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# About the Building Movement Project

**We help organizations build their vision, leadership and capacity to make change through:**

**Research:** BMP listens and learns through surveys, focus groups, interview, and other forums.

**Resources:** BMP produces practical resources to help groups have a greater impact for their communities.

**Relationships:** BMP builds and strengthens relationships by facilitating and convening networks of peer support and cohort-based learning.



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# ***The Stakes for Movement Infrastructure***



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**\*Defunding / Funding Retraction:** communities are exposed and under resourced in an acute and ongoing crisis

**Physical Violence / Digital Intimidation:** meant to silence individuals / groups

**Narrative Dominance:** repressive framing adopted by media outlets

**Administrative, Legislative and Lawfare Attacks:** the executive and legislative and courts become a tool for suppressing dissent

**Vigilantes Feel Emboldened:** believe they will face little or no consequences

**Burnout and Exhaustion:** result of fighting these and many other threats with little to no support to sustain resistance



# Building Movement Project's Movement Infrastructure Series



Our Movement Infrastructure Series explores the foundational needs of organizations and movements to build long-term power and address the root causes of inequity.

## Movement Infrastructure:

*The foundational building blocks that allow us to do our work: staffing, funding, partnerships, practices, systems, and scaffolding that holds our work together*



## SOUNDING THE ALARM:

Nonprofits on the  
Frontlines of a Polarized  
Political Climate

October 2024



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# New Report: *Sounding the Alarm*

- Analysis based on a survey of 553 nonprofit leaders as well as focus groups and one-on-one interviews
- Organizations working on issues that make headlines today are facing negative consequences such as reputational damage, threats to organizational safety, and funding reductions



# Nonprofits are concerned about threats to safety and security

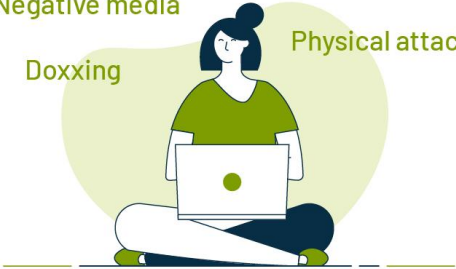


of respondent organizations have **faced consequences** to their reputations, office, or personnel or experienced **reductions in funding** for their work on controversial and polarizing issues



Organizations are navigating a variety of threats:

- Threatening calls
- Social media attacks
- Negative media
- Doxxing
- Picketing/in-person threats
- Physical attacks



# Nonprofits are changing programming especially due to funding cuts

More than **1 in 10 groups** working on any of **5 controversial issues** areas have **changed or anticipate changing their programming**



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion \* Reproductive Rights  
\* Education and Racial Equity \*  
Immigrant Rights \* LGBTQIA+ Rights



Organizations have **already lost funding** or **anticipate losing funding** due to the influence of state laws, state court rulings, and Supreme Court rulings



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## **Funding the Resistance Now and into the Future**

- **Emergent Fund**
- **Solidaire's Janisha R. Gabriel Movement Protection Fund**
- **Urgent Action Fund**
- **Proteus Fund's Rise Together Fund and Piper Fund**
- **Resource Generation**
- **Women Donors Network**
- **Packard Foundation's Nonprofit Secure**