

# Anti-Violence Organizations Can **Respond to Fascism**

Resourcing our movements to respond  
to the current moment

This guide has been created to assist anti-violence organizations, especially sexual and domestic violence agencies, in understanding and responding to the current crises in the United States.

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## Introduction to this document

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### **Who this is for:**

This document is primarily addressed to anti-violence organizations, such as domestic and sexual assault agencies, technical assistance providers, and similar nonprofits. The information within may be beneficial for a variety of service providers.

### **How to use:**

You may read through the whole document or move directly to the sections that are most relevant to you. We have included extensive links to additional resources and information. These can be very helpful in providing context and details to the suggestions in this guide. Links can be found embedded in the text and in the endnotes. We have not included every article or link on any topic, instead choosing one or two to illustrate the points made.

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## Understanding what is happening

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For non-profits and service providers, understanding the actions of our governments and their different forms gives us tools to advocate for democracy and human rights and helps us to plan for our future.

Fascism and Authoritarianism are terms being used to describe the United States government in 2025. Though they carry different nuances, both words describe an erosion of democracy, the rise of dictatorship (when one person makes decisions for all of the government), and the dismantling of government infrastructure – particularly the structure that takes care of people's basic needs.

- **Introduction to fascism and authoritarianism.**
  - Infographic on Authoritarian Power (2025)  
<https://antiauthoritarianplaybook.substack.com/p/infographic-on-authoritarian-power>
  - The Fascism Barometer: What is Fascism  
<https://www.fascismbarometer.org/>
  - Silence is Dangerous in the Current Age of Rising Fascism in the US (2024)  
<https://truthout.org/articles/silence-is-dangerous-in-the-current-age-of-rising-fascism-in-the-us/>
- **Targeting nonprofits.** Nonprofits and social service organizations are being targeted by the actions of Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and the president. This includes the removal of funding, threats to remove non-profit status based on political beliefs, and removal of supports for staff, such as Public Service Loan Forgiveness programs.
  - Sustaining the Safety Net by the Building Movement Project  
<https://buildingmovement.org/blog/sustaining-the-safety-net/>
  - FAQ for Nonprofits in the New Landscape  
<https://engage.buildingmovement.org/hubfs/FAQ%20Nonprofits%20in%20the%20New%20Landscape.pdf>
- **Targeting specific communities.** Authoritarianism works, in part, by separating people and villainizing some groups of people. This creates fear in everyone and encourages those with more safety to help oppress those who are targeted. In the

United States there are attacks on many groups of people. Some of the fastest and most vicious have been against transgender people, immigrants, and activists.

- Transgender people
  - All the ways Trump wants to exclude transpeople from public life  
<https://19thnews.org/2025/03/trump-anti-trans-executive-orders/>
- Immigration/Immigrants
  - Essential but Ignored: Low-Earning Immigrant Healthcare Workers
  - <https://cmsny.org/publications/essential-but-ignored-low-earning-immigrant-healthcare-workers-and-their-role-in-the-health-of-new-york-city/>
    - Refugee services have been severely impacted and dismantled, putting all refugees, especially transgender ones, at major risk
- Activists and nonprofits
  - Shockingly Unlawful Trump Executive Order Targets Public Service Student Loan Program
  - [https://www.democracynow.org/2025/3/11/headlines/shockingly\\_unlawful\\_trump\\_executive\\_order\\_targets\\_public\\_service\\_student\\_loan\\_program](https://www.democracynow.org/2025/3/11/headlines/shockingly_unlawful_trump_executive_order_targets_public_service_student_loan_program)

Timothy Synder's *On Tyranny* is a useful guide to understanding and resisting fascism. Synder offers 20 lessons for people to support democracy. The first, and most often cited, is "Do Not Comply in Advance." A significant tool of tyranny is to get the public to obey through fear, intimidation, and misinformation. If we do not obey, we have a better chance of restoring democracy and taking care of each other.

