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SL: Good News in a Long Week

### The News That Sustains Us

As was predicted, this election is proving to be a marathon, not a sprint. While some forecasters have begun to call the results (and there's good reason to be hopeful) the fight before us – the struggle to protect our democracy, to ensure that every vote counts, and, whatever the results, to keep pushing for a more peaceful, progressive U.S. foreign policy – remains long. In the face of what may be a stressful few weeks, we've decided to focus on some good news you may have missed. Here are the progressive victories, the inspiring people-powered movements, and the triumphs of democracy around the world that are keeping our energy sustained and our hopes burning bright for the weeks to come.

#### **Gender Equality in Chile**

Last month, the people of Chile voted to free themselves of the restrictive Pinochet-era constitution and begin the process of democratically determining a new one. There's much to celebrate here, but lost in the initial news was a particular detail that deserves special attention: Chile's new constitution will be the first in the world written by a convention [guaranteed](#) to be composed of at least 50% women.

#### **Defending Reproductive Rights (and more) in Poland**

Though sparked by a devastating loss – a court decision that would make abortion illegal in nearly all cases – the mass mobilization of the people of Poland, and its women in particular, has been nothing short of [inspiring](#). This week, it was [announced](#) that the movement has succeeded in delaying the implementation of the ruling. But the protests, which have expanded beyond the defense of reproductive rights to a broader opposition to the far-right Polish government, show no sign of stopping. In the face of neo-fascism, the people of Poland resist.

#### **A Movement for Change in Nigeria**

The people of Poland aren't the only ones mobilizing for change. Nigeria's [#EndSARS movement](#), which began as protests against the brutality of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad of the national police, has exploded into unprecedented nationwide protests demanding wholesale

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political and economic transformation. Now, protestors are calling for everything from combating poverty to ending hunger to the resignation of President Buhari.

## **Progress for Migrant Workers in Saudi Arabia**

This week, the government of Saudi Arabia [announced](#) that it will do away with many of its most repressive restrictions on migrant laborers. Though much of the country's deeply exploitative system of migrant labor will remain intact, this is a landmark victory in a long struggle by labor unions, immigrant groups, and human rights organizations alike.

## **The Start of a New Era in Bolivia**

After last month's decisive electoral victory against the coup regime in Bolivia, the ousted former president Evo Morales is set to [return](#) to the country next week. With the reins now in the hands of former Minister of Economy Luis Arce, the country can finally find [justice](#) for the victims of the coup government and move forward toward a better Bolivia.

## **LGBTQ+ Victories in the United States**

Okay, we said we wouldn't focus on the U.S. elections, but this deserves celebration. From the first openly transgender person [elected](#) to a state Senate, to the first openly gay Black man in Congress, to the [removal](#) of discriminatory language from the Nevada constitution, this was a banner election in the ongoing struggle for LGBTQ+ justice.

## **Protecting the Results**

And finally, we are inspired, energized, and galvanized by every last person who showed up in [record numbers](#) to make their voices heard at the ballot box, who are working day and night under [tense conditions](#) to ensure that every last vote is counted, and who have [mobilized](#) across the country to protect the legitimate, democratic results of this election.

The road ahead of us may be long, but backed by the knowledge that the power of the people is rising around the world, we will fight on.