

CALLS TO ACTION

A W A K E

A DREAM FROM STANDING ROCK

There are many ways that you can keep the spirit and lessons of Standing Rock at the forefront of our collective consciousness. Even though the Dakota Access Pipeline was constructed, this fight, this resistance and our commitment continues. Here are five ways that you can continue the fight and support Native and non-Native causes dedicated to addressing oppression, injustice, climate change and helping water protectors who need myriad forms of assistance.



1. Support the Legal Fund for Water Protectors

Even though DAPL has been constructed and the Resistance Camps at Standing Rock have been cleared out, the struggle very much continues. Numerous Water Protectors, many of them Native American, are still facing trumped up charges for exercising their 1st Amendment rights and standing up to the slow-genocide of Indigenous people. That's why we're working with our friends from Freshet Collective to assist with their Legal Defense Fund for Water Protectors. As you can

imagine, legal fees are very expensive, but you can't put a price on justice. The Legal Team has already spent over \$600,000 on bail alone, and are preparing to defend over 800 cases - they need all the help they can get to ensure that valiant Water Protectors are represented by the best lawyers who understand and believe in their cause.

What You Can Do

Donate to the Freshet Water Protectors Legal Fund by visiting their website:

<https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/d19fAf>

2. Resist, Defy and Rise-Up

Our nation is already behind schedule as it pertains to addressing climate change and reducing fossil fuel emissions. According to the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change, we are on pace to breach the 2.0 degree Celsius threshold in less than 20 years – the 1.5 degree threshold is on track to be exceeded in less than two years. The Trump administration is working diligently to rollback, if not cancel, numerous programs designed to reduce emissions and shift our nation from fossil fuels – the phrases “climate change” and “energy efficiency” are now prohibited from all Department of Energy communications, including their website.



But it's not just climate change. We are witnessing an all-out assault on myriad civil liberties as Donald Trump seems intent on holding a flame to the Bill of Rights. The Civil Rights Act is being bled dry as Jeff Sessions' Department of Justice is suspending review of racist police departments, enforcing more laws that make it harder for marginalized populations to exercise their right to vote and we are perilously close from entering another proxy war in the Middle East. But we have something better than all of the lies, the #AlternateFacts, the climate denial, the racism, bigotry and sexism and the continued trajectory towards authoritarianism – we have each other and we are rising up, resisting and defying like no other time in history. From resistance camps standing in the way of fossil fuel infrastructure, like at Standing Rock, to sit ins at Congressional offices, and even singular acts of valor like the African American woman who removed the Confederate Flag from South Carolina's State Capital Building. And we've all seen the Town Hall meetings as constituents await their lawmakers in droves to express their chagrin and disapproval of the current situation.

What You Can Do

Perhaps you can't start your own resistance camp, but there are many resources and options to get into the fight including, but not limited to:

Find your local Indivisibles Chapter or start one yourself: <https://www.indivisibleguide.com/>

Check out Action Group Network to find a group in your area: <http://actiongroups.net/>

Support the excellent work of Indigenous groups: <http://www.honorearth.org/>

Use the Every Action Resistance Toolkit in your community: <https://act.everyaction.com/resist>

Find your local anti-fracking group at: <http://www.gaslandthemovie.com/take-action>

Support local and national progressive candidates: <https://ourrevolution.com/>

3. Support Healing Activities for Water Protectors Suffering PTSD

The entire world saw it with their own eyes: water protectors shot with rubber bullets from close range, tear gassed, dogs unleashed on them, water cannons mustered at sub-freezing temperatures and one brave water protector even



lost full use of her arm as the result of being struck by a compression grenade. Whether directly or indirectly, many of the water protectors were victims of abject violence and subjected to various forms of bigotry and racism. We are receiving troubling reports of the mental health of water protectors, some have even attempted to take their own lives. That's why we're working with **AWAKE, A Dream From Standing Rock** Executive Producer Doug Goodfeather's Lakota Way Healing Center. Lakota Way Healing Center is based on the indigenous Lakota spiritual values and virtues. They integrate the wisdom of the elders and the healing energy of ceremony to assist in recovery and give assistance to spiritually disconnected people that are suffering and at the crossroads of their life.

