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1 We can slay the dragon by addressing the wealth divide

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 You say: "But we did not vote for him!"  
5 Maybe so, yet we are still complicit in what is  
6 happening, not only in our own country but around the world.  
7 We did not work hard and smart enough to keep him  
8 from getting elected. Although we worked on her campaign, we  
9 could have done much more.  
10 We could have kept the Democratic Party from  
11 becoming controlled by those who lost sight of working-class

12 needs. We could have done more to keep the wealth divide from  
13 becoming so wide that the dragon became more powerful, more  
14 arrogant, and unbelievably cruel, preying on the vulnerable. So  
15 dangerously out-of-control.

16 There is some value in verbally bashing the dragon but  
17 doing so will not slay him; in fact, that only stokes his fire. The  
18 only way to slay the dragon is to address what feeds him: wealth.

19 We must find and actively support people who have a  
20 specific plan to begin addressing the massive wealth divide at all  
21 levels of organizations and systems. The means not only in  
22 elected government positions but in the systems of which we are  
23 all a part. These systems include our schools, legal, policing,  
24 housing, banking, and more.

25 We can start at the local level where we can exert some  
26 direct influence. The key to creating a meaningful effort is to  
27 make decisions that shift the way our systems work so that they  
28 are not so wealth-biased.

29 It is a gradual process to slay this dragon and to prevent  
30 another dragon from replacing him. But we had the power to  
31 create this dragon, and we have the power to reverse that action,  
32 although undoing the harm that has been done will be  
33 challenging.

34 I believe that we, the people, can slay the dragon by  
35 simply beginning to address the things around us that we can  
36 directly impact. It does start locally, where we all have some  
37 degree of influence. Marching in protests is worth doing.

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