

Thank you.

~~I think there is an understanding here about why states are feeling pressure to raise tuition. They are also feeling pressure to cut social programs, health programs, transit programs.~~

~~It comes from somewhere. It comes from ^{our} national priorities on spending ^{IT IS} spending on war and not ^{OK} peace. Eliminating taxes on the wealthiest. Excusing corporations from paying their fair share. It is relentless and brutal, and it comes down to students not being able to afford their education because leaders are in place who could give a you know what about them and about ^{the working man and} the real future, the real security of our nation — which depends on the progress of its people, the protection of its real homeland — its mountains, its air, its forests, its water, and its people and their development to their highest potentials.~~

So it comes down to voting. It always comes down to voting. We have our continuing American Revolution and it is called voting. We reassert the needs of our people. We assert the values of peace, justice, fairness, logic, sustainability, sanity.

The forces of greed would not have us vote. They would rather we wallow in despair; rather that we complain that voting does no good. Our own despair is our own biggest problem in this flagging American democracy. ~~Today we chase the snakes of despair out of Tallahassee on this St.~~

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MANY JUST UP THIS HILL

every 4 years

Patrick's Day. We will clang our pots and pans along their lobbyist row and under the windows of their capitol, and in this we chase the snakes of despair out of our own hearts. It ^{is} our democracy. Our schools. Our lives. So let's show them that we are alive enough to defend our futures against their oppressions, that we are alive and we ~~make a rukus.~~ ^{are voters} ^{are fighters}

Let's take our energy and register every person in the circle of our lives to vote. Register everybody. Take no prisoners. You can do it with paper forms. You can do it online at GrannyD.com or a dozen other sites. But do it. And do it with joy and not fear, for our joy is our strength.

Thank you.