It is most likely that the attacks on democracy, human rights, and on people will continue until there is a major social and political response. Conditions in the United States will likely get worse before they get better. Knowing this can help us in a few ways:

- We can prepare for a long-term struggle for social justice.
- We can remember to not comply, starting now. Going along with orders now will not make us safer in the future. It will not keep new orders from targeting our communities or organizations.
- We each have a role to play in making a difference.
- We cannot just ignore what is happening at the federal level.
- We can plan for the futures of our movements.

Many people are preparing for a major collapse of the US economy and government. Staff or clients may be thinking seriously about how to survive such major changes. An

example of how many people are planning is in this infographic by [traumatized\\_thriving](https://www.instagram.com/p/DHEKjHHAKN1/?img_index=9&igsh=aDVna3g2MGJ5cXM0):  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/DHEKjHHAKN1/?img\\_index=9&igsh=aDVna3g2MGJ5cXM0](https://www.instagram.com/p/DHEKjHHAKN1/?img_index=9&igsh=aDVna3g2MGJ5cXM0)

## What can you do?

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### Work with others

We are stronger together. Fear can lead us to want to isolate from others, to protect what is “ours,” and to look out for ourselves. These are normal human reactions to stress, but they do not need to drive our organizational decision-making.

We can work together to:

- Share information.
  - By sharing information with each other, we can be more transparent and better informed. This can help correct the current misinformation and rumors.
  - Sharing information means that no one person or organization has to know everything or track everything; instead we can learn from others and work on seeing the connections between our focus areas.
- Share resources.
  - By sharing resources with each other we can further the impact that the resources can make. This also helps us keep from competing against each other.
- Co-create programs.
  - Organizations can work together, in some instances, to co-create programs. This is especially beneficial if resources and funding are scarce as all involved parties can contribute.
    - Keep in mind differences in confidentiality, victim-advocate privilege, and other legal protections when working directly with survivors.
- Increase our impact.
  - When multiple organizations come together, they may make a bigger impact, whether in programming or public statements or in making change.
- Take action together.
  - When organizations take action together, it is more likely to be effective. It is often easier to take action in community than alone.

- Actions may look like: issuing a statement, refusing to comply with unnecessary requests to delete information, advocating for increased funding or resources, or offering guidance on policies.

### Get accurate information

Misinformation abounds. Media has become increasingly biased and news articles do not always provide complex details on situations. In order to respond appropriately to events, it can be beneficial to have more robust information. For example, the New York Times is not a reliable source of information on transgender issues and communities and has a clear anti-transgender leaning. In 2025, The Washington Post Editorial Board announced a new editorial policy that would be in favor of “personal liberties and free markets”.

These resources can help increase your media literacy.

- The Process of Establishing Integrity Quick Checklist
  - <https://www.projectcensored.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/The-Process-of-Establishing-Integrity-Quick-Checklist1.pdf>
- Expand your view with lateral reading
  - <https://newslit.org/tips-tools/expand-your-view-with-lateral-reading/>

### Communicate positively

Positive communication has been shown to be effective in sharing ideas and increasing buy-in.

- State what you are for – identifying values and goals can help build support for your work.
- Emphasize working together.
- Name race, gender, class, and other marginalized communities.
  - For example: All families, Black, brown, and white, cisgender and transgender, straight and LGBTQ+ deserve access to safe housing.
  - Learn more about this framework from We Make the Future: <https://www.wemakethefuture.us/>
- Create possibility without being overly optimistic.
  - Having hope and seeing possibilities for action helps to move people out of a “freeze” response. However, it is also important to allow for time and space to feel a range of emotions. Possibility does not need to come at the expense of accurate understanding of our situations.
- Be strategic about messaging.

