

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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I don't think there's anything quite as satisfying as winning a fight.

Many people—student activists, federal workers, immigrants, the LGBTQ+ community—are being forced to fight right now. Against deportation, surveillance, the erosion of human rights. These battles might be more possible to win than people think. Erica Chenoweth, a human rights expert, theorizes that modern-day nonviolent protests involving more than 3.5 percent of a given population have never failed to catalyze change. Beyond protests, there are many ways to really, decisively, win.

This WIRED zine has essential guidance to help fight the Big Fights in this moment. That QR code links to our full package, including more resources, the definitive story of the Tesla Takedown, and an investigation into the battle over gender-affirming care's future.



THE WIRED GUIDE FOR



THE BEST WAY TO TROLL A TROLL

"Often times, I'm replying to someone and not trying to clap back. I'm just speaking factually."

—DEREK GUY, MENSWEAR EXPERT

"Use the restricted feature on IG. Nothing else they comment on your page will be public, but they'll have no idea. They'll just keep talking into the void."

—SAMANTHA YANNINE, SCIENCE COMMUNICATOR

"I deal with trolls every single day, that is a consequence of being Black and gay on the internet. Ninety-five percent of trolls can't construct a simple sentence, so I usually just point out that they've confused 'their' with 'there' or 'they're.'"

—BLAKE THORNTON, POP CULTURE COMMENTATOR



HOW TO PROTEST SAFELY

Bring supplies
A backpack with water, face mask, hat, sunglasses, and snacks is needed to stay energized and protect your identity.

Know your rights
In the US, public demonstration is protected by the First Amendment, but only if you participate in a peaceful way—no altercations or destruction of property.

Help those nearby
Stay aware of your surroundings if marching in a protest and be ready to assist others in your group who may need it.

PHONE SEARCHES AT THE U.S. BORDER

Travel with an alternate device. If possible, a clean slate can minimize the amount of data officials have access to.

Remove sensitive apps. Traveling with your regular device? Delete whatever you don't need. Especially apps that store personal details, like queer hookup app Grindr.

Turn off biometrics. Options like Face ID need to be disabled in case you decide to refuse the border agent's search. Always rely on passwords instead.

GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE

Download Signal. The end-to-end encrypted messenger doesn't collect meta-data about who you're contacting. Turn on the "disappearing messages" setting.

Turn off your phone. Cracking a device's encryption is far more difficult when it's been powered off. For security reasons, it's a good idea to do if you're entering a situation where it might be seized.

Try the Tor browser. On desktops and laptops, it anonymizes your web browsing by bouncing your connections to sites through a series of three proxy computers.

Run in a crowd
Moving quickly may be necessary, but running could start a stampede.

Photograph other protesters
Posting clearly identifiable pics of faces or tattoos online could lead to retaliation.

Destroy a Tesla
It may be tempting, but refrain. The FBI has already investigated Tesla vandalism as "domestic terrorism."

STAY INFORMED

RESISTANCE RESOURCES

THE IMPACT MAP

by The Impact Project,
Americans for Public Service
An informational map tracking the
effects of changes to US federal
government funding, workforce,
and policy across the country.

UNITED STATES DISAPPEARED TRACKER

by Danielle Harlow, data analyst
Dashboard that tallies and monitors
the status of people impacted
by Trump administration mass
deportations carried out by ICE.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION LITIGATION TRACKERS

by Just Security and Lawfare
Databases that track
legal challenges to Trump
administration initiatives.

ICE FLIGHT TRACKING

by Tom Cartwright,
immigration rights advocate
Monthly reports on ICE Air
flight statistics with other
updates on social media.

REGULATORY CHANGES TRACKER

by Brookings Institution
Database cataloging significant
environmental, labor, and
other regulatory changes
implemented during the
second Trump administration.

