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## CHOOSE DEMOCRACY – TAKE THE PLEDGE

**1. Don't expect results election night.** Count all the votes and honor the result.

**2. Do call it a coup.** A coup is wrong and a violation of Democratic norms. We know it's a coup if the government:

- Stops counting votes;
- Declares someone a winner who didn't get the most votes; or
- Allows someone to stay in power who didn't win the election.

**3. Be ready to act quickly – and not alone.**

**4. Focus on widely shared democratic values.** No matter who you are you can be a part of choosing democracy.

**5. Yes, a coup can happen in the United States.**

**6. Center in calm, not fear.** It's scary to believe we're having to talk about a federal coup in the United States. Let's aim for calm and avoid hyperbole. Be a reliable source by double-checking rumors and spreading high-quality facts. Breathe deeply.

**7. Prepare to deter a coup before the election.** In that spirit, Choose Democracy has created a pledge:

- 1. We will vote.**
  - 2. We will refuse to accept election results until all the votes are counted.**
  - 3. We will nonviolently take to the streets if a coup is attempted.**
  - 4. If we need to, we will shut down this country to protect the integrity of the democratic process.**

**DEFEND DEMOCRACY. TAKE THE PLEDGE. SHARE WIDELY.**