- Be transparent about decision making without creating unnecessary fear.
- Consider your organizational/movement goals when messaging.
- Learn how to counter disinformation.
  - We Make the Future: Guide to Responding to Harmful Content  
<https://www.wemakethefuture.us/resources-docs/guide-responding-to-harmful-content>
  - Misinformation Recommendations from the American Psychological Association  
<https://www.apa.org/topics/journalism-facts/misinformation-recommendations>
  - Advice for Countering Disinformation in Individual Conversations  
<https://www.npr.org/2024/09/30/g-s1-24711/to-combat-misinformation-start-with-connection-not-correction>
- Learn about navigating anti-transgender rhetoric.
  - Navigating anti-trans rhetoric for DV/SA Coalitions  
[https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/domestic\\_violence1/Resources/admin\\_publications/navigating-anti-trans-rhetoric.pdf](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/domestic_violence1/Resources/admin_publications/navigating-anti-trans-rhetoric.pdf)
- Consider how art and cultural strategies can be beneficial in messaging.
  - The Power of Cultural Strategies  
<https://antiauthoritarianplaybook.substack.com/p/the-power-of-cultural-strategies>

This article provides insights into who our audiences are, particularly in times when those in power are not embracing truth and accuracy:

<https://antiauthoritarianplaybook.substack.com/p/reinterpreting-speak-truth-to-power>

### Pressure to change services

Non-profit organizations are facing increased pressure from federal and state governments to change our services, the way we talk about our work, and how we train our staff.

The LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence provided guidance on the removal of information from websites: <https://mailchi.mp/lalgbtcenter/front-and-center-10372360?e=308022bec2>

When faced with this type of pressure, organizations can:

- Determine who has the authority to make such a demand.

- Executive orders are not laws. Funding that has been allocated by Congress cannot be repealed by the President.
- When asked to comply with directives to change services, examine who is asking, what authority they have, and what consequences they are stating will occur for inaction.
  - For example, if a grant manager suggests that you eliminate part of a grant funded project, you may determine that they do not have the power to require you to do that. The grant contract would have to be changed.
- If there is no authority to make the changes, you do not have to comply.
- Discussing specific situations with your peers or legal experts can help to understand the directives and navigate a path forward.
- Seek legal advice.
  - Lawyers can help navigate the legal landscape. They can help determine what to document, how to document it, and if it is necessary to take additional steps to assert your organization's legal rights.
- Get the requested directive in writing.
  - Documenting requests to change services will help should you pursue legal action or appeal a funding decision in the future.
    - Note: Documentation can be very beneficial even if you do not pursue legal action.
  - Do not delete documents, emails, or other data related to the programs or grants that are being discussed.
  - Many requests to change services are based on rumors, fear, or threats. These are often suggestions to comply in advance of any mandate to comply. By asking for requests in writing, you may be able to sort out what is an actual demand from what is a rumor or suggestion.
- Refuse to pre-emptively comply.
  - Taking action before being forced to does several things.
    - It could take away your power to file a lawsuit, appeal or other protest later on.
    - It makes it clear that your organization can be pressured to change services – making it more likely that additional pressure will happen.
    - It makes everyone less safe.

- The requests we are facing in early 2025 are likely to be the first in a long series of demands. The sooner we resist, the stronger our movements will be.
- Keep in mind the requirements of other funds or policies.
  - Many organizations have successfully resisted demands to change programs or language by leaning on the requirements of other funders and policies.
  - Many federal agencies continue to have non-discrimination policies that organizations receiving their funding must follow. For example, the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has a [codified nondiscrimination provision](#) to ensure that survivors are not denied services and are not subjected to discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability. This provision clearly prohibits the discrimination or exclusion of LGBTQ+ survivors from federally funded domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence work. VAWA states that: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived...sex, gender identity, [or] sexual orientation...be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under VAWA.” As a result, it is still illegal to discriminate or exclude transgender survivors from VAWA-funded services. These federal non-discrimination policies remain in place (as of the time of this writing, July 2025) and give us power to serve, support, and protect transgender survivors in the work that we do.
  - Some funding requires us to maintain resources or programs.
- Act in the best interest of all survivors.
  - Shutting down resources for some survivors hurts all survivors.
- Continue to protect the privacy of survivors through confidentiality and privilege laws.
  - Domestic violence and sexual assault agencies that have special legal status around confidentiality and privilege can use that tool to protect survivors.
  - If ICE shows up at a shelter, staff should not provide any information.
  - If the government asks for details on transgender survivors, staff should not provide any information.
- Know your rights. Follow leaders in the field’s guidance, such as the [Alliance for Immigrant Survivors](#) (AIS), on how to continue to uplift and protect immigrant

survivors by leveraging critical legal protections. Check out AIS's Resource List on Ensuring Access to Services for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: <https://www.immigrantsurvivors.org/resource-list-ensuring-access-to-services-for-immigrant-survivors>

