington DC!

**Two new Board Members**

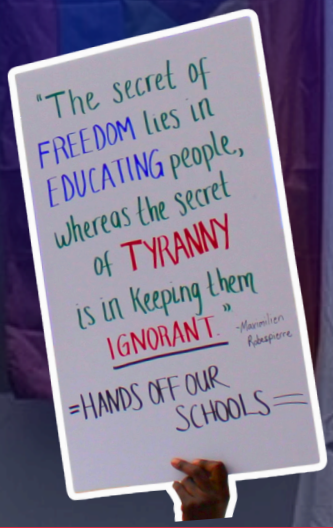
joined the Board of Directors in February and November!

# 2026 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

## MAY DAY 2026

Unifying the student movement in order to move the campus pillar towards resisting authoritarianism.




## ELECTION PROTECTION

Centering youth in defending our voting rights amidst attacks before the midterm elections.

## BUILDING OUR NETWORK

To continue to be robust, flexible, and local with our campaigns.