

## Dismissed by partisan party politics, Yellow Vest Actions gather for Inauguration Day Protest in Washington, DC.

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(11/24/2020—Gentry, AR) On January 20, 2021 members of the Yellow Vest Actions movement will gather at the Emancipation Memorial at Lincoln Park in Washington, DC, starting at 11:00 am. The protest will move throughout the capital. This movement joins other groups demanding legislative changes from the incoming Biden administration. The protests are a reaction to the Biden campaign's dismissal of the widespread public demand for Medicare for All and other progressive policies during the election cycle.

The Medicare for All Act of 2019 (S.1129 ) is a single-payer, national health insurance program that would provide Americans with comprehensive health care coverage, free at the point of service, without networks, premiums, deductibles, co-pays, or surprise bills. The act has significant public support. An April, 2020 [Hill-HarrisX Poll](#) showed 69% of the public support Medicare for All. [Kaiser Family Foundation](#) polls also show half of Americans are in favor of Medicare for All, with Democrats showing greater support of the act than Republicans. Progressive policies have gained traction among the American people, as shown by a [doubling of The Squad](#), an informal name for the progressive leadership group in the House of Representatives, and the increased number of [progressive candidates that won](#) state and local offices during the election.

Despite broad public support for the act, neither candidate in the two-party national election officially supported Medicare for All legislation. Yellow Vest Actions protesters at this event will represent the public demand for Medicare for All alongside other progressive policies such as the Green New Deal, and police and criminal justice reforms. Protesters, organized under the #ShutDownBrunch hashtag, seek to put pressure on an administration they believe is deeply invested in corporate interests at the expense of the American people.

Eric Kestner, a 54 year old Auto Service Manager from Issaquah, Washington expresses the group's collective complaint against the newly elected Democratic leadership, "The Democrats aren't even considering Medicare for All legislation. Not even in a pandemic? They can't even get a proper stimulus through." Lack of affordable healthcare and slow response to the [overwhelming demand for a second stimulus bill](#) is a complaint echoed across the nation as [one in three households](#) struggle to make ends meet. "The people are hurting. It's time to revolt", he says.

The protesters intend to move from the Emancipation Memorial at Lincoln Park towards the White House, but the unknowns of Inauguration Day traffic restrictions at the capital prevent planning the route in advance. Yellow Vest Actions protesters can be identified by their iconic Yellow Vests, similar to those used in Paris-based protests in

2018 and 2019. Protesters are asked to remain non-violent and to wear their masks.

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The Inauguration Day Yellow Vest Actions protest is coordinated under the #ShutDownBrunch hashtag. Related hashtags include #YellowVestActions and #SeeYouInDC. Citing large public support for progressive policies, Yellow Vest Actions protesters demand the incoming Biden administration adopt existing proposed progressive legislation including Medicare for All and the Green New Deal. Yellow Vest Actions protests add to a growing number of protest movements focused on ending wealth, income, racial, and justice inequality across America.

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