From a Friend... "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore"

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| |  | | --- | | **Bill Wynne** | | Thu, Feb 27, 2:46 PM (6 days ago) |  |  |
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All: please see the e-mail below from a good friend of mine who asked me to forward it to as many people as I could.

It is premised on the classic movie 'Network' and Bob connects it to the numerous, current challenges being imposed on all of us as citizens by "King" Trump and his corrupt, non-elected enabler, Elon Musk, since the coronation of the self-titled king this past January 20th.

Due to the timing, specifically note the details Bob is suggesting regarding tomorrow's ***National Consumer Purchasing Boycott on February 28th***.

Also, please see the following links:

<https://robertreich.substack.com/p/its-the-oligarchy-stupid>?

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Note regarding these two pictures: The claim, verified by the 'Snopes' fact checking website, that the White House's official social media accounts, including [X](https://x.com/WhiteHouse/status/1892295984928993698) ([archived](https://archive.ph/JAHwt)), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/whitehouse/p/DGRDGQWxlhX/) ([archived](https://archive.ph/AvtuA)) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WhiteHouse/posts/pfbid02yPNfNxWADSNeHontDuD54HQfvJzEaorVcyT8iYSSYLtXNV2EXQdzkdfPkDBojdu3l) ([archived](https://archive.ph/LNKL8)), posted an image of Donald Trump wearing a crown with the caption "Long live the king" is true.

The contrast with the portrait of our first President, George Washington, is startling since Washington defeated a king which resulted in the formation of the United States of America, a democratic republic that we have had the privilege of living within for almost 250 years. It is not a monarchy ruled by a king. Are you getting mad yet?

I'm interested in your thoughts as always.

Peace ... Bill

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***My Personal Mantra***

*As a Servant Leader, strengthen and broaden relationships within a prayerful, vulnerable, inclusive, loving, nonviolent, forgiving (“70x7”), yet relentless “Jesus” spirit of allyship and solidarity in my never-ending pursuit of racial justice for the “common good”!*

*References: Luke 6:27-31; Matthew 5:16; Joshua 24:15; My memoir*

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---------- Forwarded message ---------  
From: **Robert Volpe** <[rvvolpe38@gmail.com](mailto:rvvolpe38@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 12:55 PM  
Subject: Fwd: "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore"  
To: [rvvolpe38@gmail.com](mailto:rvvolpe38@gmail.com) <[rvvolpe38@gmail.com](mailto:rvvolpe38@gmail.com)>

Hi fellow Americans,

**One Big Thing: Let's push back against the authoritarians**

* I've decided that it's time for me to take action and not just yell, complain, but do nothing
* I ask you to join me to help, through our actions, revive this quote from Howard Beale, the actor in the movie *Network* as the citizen's rallying cry for fighting against Trump, Musk, and the oligarchs

**Why it matters:**

* We're seeing our democracy crumble and our citizenry stressed by the poor leadership of Trump and actions of Musk.
* They are supported by a growing group of oligarchs
* The wide-spread attack on federal employees is also showing signs of hurting other Americans
* Our country's political predecessors fought and won many battles for Democracy against others who only had a selfish drive for power.
* What's happening now isn't anywhere near what our visions were for our futures when we were younger.

**What's next: Please take the steps I'm taking to help drive change:**

1. **Invoke "Economic Coercion:"**

* **Withhold your purchasing power from the profits of the oligarchs and corporations that have knuckled under**
* **Close your Facebook account**. This will help demonstrate our collective power. Zuckerberg has failed as follows:
* He abandoned a single fact-checking/truth-defending Facebook function
* For $25 million, he settled the lawsuit Trump filed when Facebook closed his account after the January 6th insurrection
* You still have options for message and photo exchanges through the broad features of your web browser and email accounts.
* **If you have an X account, close it too.** Use the alternative message and photo exchange options
* **Close your Amazon Prime account and Washington Post subscription, if you have one**.
* A huge loss of this business will send Bezos a message.
* I didn't renew Prime account and my Washington Post subscription last week.
* As the Post owner, Bezos stopped the editorial that would have endorsed Kamala.
  + The result was a De facto endorsement of Trump
  + This is the paper that did the truth-telling reporting that brought down Nixon
* **Joint the People's Union USA's national consumer purchasing boycott, February 28th**
* It targets Amazon,Walmart, and Best Buy for cancelling their DEI initiatives.
* It also protests Trump's executive order ending federal DEI initiatives
* Consumers should only buy from small, local businesses on that day, and even following.
* While one day may not mean much, it could mobilize more people and impact financial losses much farther.
* Similar cascading group messages are showing up asking for mobilizing and boycotting actions.

**2. Please forward this message to your family, friends and colleagues.**

* Tell them You're "Mad as hell and you're not going to take this anymore"
* Ask them to join these consumer boycotts
* Ask them to forward this message to those on their contact lists.
* Going viral can make a big difference and lead to roll backs by Trump, Musk, and the oligarchs

**3. Please respond and share with me what you've decided to do to carry out these actions.**

* I'll prepare a summary of our collective efforts and report it to you after 2/28.
* All individual comments will be held in confidence unless you ask me to share.

**FYI:**

* A YouTube clip of Howard Beale's famous broadcast is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFzlm9wQ4MI&t=19s>
* The full length movie is also available on various streaming services
* The details of the People's Union's boycott is at  <https://theonecalledjai.com/>
* I welcome your feedback, comments, and/or suggestions regarding this message and just catching up too.

Warm Regards

Bob Volpe

Norfolk VA

Attachments area

[Preview YouTube video Network (1976) "I'm Mad As Hell"](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFzlm9wQ4MI&t=19s&authuser=0" \t "_blank)

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