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Resources for Citizen Activism 101– Making Change Happen

Strategies and Tactics

Becoming a Citizen Activist Licata. Sasquatch Books.2016

Community Tool Box <http://ctb.ku.edu/en>

All, but, especially, Conducting a Direct Action Campaign <https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/advocacy/direct-action>

How A Grassroots Effort In Vancouver Fought Big Oil — And Won. Mary Solomon. Feb 15, 2018.

https://www.opb.org/news/article/vancouver-washington-oil-terminal-grassroots-community-oil-companies/?utm_source=Sightline+Insitutue&utm_medium=?utm_source=Sightline+Insitutue&utm_medium=

New Rules for Radicals: 10 Ways to Spark Change in a Post-Occupy World. Robinson. Feb 1, 2012. Useful as general advice for any serious social change endeavor. <http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/6482:new-rules-for-radicals-ten-ways-to-spark-change-in-a-postoccupy-world>

Civil Disobedience and Non-Violence

198 Methods of Nonviolent Action Albert Einstein Inst. <http://www.aeinstein.org/nonviolentaction/198-methods-of-nonviolent-action/>

How Violent Protests Change Politics. Chotiner. 5/29/20.

https://www.newyorker.com/news/q-and-a/how-violent-protests-change-politics?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=onsite-share&utm_brand=the-new-yorker&utm_social-type=earned&fbclid=IwAR16O6-aHknQfWwFD6N2ImEIXGqOVh_veOWFV6TTQRzSLavtxGwKeb-Vn68

New Study Shows Riots Make America Conservative. Chait. 5/21/2015.

<https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2015/05/new-study-shows-riots-make-america-conservative.html>

Opinion: Mass civil disobedience is our best tool for climate fight. Zuckerman. 3/11/20.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/2020/03/opinion-mass-civil-disobedience-is-our-best-tool-for-climate-fight.html>

Want to Have an Effective Protest? Disrupt, Expert Says Sicorsky 11/1/2016.

<http://www.wupr.org/2016/11/01/want-to-have-an-effective-protest-disrupt-expert-says/>

Know Your Rights. ACLU.

<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/>

Lobbying Advice / Communication with Legislators

Former Georgia House Minority Leader, Representative Stacey Abrams, on Effective Advocacy. 2011.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1-np2iYxOY>

“Making a Difference” A Citizen’s Guide on How to Testify. Video from Oregon State Legislature. This video is good instruction for testifying at any government hearing, although some will be less formal than this.

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Pages/How-to-Testify.aspx

Ten Principles of Lobbying. City of Portland. Although this is a city document, most of it applies to the state legislature.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/338655>

Tips for Communicating with Legislators. City of Portland but applies to legislature.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/555173>

Oregon State Legislature Citizen Engagement Page. https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement

How to Effectively Lobby Your Congressperson. Ellsworth. Nov. 15, 2016.

<http://theslot.jezebel.com/how-to-effectively-lobby-your-congressperson-1788958124>

How to Make Your Congressman Listen to You. Tongco. Nov. 13, 2016. This continues Ellsworth’s advice.

<https://www.teenvogue.com/story/how-to-petition-lawmakers-state-local-congressional-staffer-advice>

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www.civichinker.info <https://www.facebook.com/Civics-for-Adults-1490728887922036/> 8/2020

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How to Most Effectively Contact Your Representative. Kal. Daily Kos. Nov. 14, 2016
[http://www.dailykos.com/story/2007/11/14/410611/-](http://www.dailykos.com/story/2007/11/14/410611/)

What Calling Congress Achieves. Schulz. New Yorker. March 6, 2017
<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/03/06/what-calling-congress-achieves>

Building Relationships with Legislators. American Hospital Association. Lobbying Congress.
<http://cqrcengage.com/catholichealth/file/kEm7p7cW6Dh/Building%20Relationships%20with%20Legislators.pdf>

Government - Federal

Congress.gov Find and track bills, legislators, committees <https://www.congress.gov/>

Govtrack Find and track bills, legislators, committees <https://www.govtrack.us/>

The Legislative Process. Videos of 9 areas of how Congress works. "Overview" gives a nice, well, overview!
<https://www.congress.gov/legislative-process>

USA.gov Basic citizen-oriented federal government site <https://www.usa.gov/>

LLSDC Legislative Sourcebook [Law Librarians' Society of Washington, DC]. Research guides
<http://www.llsdc.org/sourcebook>

My Congressional District – from the Census Bureau. Quick and easy way to find demographic and economic stats about your district.
<https://www.census.gov/mycd/>

Government - State

State Legislature Main Page <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/> [Feature to find your legislators, too.] You can search for a bill by keyword here and it searches through the full text.