What You Can Do

Please visit Lakota Way Healing Center's website and consider making a donation to assist with the healing process for water protectors at: <http://www.lakotaway.org/donate/>

4. Support the Indigenous Media Fund & Pipeline Fighters Fund



Indigenous Media Fund

While discussing how to release *AWAKE* and continue the spirit of Standing Rock, Fox and co-Directors Myron Dewey and James Spione decided that the best way to contribute to the movement sparked by Standing Rock was to start an Indigenous Media Fund to assist young Native American journalists and filmmakers with their current and future projects. And 100% of the proceeds from *AWAKE* will go towards this fund, which will be governed by an advisory board of filmmakers, Doug Good Feather and Floris White Bull. We anticipate that the Indigenous Media Fund will support new short pieces, feature films, articles and the hiring key PR reps for Indigenous causes.. Without question, no one is better positioned to transmit an Indigenous narrative than Indigenous people. The Indigenous Media Fund will assist with turning potential Indigenous projects into actual projects and assist Indigenous journalists and filmmakers with launching their careers so that Native American stories can reach more homes, more social media sites, touch more hearts and inspire Native and non-Native alike to stand for and seek out justice, equality, while maintaining their storied traditions and culture.

Pipeline Fighters Fund

There are dozens of new protest camps forming around the country in response to new proposed pipelines across the country. We are seeing pipeline resistance like never before, at the Keystone XL pipeline in Nebraska, the SABAL Trail pipeline in Florida, the Bayou Bridge Pipeline in Louisiana, the Pilgrim and AIM pipelines in New York, the Penn East pipeline in Pennsylvania among many, many others. We need to report on these stories by creating new short films on them and help people organize their own direct actions by bringing our tours and rallies directly to the pipeline battles. The Pipeline Fighters Fund will contribute to these crucial battles by funding new media reporting and direct actions.

What You Can Do

By downloading *AWAKE, A Dream From Standing Rock* through our Donate-What-You-Want platform, 100% of the proceeds will go to both funds. You can also donate directly by visiting <http://bit.ly/IndigenousMediaFund> and/or <http://bit.ly/PipelineFightersFund>

5. Divestment

Did you know that numerous institutions from faith-based organizations, to educational institutions, and even financial institutions have divested roughly \$5.46 trillion to date? We are starting to see more and more people and institutions understand that one of the most effective ways to address climate change and reduce the construction of fossil fuel infrastructure is divestment. Even the Rockefeller Foundation divested shortly after the People's Climate March. Recently, we have witnessed an amazing response to the call for a massive divestment from Energy Transfer Partners, who are the principal owners and operators of DAPL. So far, \$40 Million in individual accounts has been divested from banks known to support DAPL. And led by the Seattle, WA, who divested \$3.5 Billion from Wells Fargo, more and more cities are passing resolutions and announcing their intention to pull their money from banks that do business with fossil fuel corporations.



What You Can Do

There are many resources to assist you with the process of divesting your money from your bank including, <http://www.defunddapl.org/defund>.



One alternate banking option we've become excited about is Aspiration.com. Aspiration is America's most loved financial company, because they make it easy for people to match their money with the values. Aspiration supports our values through fossil-fuel free banking and investing. They were recently named "Best in America" for banks by Money Magazine, and due to their sustainable investing service, they were also ranked as the "Best Performer" in this realm by Bloomberg. Aspiration

vindicates their motto: **Do Well. Do Good** by delivering exceptional, values based, customer service with no service fees. Learn more at www.aspiration.com.

You can also get in touch with your City Councilmembers, your Mayor and your County Commissioners and other local lawmakers to get your community to divest. The more municipalities and individuals who divest, the more we show these financial institutions that it doesn't pay to invest in corporations who invest in oppression and fossil fuel infrastructure.