

The Sun: A More Perfect Union -Tom Hayden interview

Government shutdown, millions of women again marching, ICE smashing water jugs in the desert, political and economic refugees getting deported, EPA getting dismantled, climate change denied at the highest levels of government . . . .

Several of you receiving this email are too young to remember the Port Huron Statement and its clarion call for participatory democracy that served as a major point of reference for activists a generation ago in our fight against US aggression abroad, racism at home, environmental destruction, and a slew of other political and cultural problems whose avatars we're still up against today.

Tom Hayden, interviewed in the link here, was one of the authors of the Port Huron Statement and founder of SDS (Students for a Democratic Society, one of the groups leading the fight in those days). Rather than dropping out in disgust as many of us did back then (or going underground with some of the more radical Port Huron authors and SDS members), Hayden took his progressive views into the nasty reality of electoral politics where the hard hands-on political work actually gets done, the unsavory legislative and regulatory sausages actually get made-- that world today even more dominated by the racist plutocracy, the world today's left is scrambling to get progressives to enter as Hayden did, in hopes of turning around in this year's elections some of our current mess.

Hayden's thoughts have some relevance for the current effort.

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