

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 8.31.2021

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Facilitators: Jay and Jamie **Notes:** Sandy

Acknowledgement of the end of the U.S. military occupation of Afghanistan

Biden talked about the importance of ending the war and it's not in our best interest to stay. Good to hear that acknowledged. Frustrating how the media is covering Afghanistan making it look bad. Hope people are seeing through the media focus on what's gone wrong instead of the fact that it's good we're ending this war. Worried about what will happen to the women and children when the war ends.

REPORTBACKS

8.28-March for Voting Rights-Washington, D.C.

About six members of RaR attended this march. Overall disappointing turnout of only about 5 to 7 thousand due to covid and heat. Organizers were expecting up to 50,000. There was a second action—younger, more radical at the Lincoln Memorial. There was also a marijuana action there, too. Optics weren't great at The Mall with everyone out of the main space and everyone trying to find shade on the sides.

While there were sister marches in other cities, no significant voting rights march was planned in NYC. There was a small action in Strawberry Fields organized by Jennifer Fisher. No one was at the August 31 meeting to do a report back.

8.28-Fox New Action in Washington, D. C.

A small group of six RaRers staged a Fox News Action in the American History Museum while in D. C. There was a big exhibit in the museum about voting rights with a large sign that said **American Democracy-A Great Leap of Faith**. We stood in front of the large sign with our Fox tee shirts and signage. We are hopeful about getting Fox actions like this started across the

country. Bill started it in Philly. One is starting in Tucson. We took it to Wash DC. Julie will contact a group in DC to see if they could start a regular one there.

8.31-Fox News Truth Tuesday—48th St. and Sixth Avenue at Fox News NYC Headquarters

After standing with our banners and signs on the sidewalk, several folks went beyond the barricade to right in front of the building. One man was spraying the sidewalk. Next time show up in wetsuits? Held the space with letters and signs. Laura Ingram walked by us. Julie handed out flyers Someone on an upper floor filming us on the phone.

Notes about the Barricade—first time protested there was one of the impeachment hearings. We were asked to leave the plaza. We indicated we had a right. It is a privately-operated public space. A policeman apologized to Jamie because he thought it was a private space. Fox has a history of insisting we leave but we have a right to be there. This time they said they were doing maintenance work and that's why they had it cordoned off. Jamie was asked to leave and they said "only if I'm in handcuffs". The barricades are private barricades. It is not illegal to mess with their private barricades because they belong to the building, not the police. Next time we should play around with the barricades and move into the plaza. We must be assertive about our first amendment rights.

Go with shorts and tee shirts and walk right into the water. Make a statement. Maybe do this daily. Per Julie the barricades are put up for us on Tuesday and they are taken down when we leave. Don't tell us you're doing maintenance just on Tuesdays.

Good idea to cover both the 6th avenue and 48th st entrances. They were sending people around because we were a thorn in their side.

Asking not to yell "shame" at people going into the building unless we are sure they work for Fox News.

We're working on a press release and will get it out. One of the signs showed up in an article and was out there with the Huffington Post. This action is really resonating.

Consider some other times so folks busy at 9 am could come? We feel like constancy is important so we may keep it at 9 am on Tuesday. We want them to know we'll be there on Tuesday at 9 am. Maybe plan some larger actions there at other times.

Operating the website out of foxfibs.com. We also have TruthTuesdays.org.

Maybe have people show up at 4 pm on Tuesday and have a wave of folks showing up. In Philly people were tape recording and taking pictures. There was really good energy in Philly.

Other possible Fox News signage—Murdoch is a Murderer; Murdoch is Murdering America"

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UPCOMING ACTIONS

9.2-Immigration Vigil—Staten Island Ferry Terminal at 5 pm

Article in The Nation that had a picture of Jamie and the immigration vigil from August 5. Eric was there and took this picture. Why are Trump's Policies Still in Effect? Sign got center stage.

Planning on having the 9-2 action but will call it off late in the pm on Thursday if the weather turns dicey. Maybe bring the "seeking asylum is not a crime" banner. Maybe bring a "pathway to citizenship" too.

9.3-Say Their Names—Meet at 96th and Broadway at 5 pm.

Will discuss alternatives if the weather doesn't cooperate on Friday.

NEW ACTIONS

9.10-Climate Action Group

Asking RaR to co-sponsor an action in coalition with other groups. No money involved.

Promote it on social media to get it out and show up at the action.

Sept. 10-Friday-RaR and RAN and Sunrise, NY CC, No Bklyn pipeline option getting together to go out to the U.S. Open at 2 pm to highlight one of the U.S. Open sponsor's roles in the climate crisis.

Co-sponsor? YES

Healthcare Group

9.20-Biden End Vaccine Apartheid—Dag Hammarskjold Plaza E. 47thSt. At 10 am

During the UN General Assembly. It's a Coalition event. More information to come.

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