- Remember that the pressure we are facing today is likely the first step in a long process and not the last. Giving in now will make it easier for services to be dismantled in the future.

### Impact of cutting services and removing information

Before cutting programs or removing information from a website, it can be helpful to consider the impact these actions will have on survivors, staff, and community members.

- Loss of trust in the organization
- Survivors may be hurt, angry, or disappointed
- Can lower the reputation of the organization
- Hurts staff morale/may lose staff
- Makes it easier for the government to keep cutting your services
- No recourse – you did it

### Critical questions

Organizations that are considering cutting services in response to federal pressure to discriminate against transgender people, immigrants, and people of color, may want to ask themselves certain questions.

- What is the line that you won't cross?
- How will you hold that line?
- How is your decision guided by those most impacted?

It may be useful to consider why your agency is willing to consider some changes but not others. Are these decisions equitable? How do these choices impact survivors?

### Financial sustainability

With the loss of access to federal funding, organizations will likely have to change the way that they are funding programs and services.

- Plan ahead. Start thinking about how to fund programs next year and the year after that.

- Diversify funding. Organizations that have funding from a variety of sources – governmental and private grants, individual donors, fundraisers, etc. -- may be more secure if one type of funding dissolves.
- Consider the impact of decisions about terminating staff or projects before taking action. While cutting services is a clear way to lower expenditures, it can have a huge impact on both staff morale and the reputation of the organization in the community. Explore other areas of budgets, such as executive salaries and benefits, to decrease before cutting frontline programs.

## Safety and well-being of the organization and staff

Service providers are facing increasing attacks and harassment. It is reasonable to be concerned about the safety of staff and property during this time.

### Digital security

The past several years have seen a major rise in virtual harassment. Transgender people, Palestinian people (and those speaking out against genocide), Black people, Indigenous people, and many others are being targeted by individuals and groups for harassment. The tactics used (such as doxing, bullying, or SWATing) may be used against anyone seen as resisting the current administration's demands. Digital security can help protect organizations, staff, and program participants from further harm.

Organizations and individuals can learn about virtual risks and steps to increase digital safety. Here are some starting places:

- The Electronic Freedom Federation (EFF) provides tools for [Surveillance Self-Defense](#). These can help with electronic/tech safety, surveillance out in the real world, and more.
- EFF provides [tips specifically about doxing here](#).
- Equality Labs created the [Anti-Doxing Guide for Activists](#).
- Ijeoma Oluo shared this [post which focuses on online harassment](#) due to pro-Palestine views. The information applies to so many other topics.
- FORGE wrote an article with tips for individuals coping with online hate: <https://trans-survivors.com/2024/08/06/coping-with-online-hate/>
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline shared safety tips around image based abuse. <https://www.thehotline.org/resources/staying-safe-online-how-to-minimize-your-risk-of-image-based-sexual-abuse/>

- **If you are currently experiencing image-based abuse** and are in a safe place to do so, the [Safety Center on the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative \(CCRI\)](#) provides guidance about how to document, request that images be removed, and get legal support. You do not have to follow any of these steps that do not feel safe or comfortable for you, but you may find it helpful to know your options.

### Security of staff information

- Take steps to keep staff information confidential. Discuss this process with staff before implementing it and take their opinions into consideration. Options may include:
  - Removing staff names entirely from your website.
  - Removing staff photos, last names, or other highly identifiable information.
  - Not sharing staff schedules or direct contact information.
  - Not sharing which staff will be at which event, especially in-person events.
- Assess the security of HR materials.
  - Determine who can access HR documents.
  - Ensure they are protected from hacking.
  - Assess what information is shared with and by health insurance companies. For example some bonus programs track private health information that may put transgender people at risk.
  - Evaluate background check and identification procedures to ensure they are as safe as possible for vulnerable communities.

