



Make Good Trouble with AAUW: Join the National Weekend of Action July 17-19, 2026

AAUW is proud to support the [Good Trouble Lives On National Weekend of Action](#), a nonpartisan, non-violent call to protect our democracy and civil rights honoring the legacy of Congressman John Lewis.

This year's theme — "TEACH! REACH! PREACH!" — encourages us to:

- **TEACH** our community members about the critical fight for our freedom to vote,
- **REACH** out to our neighbors to bring them into this movement, and
- **PREACH** to our loved ones about the moral necessity to carry the torch of the civil rights movement.

From civil rights rollbacks to attacks on education and economic equity, our rights are under threat. AAUW members are not bystanders — we are change-makers. That's why we are calling on our members and branches across the country to **show up, speak out, and organize** in your communities.

AAUW is fighting for a future where:

- **Students of all backgrounds have access to strong public education systems** that are inclusive, free from censorship, and protected by meaningful civil rights enforcement.
- **All women can access and afford higher education** — from career and technical programs to graduate school — through policies that reduce debt, support student parents, and ensure safety on campus.
- **All women can achieve economic security**, with equal pay, access to paid leave, affordable childcare, reproductive health care, and the freedom to make decisions about their bodies and futures.
- **Voting rights are protected and expanded**, ensuring all Americans can participate fully in our democracy.

Here's what we're up against:

- **Efforts to Eliminate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.** The administration has dismantled diversity, equity, and inclusion programs across government sectors. It has also opened investigations into colleges and universities with inclusive policies, stifling conversations about discrimination.
- **Assault on Public Education and Civil Rights Protections.** The U.S. Department of Education closed seven of 12 regional civil rights offices and resolved zero sexual harassment or sexual violence cases in 2025.
- **Threats to Higher Education Access and Equity.** Effective July 1, 2026, new federal loan caps will force many students — especially women, first-generation students, and students of color — out of graduate and professional education.
- **Attacks on Reproductive Freedom and Health Care.** Last year's budget reconciliation law includes provisions that restrict access to reproductive care and target providers like Planned Parenthood.

- **Efforts to Suppress the Freedom to Vote.** In April 2026, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled to sharply narrow protections under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Extremist lawmakers are advancing bills like the SAVE Act, which would disenfranchise millions, including married women, transgender people, and others who've changed their names or lack access to documents.

These attacks are strategic, coordinated, and dangerous. AAUW is fighting back because what's at stake is nothing less than our fundamental rights to learn, to earn, and to live with dignity.

How We Make Good Trouble Together

There are many ways you, your branch, or your community can join this day of action.

- **Show up in your community:** Join a rally, teach-in, or service event. [Find one near you.](#)
- **Host an event:** Organize a local gathering, training, or discussion. [Register your event here.](#)
- **Spread the word:** Share the message of Good Trouble on social media and through your networks.
- **Connect with other advocates:** Partner with local civil rights groups, faith communities, and voting rights organizations.



Download AAUW branded graphics: act.aauw.org/good-trouble-lives-on-graphics

Visit www.goodtroubleliveson.org to access virtual training calls and additional planning resources.

Since You Asked

AAUW's mission and the goals of the Good Trouble Lives On National Weekend of Action are deeply aligned — fighting for education, economic opportunity, civil rights, and a democracy that works for everyone. This is a nonpartisan mobilization, rooted in the legacy of Congressman John Lewis, and one that all AAUW branches can participate in. [Learn more](#) about staying nonpartisan while advocating AAUW values.

This isn't a mandate — it's an invitation. Whether you're showing up, speaking out, or spreading the word, there's a role for every member and every branch.

AAUW has also developed guidance on participating in public demonstrations, which [can be found here.](#)

Let's honor Congressman Lewis by continuing his legacy. Together, with people, power, and Good Trouble, we can defend our rights and shape a more just future.