Diversity Digest

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Democracy Speaks Through Diverse Voices of Voting

Remembering Ruth Bader Ginsberg (RBG)

Autumn Movement

Carl Sandburg - 1878-1967

I cried over beautiful things knowing no beautiful thing lasts.

The field of cornflower yellow is a scarf at the neck of the copper sunburned woman, the mother of the year, the taker of seeds.

The northwest wind comes and the yellow is torn full of holes,

new beautiful things come in the first spit of snow on the northwest wind, and the old things go, not one lasts.

Notorious RBG has become a Tzaddik as the Jewish New Year begins. This past weekend was a national time of mourning, remembrance, and community, for this is a great sadness and loss for all of us who remain in this life from which she has gone.

But for her I can only be joyful, for through her countless acts of mercy and limitless compassion in a lifetime of service to others and the public good she has become exalted and transformed into a thing of beauty.

In the words of Ruth Franklin; "May her memory be a revolution."

Read more at: Remembering the life and career of Justice Ginsberg

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Justice Ginsberg

Dalia Pedro Trujillo and Hisrael Carranza: Voting – An Arbitrary Right That we Take for Granted



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Read more at: <u>Voting – an Arbitrary</u> <u>Right We Take for Granted</u>



Hisrael (Israel) Carranza

Where Young Latino Voters Stand on the Issues

Asked to name a political figure who had shown up for the Latino community, the top answer was "nobody."

See video at: www.nbcnews.com



Spokesman Woman of the Year - Ginger Ewing Talks About the Current Climate, the Upcoming Elections and RBG's Passing.



Ginger Ewing

My mom and I were talking pretty candidly a few months back. Brilliant and selfless, she quite literally would do anything for me. I was trying to explain to her the hurt and pain I had been feeling in this moment of uprising. In an attempt to comfort me (as she always does), she recalled how sad and angry she too had once been. The injustices she and her friends had witnessed first-hand. The systems deeply rooted in white supremacy they rallied so hard against.

At what point did you stop fighting I asked?

I suppose, she said, our dissent slowly turned into disillusionment. Disillusionment into apathy.

I don't have the luxury of being apathetic, I responded.

She vowed to find that fire again.

As I write this, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg is lying in state. My hope for this election — and beyond — is for us all to consider navigating the world through the foundational and spiritual principle she doggedly dedicated her life to: "Justice, justice, you shall pursue."

No matter how tired. No matter how long it takes. No matter how difficult it becomes. Let us all continue to show up. To act. To care. To pursue.

I know my mom will.

Ginger Ewing (She/Her) Cofounder | Executive Director Terrain

Read more at: Ginger Ewing

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