



Herndon-Reston

INDIVISIBLE

We Are Indivisible

One of 6,000 plus groups nationwide, Herndon-Reston Indivisible is made up of about 1,000 Northern Virginia residents, who are opposing the Trump agenda through peaceful protests. We are also active in local and state levels to assure that progressive officials and causes are supported.



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WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?

Most of us live in Congressional Districts 10 (Barbara Comstock-R) and 11 (Gerry Connolly-D) We believe in protecting and defending democratic/ progressive values, such as a cleaner environment; economic justice; healthcare for all; racial, gender and sexual equality; peace; human rights; and democrats for local, state and national office. We follow the **Indivisible Guide**,

a white paper authored by former Hill staffers who are showing progressives how to use the tactics of the Tea Party to get the

attention of their representatives. We are RESISTing the calloused, malicious, and unAmerican moves of this Trump administration. And, in the process, we are also learning to be better citizens.



HRI has formed Issue Groups around the following 13+ active areas.

- Conflict of Interest
- Economy
- Education
- Science & Environment

- Gun Violence Prevention
- Healthcare
- Immigration
- Minority Rights/ Criminal Justice
- Net Neutrality
- Russian Influence
- Virginia Elections
- Voting Rights

- Women's Issues

And we are looking forward to the creation of two new groups:

- Federal Workers
- Young Democrats

Why We Support Progressives

Joe gets up at 6 a.m. and fills his coffee pot with water to prepare his morning coffee. The water is clean and good because **some latte-sipping, tree-hugging liberal** fought for minimum water-quality standards.

With his first swallow of water, he takes his daily medication. His medications are safe to take because **self-absorbed "socialists"** fought to ensure their safety and that they work as advertised.

All but \$10 of his medications are paid for by his employer's medical plan because some **liberal union workers** fought their employers for paid medical insurance - now Joe gets it too.

He prepares his morning breakfast, bacon and eggs. Joe's bacon is safe to eat because **some safe-place girly-man** fought for laws to regulate the meat packing industry.

Joe dresses, walks outside and takes a deep breath. The air he breathes is clean because **environmentalist wackos** fought for the laws to stop industries from polluting our air.

Joe begins his work day. He has a good job with excellent pay, medical benefits, retirement, paid holidays and vacation because some **lazy liberal collective bargaining leader** fought and died for these working standards. Joe's employer upholds these standards because Joe's employer doesn't want his employees to call the union.

It is noontime and Joe needs to make a bank deposit so he can pay some bills. Joe's deposit is federally insured by the FSLIC because **some godless progressive** wanted to protect Joe's money from unscrupulous bankers who crashed the banking system before the Great Depression and 2008.

Joe has to pay his Fannie Mae-underwritten mortgage and his below-market federal student loan because some **snowflake do-gooders** decided that Joe and the government would be better off if he was educated and earned more money over his lifetime. Joe also forgets that in addition to his federally-subsidized student loans, he attended a state funded university.

Joe is home from work. He plans to visit his father this evening at his farm in the country. That old home place didn't have electricity until some **big-government liberal** stuck his nose where it didn't belong and demanded rural electrification.



Joe drives to his dad's house on good roads that are paved due to county taxes.

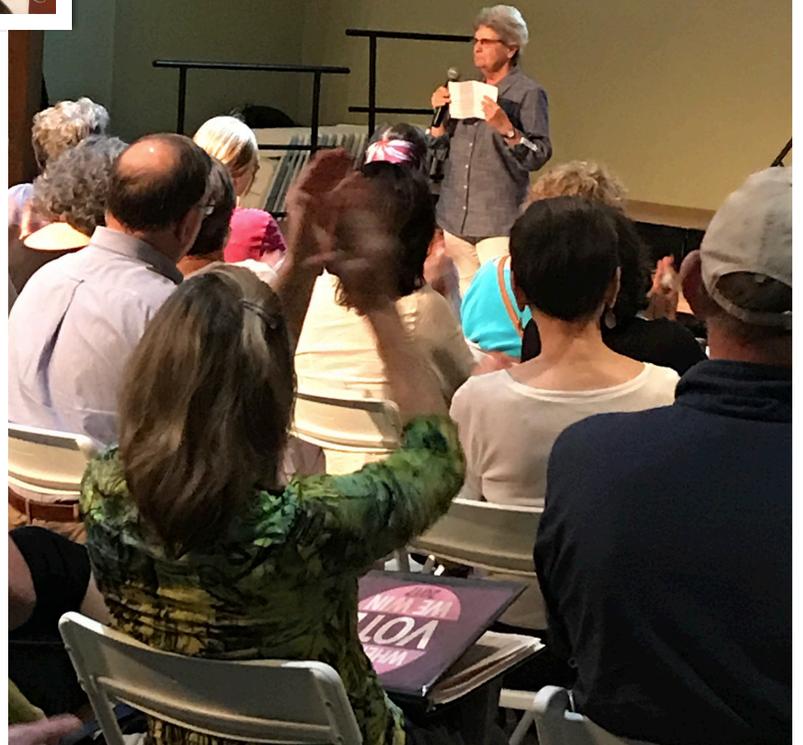
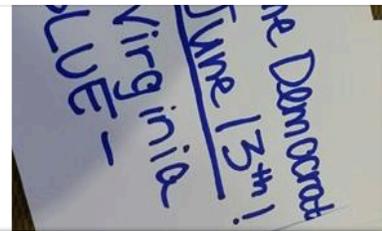
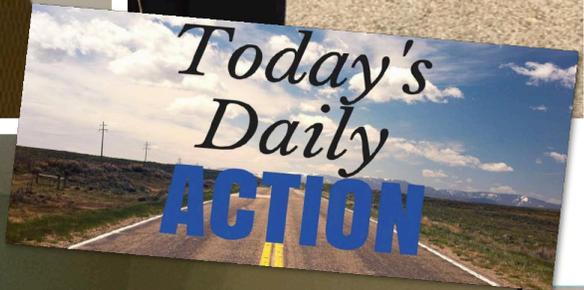
His car is equipped with seat belts, air bags, anti-lock brakes, shatter-proof glass and a host of other life saving equipment that wouldn't be there if some **pushy America-hating progressives** hadn't made it a legislative priority.

