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No Kings events planned across U.S.



Indivisible cofounder Ezra Levin, center, says the No Kings events in October will focus on early voting and voter turnout rather than protest. SARAH D. WIRE/USA TODAY

Organizers say focus will be on voting, turnout

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USA TODAY

Millions of Americans are expected to gather across the country and vote early Oct. 17 in the newest iteration of

the popular No Kings protests. In some cases, they will march to polling locations. Each of the more than 3,000 actions will focus on early voting and voter turnout rather than protest, Indivisible cofounder Ezra Levin told USA TODAY. The first three No Kings events were meant to “send a message that, in effect, democracy would reassert itself because the people would insist that it reassert itself,” said Levin, whose liberal advocacy group formed in 2016.

“We set No Kings for October because we believed Trump when he signaled again and again that he intended to sabotage the election,” Levin said. “How do you prevent the sabotage of an election using the tools available to you? Well, you vote like hell.” Organizers said the goal is to create voter turnout so historically high that it would be hard for the Trump ad-

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Trump reverses decision to livestream execution

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump said the U.S. military will not livestream the execution of a former Army officer convicted of the 2009 mass shooting at Fort Hood, reversing the Pentagon’s plan to turn it into a televised event. Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth previously committed to livestream the execution by firing squad of Nidal Malik Hasan, who killed 13 people and injured 32 others in what was the largest mass murder at a U.S. military installation. “I think streaming the execution for all to see might have been a strong deterrent for the World to witness how America deals with Terrorists and SCUM like Hasan but, many very good and well meaning people would rather not watch him die, through streaming, or through any other visual device,” Trump wrote in a post on social media on Oct. 15. “He will die, as scheduled, by firing squad, but this event will not be streamed,” Trump added. The Pentagon did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Several Republicans voiced opposition to the plan to livestream the shooting in the days after it was announced by Hegseth. House Speaker Mike Johnson said he wouldn’t watch the execution and added that some of his colleagues “have concerns.” Vice President JD Vance also said that he would not be watching and expressed doubt that the Pentagon would ultimately go through with its plans to livestream the execution.

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Pope Leo’s recovery after surgery on track

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REUTERS

VATICAN CITY – Pope Leo’s recovery from surgery for lung cancer was going as planned and the 71-year-old pontiff has started to do a little work again, the Vatican said on Oct. 15. Leo has been diagnosed with lung adenocarcinoma, the most common form of lung cancer, and doctors removed the

lower lobe of his right lung in an operation on Oct. 13. Routine check-ups on the pontiff yielded normal results and a chest X-ray showed a good recovery of his lung, the doctors said on Oct. 15 in their latest update. Leo carried out daily activities independently and did physiotherapy with a full range of physical movements, they added.

The cancer diagnosis for a pope known to be relatively young and energetic and who was elected only in May 2025 caused shock and raised questions about the future shape of his papacy as he deals with the illness. The Vatican has said the surgery was completed successfully, without complications. It has not yet disclosed the size of

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A poster reading “Long live the Pope!” sits outside Gemelli Hospital after the Vatican said Pope Leo was diagnosed with lung cancer. STOYAN NENOV/REUTERS



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