OLIS [Oregon Legislative Information Service]. The best way to: find bills, track bills, provide testimony.
<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/2019-01-14>

Subscribe to emails from the state legislature. About bills, committee meetings and legislators.
https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Pages/e-Subscribe.aspx

How an Idea Becomes Law. Oregon State Legislatures. [Classic cartoon showing the process.]
https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Documents/idea2LawEnglish.pdf

Oregon Government Ethics Commission also has a database of lobbyists

<https://apps.oregon.gov/OGEC/EFS/Records> **State of Oregon** also has a manual on lobbying for lobbyists.

Open States. [Non-governmental source] Because of its graphical nature, a nice way to get a quick snapshot of the state's legislature by chamber, including recently introduced legislation. <https://openstates.org/or/>

Initiative and Referendum Process

State of Oregon has manuals on the I&R process for those planning to do this.

For state I&R: <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/stateIR.pdf>

For City, County and District I&Rs: <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/countycitydistrictir.pdf>

Metro Elected Officials <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-leadership/metro-council>

Metro Advisory Committees <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-leadership/metro-advisory-committees>

Government - Local

Washington County Board of Commissioners <http://www.co.washington.or.us/BOC/>

Washington County Code and Charter <http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/CharterCode/index.cfm>

Washington County Community Involvement <http://www.co.washington.or.us/community-involvement-and-cpos.cfm>

Running for Office / Women Running for Office

Center for American Women in Politics. <http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/>

Women in Elective Office 2019. Fact Sheet. Center for American Women in Politics.
<https://cawp.rutgers.edu/women-elective-office-2020>

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General Public Policy Guides

Oregon Policy Directory Find analysis and advocacy from all perspectives on Oregon public policy. [For Oregon government agencies, see the *Oregon Blue Book*.] <https://library.uoregon.edu/govdocs/opd.html>

American Policy Directory Find analysis and advocacy from all perspectives on US national public policy. <http://library.uoregon.edu/govdocs/apd.html>

Resources on Racial Equity

Community Tool Box Justice Action Toolkit

<https://ctb.ku.edu/en/justice-action-toolkit>

Equitable Development as a Tool to Advance Racial Equity

<https://www.racialequityalliance.org/resources/equitable-development-tool-advance-racial-equity/>

Racial Equity Toolkit: An Opportunity to Operationalize Equity. Goal: to integrate explicit consideration of racial equity in decisions, including policies, practices, programs, and budgets. Local and Regional Government Alliance on Race & Equity. <https://www.racialequityalliance.org/resources/racial-equity-toolkit-opportunity-operationalize-equity/>

Equal Justice Initiative. Goal: committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States <https://eji.org/>

Merriam-Webster To Revise The Definition Of Racism After Receiving Recent Graduate's Letter. Mosley. 6/20/20 <https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2020/06/12/merriam-webster-racism-definition>

Historical Perspective

The 28th Amendment to Restore the American Promise. Referenced in the workshop. Created to support an Amendment against Citizens United, the first part is a wonderful, succinct narrative of all the Amendments passed in the 20th Century. 2016.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6igolnTvqA>

The Woman Who Took on the Tycoon. King. Smithsonian. July 5, 2012. [About Ida Tarbell]

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-woman-who-took-on-the-tycoon-651396/>

Jacob Riis: Revealing “How the Other Half Lives” co-presentation of the Library of Congress and the Museum of the City of New York. <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/jacob-riis/riis-and-reform.html>

His Photos helped abolish child labor. Jessica Contrera. Washington Post. Sept 3, 2018. About Lewis Hine, another documentarian of conditions during the Gilded Age. [Access via library database.]

Theodore Roosevelt, Health Care Progressive. Patricia O’Toole. NY Times. Jan 6, 2019.

A good review of Roosevelt’s policies in the first decade of the 20th Century. [Access via library database.]

[Articles not available on the web can often be acquired via your public library’s free research databases.]