He is happy to see his father, who is now retired. His father lives on Social Security and a pension because some **wine-sniffing, cheese-nibbling elitist** made sure he could take care of himself so Joe wouldn't have to.

Joe gets back in his car for the ride home, and turns on a radio talk show. The radio host keeps saying that liberals are bad and conservatives are good. He doesn't mention that the beloved Republicans have fought against every protection and benefit Joe enjoys throughout his day.

Joe agrees: "We don't need those big government fat cats ruining our lives! After all, I'm a self-made man who believes everyone should take care of themselves, just like I have."

Nothing is free. But when we cooperate through local, state, and federal governments, we make life better for everyone.



INDIVISIBLE ISSUE GROUPS

The Issue Groups are where the work gets done. Groups meet on a variety of topics to research, share information, write letters, and work to influence elected officials and the community regarding specific issues. Here is a sample.

The **Russian Influence Group** is headed by Allan Zende and Ginny Reed. The Russian Influence Group was established to allow Indivisible members across the country to collaborate on action-oriented initiatives supporting a full and non-partisan investigation of the Trump-Russia connection and any collusion that may have occurred between the Trump campaign or transition team and Russian government officials or associates to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election.



We support peaceful, legal action - based on the principles set forth in the Indivisible Guide - to protect our democracy from foreign interference.

The Informed Public Group advocates for a robust, free press and equal access to unbiased, factual information needed for a healthy modern democracy.

"The ease with which our current administration can promulgate misinformation without much fear of paying a political price is clear evidence of the challenges we face.

There are at least three main challenges that contributed to this outcome," said the group's chair. "First is the consolidation of ownership of news and entertainment media that leveraged economies of scale to thwart competition and narrow the editorial control over the messages the public received. Second is the ever increasing influence of the corporate management of the Internet hardware over the content conveyed by that network. Third, is the pandering to user preconceptions that enables fake news and conspiracy theories to thrive on social media."

The **Immigration Issues Group** is coordinated by Mary Supley Foxworth and seeks to take action, using the strategy described in the Indivisible Guide and other sources, to simultaneously oppose policies that we believe will be detrimental to our community and our country and advocate for policies in keeping with our mission

statement at the local, state, and federal levels.

The group provides a number of opportunities for volunteers to engage with others with similar interests and concerns and to share those with our elected and appointed officials.



The Election Issues Group is headed by Carrie Bruns, Joanne Collins, and Pat Hynes, and focuses on Virginia elections at the local, state and federal level, using proven election methods such as voter registration and education, phone banking, letter writing, and canvassing.

The **Economy Issues Group** is headed by David Bush and permeates several/most of the other interest groups.

"It's the economy, stupid,' is still viable," said Bush, because it affects everything from minimum wage, job creation, education, to healthcare. This group tracks economic issues and proposed legislation, and uses this information for collaboration with the experts in other HRI interest groups and other Indivisible Groups."

The **HRI Science and Environment (HRISE)**, headed by Sue Beffel, Gary Timm, Sheila Anders, Diana Smith, is dedicated to promoting science and environmental quality and resisting all threats to the sustainability of our planet. "We focus on Science, Climate Change, Air & Water, Land Use, and Biodiversity from local, national, and international perspectives."

Join us. Get involved. For more about Issue Groups:

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