Consider not using last names in email addresses.

- If a staff/volunteer is targeted, work together on a response. Making decisions without that person's involvement can add to their stress and trauma.
  - Believe staff if they tell you they have been threatened or harassed.
  - Take threats seriously.
  - Act quickly to increase staff's safety while ensuring the impacted person/people are involved in the process.
- Develop safety strategies based on each person's needs. Discuss issues with a team before sharing location information or other private details.

- Even information like which staff are presenting at a conference may be used to stalk a person or may indicate that this individual will not be at home during a certain period of time, which can be risky.

### Prepare for online and social media harassment

Online attacks will be one of the ways that hate is spread. Organizations can plan ahead and create strategies around harassment through their social media and online platforms.

- **Align your response with your organizational values.** For example, one organization shared that “We need to respond to hate and harassment in a way that is trauma-informed, builds community and connection, and increases safety for survivors. To do this, we needed to also express the reasons why we engage on social media. This means that when we respond to harassment, it is important to us that we still have lines of communication between us and the people who are accessing our social media. It also means that we want people who view our accounts to feel safe there and not experience harassment as a result of engaging with us.”

#### Moderation tools.

- Each platform has different moderation tools. Get to know the unique tools available on your platform(s).
- Most platforms have ways to automatically block comments with profanity, and the option to block certain key words. Some platforms allow you to block images or specific emojis as well.
- TikTok allows you to review all comments before they are public.

#### Tracking comments.

- Screenshot or otherwise documenting comments can be helpful for a number of reasons. This includes tracking hate, particularly if it escalates; demonstrating to others what is happening; and being able to identify trends in order to improve automatic moderation.
- Screenshotting all comments may be too time intensive or emotionally taxing for staff, but documenting threats can be most helpful.

#### Reporting comments and users.

- Each platform has different processes for responding to reports. Some are more diligent than others.
- Some sites may put a hold on your profile for “over-reporting.” Some organizations have found it most practical to only report the clear threats and violent statements, instead of all hateful comments.

### **Taking care of your staff.**

- Take turns moderating. This way each person gets a break from the messages. Stay in touch with each other to identify trends or new forms of hate speech.
- Check in on your staff’s well-being and the impact of any harassment on them and their work.

### **Communicating outwards.**

- Let others know you/your organization is being targeted.
  - While it is not always helpful to publicly share the specifics of the messages you receive, telling others that harassment is happening can help rally resources and support.
  - You may choose to request specific action from those you share with, such as “Please help us by reporting harassing comments you see.”
- When sharing information about threats and harassment, it is often helpful to also share information about how your organization is protecting the safety of those involved. This will help clients, staff, and community members better understand the situation without escalating concern in unhelpful ways.

### **Additional choices you may make.**

Every organization has to make their own decisions about social media. These decisions are best done with a solid understanding of the purpose and intent of your social media usage in mind. Here are some of the options available:

- Moderate comments.
- Leave hateful comments up. This could include responding to them, or supporting viewers who respond them.
- Turn off all engagement options.
- Do not use social media.
- Use only certain platforms.
- Boosted posts/ads tend to get more hateful comments. Options include turning off comments on boosted posts, not boosting any posts, or dealing with it.
- Report and block harassment.
- Discuss the harassment openly.

- Keep the harassment quiet.

### In person communication

- In-person communication may be the most secure from digital attacks. When meeting in-person, take care with what notes are taken and where they are stored.
- In-person communication will not be accessible for everyone – due to needs around travel, COVID precautions, physical access, neurological access, and other reasons. Maintaining some virtual services and communication tools will be necessary for access needs.

### Staff well-being

Staff and volunteers' mental and physical well-being can be dramatically affected by the current political climate. They or their family members may be members of targeted communities, afraid of losing income, angered by the attacks on our work, and scared for their futures and communities. While navigating all the attacks on our work and services, social service organizations can keep in mind the needs of their teams.

