

THE TIME FOR POLITE QUIET IS
OVER. THE TIME FOR
BRAVE NOISE IS NOW.

Stand up. Speak out. Take your politics public.
Because democracy is worth it—and so are you.



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TEN REASONS
TO BE BRAVE AND
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DEMOCRACY
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YOUR VOICE—AND YOUR COURAGE— MATTER MORE THAN EVER.

1 Because Silence Helps the Oppressor

When good people stay quiet, dangerous voices grow louder. The forces attacking our democracy want you to be afraid, to stay polite, and to “keep politics private.” Don’t give them what they want. Speaking out is courage—and it inspires others to do the same.

2 Because You Are Not Alone

In April 2025, over 3 million Americans joined 1,300+ “Hands Off!” protests across all 50 states—standing united against the erosion of our democracy. Even in traditionally conservative areas, thousands rallied, demonstrating that the desire to protect democratic values transcends political boundaries. These numbers send a clear message: you are not alone.



3 Because The Children (and Grandchildren) Are Watching

What kind of country do we want to leave them? One where truth matters? Where votes count? Or one where power belongs to whoever shouts the loudest? Our silence today becomes their burden tomorrow. Let them remember you as someone who stood up.

4 Because Democracy Is Not Guaranteed

Democracy only survives when people defend it. From the Civil Rights Movement to World War II, progress happened because people took risks—publicly. It’s our turn now. Our republic won’t protect itself. That’s our job.

5 Because Hiding Your Politics Protects the Wrong People

Worried what others will think? That’s exactly how extremism spreads. It thrives when good people whisper, and bad actors shout. If you oppose authoritarianism, now’s the time to say it out loud. Your neighbors, coworkers, and friends may be waiting for someone—you—to go first.

6 Because Upstate New York Has Always Fought for Justice

From abolitionists in Auburn to suffragettes in Seneca Falls, our region has a legacy of resistance. That spirit still lives here—in every rally, every voter registration drive, every citizen who dares to care. You’re not breaking tradition by standing up. You’re honoring it.

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7 Because the Threat Is Real—Even Here

People from our own communities took part in the Capitol attack. The lies that fueled that violence are still spreading. If it can happen in Washington, it can happen here. The antidote? Truth, courage, and neighbors who refuse to be silent.

8 Because the Rule of Law Is on the Line

Trump is no longer just talking—he’s governing like someone above the law. His administration has openly defied court orders, targeted political opponents with federal power, and worked to gut the independence of the DOJ and civil service. He’s attacking judges, ignoring constitutional checks, and demanding loyalty from law enforcement—not to the Constitution, but to him. This isn’t leadership—it’s authoritarianism.

9 Because Courage Is Contagious

Every brave act—every lawn sign, every speech, every vote, every social post—gives someone else the courage to speak up too. You might be the reason someone else joins the fight. Imagine a movement that started because you were brave enough to begin.

10 Because You’ll Sleep Better Knowing You Tried

No one wants to look back and say, “I wish I had done something.” This is your moment. Not later. Not when it’s easier. Now. Show up. Speak out. Help protect this country—for yourself, for your loved ones, and for everyone who calls America home.