- The Management Center provides advice for “Managing when things are not okay”: <https://www.managementcenter.org/resources/still-not-okay/>
  - Keep in mind that it can be valuable to offer space to process current events AND that this processing should be optional.
- Keep workloads manageable. It is understandable to add new projects, to rearrange structures, and generally increase people's workloads in a crisis. It may be difficult to hire new people without secure future funding. However, increased workloads do not help staff take care of themselves and perform well under stress.
  - Work together with your team to prioritize responsibilities and set reasonable goals.
  - Check in regularly with staff 1:1 and as a group to determine if changes are necessary.
- Provide transparency. Staff and volunteers are likely hearing rumors and information about funding cuts and pressure to change services. Leadership can provide transparency about what instructions/information they have received, what their plans are, and any other information. Whenever possible, all levels of staff can be involved in decision making.

### Responding to urgency

Much of the chaos and crisis created by the rise of fascism is intentional. By issuing hundreds of new rules and orders in a short period of time, the government can overwhelm the population and social service institutions. This makes it harder for each of us to take meaningful action, as we struggle to understand what is happening, its impact, and what we can do.

Direct service organizations and non-profits are facing mounting attacks. We may be receiving conflicting information, being pressured to make changes, being ordered to make changes, and losing our funding. Through all of this it can be difficult to respond quickly and appropriately.

- Leaders can connect with purpose, hold space, and model vulnerability. Patty Branco shares many tips for leaders in this article: <https://vawnet.org/news/leader-anti-violence-field-how-can-i-build-my-capacity-navigate-major-crisis-impacting-my>
- Advocates can lean on their mission, values, and others to maintain hope. <https://vawnet.org/news/how-can-advocates-maintain-hope-during-tough-times>
- Organizations can learn about navigating moral injury. <https://vawnet.org/news/how-does-moral-injury-show-domestic-and-sexual-violence-field-and-what-can-advocates-do-about>

Kelly Hayes has done much writing about organizing and survival through difficult times. In these articles, Hayes discusses the impact of trauma on our bodies and brains, maintaining ourselves, and managing overwhelm.

- <https://organizingmythoughts.org/how-to-be-a-fighter-when-you-feel-like-a-punching-bag/>
- <https://organizingmythoughts.org/managing-overwhelm-amid-trumps-chaos/>

### Providing inclusive services

Service providers can continue to provide inclusive services or expand the services that they already provide. By providing services for people of all genders, organizations may avoid pressure to in some way “prove” that survivors accessing sex-segregated services are a specific gender.

This toolkit on Shelter Services for Trans Survivors is one place to start.

[https://lgbtqipvinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Resource-Guide-for-Coalitions\\_Sheltering-Services-for-Trans-Survivors-OVW-Approved.pdf](https://lgbtqipvinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Resource-Guide-for-Coalitions_Sheltering-Services-for-Trans-Survivors-OVW-Approved.pdf)

### Preparing for conflict, de-escalation, and bystander intervention

Increased conflict and harassment may occur as a result of increased stress and tension and increased disinformation that attempts to portray certain groups as “villains” or harmdoers. For example, the federal government is intentionally spreading disinformation that equates being transgender with child abuse. Some people may believe this information and attack transgender people as a result. In a shelter environment, this could look like a parent expressing fear or anger if a transgender survivor is in the shelter and near the parent’s children.

Organizations can ensure that all staff have received practical, skill-based training on de-escalation and bystander intervention. Ideally this training will focus on understanding how oppression and power dynamics can impact conflict or abuse.

Utilize transformative justice and non-carceral approaches when harm happens.

## Resources and References

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Infographic on Authoritarian Power (2025)

<https://antiauthoritarianplaybook.substack.com/p/infographic-on-authoritarian-power>

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*Timothy Synder's On Tyranny*

<https://bookshop.org/a/113166/9780804190114>

Traumatized\_thriving

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