

With a *Trouble* **NATION** group, the sky's the limit! You can do anything you want to do, but of course we have some suggestions to get you started:

## BEGINNER

1. Hold a meeting! This is a pretty important first step – your group needs to gel! So get together (either on person or on Zoom), mix, mingle, and plot. Get guidance in our [TroubleMaker's Guide](#).
2. [Rally Your Squad](#): If you live in MI, NC, OH, PA or VA, your group can make a huge impact on the elections! Make sure each of your members knows how to use Rally, then make it fun! Get together for a Rally Bank. Run a competition to see who can reach out to the most of their friends and family, or even compete to see who can recruit additional Rally users!
3. Form a giving circle: decide together on an issue you care about, and pool your money to contribute to the cause! Get more info here: [What is a Giving Circle](#)
4. Have a watch party: the Red Wine & Blue [youtube channel](#) has dozens of videos, on all sorts of topics – choose one and get your group together to watch it and then discuss.
5. Host a postcard party: write to your elected official(s) telling them how you feel about an issue. This can be a family event – you can send 4x6 index cards through the mail, so invite kids to decorate the backs of the cards while you write messages on the front.

## INTERMEDIATE

6. Invite a candidate to speak to your group: local candidates, especially, are often happy to come speak with local groups. If you can get a lot of people together, you might even try hosting a candidate forum that's open to the public!
7. Have an activist book club: read a book about a particular issue, then think of an action you could take as a group to pair with it.
8. Join a Red Wine & Blue Day of Action: Sometimes, we make it easy for you! We'll create a Day of Action based on a certain issue or need, and all you need to do is join and add your own spin with an event, petition or other action that fits the theme. Visit the [TroubleNation](#) site to see the latest opportunities.

## ADVANCED

9. Plan an advocacy Day! Or just take a field trip to your legislature and meet with your representatives. We even have a [video training](#) to help you plan it!  
Solve a problem: As a group, take a look around your community. Is there something that
10. needs to be fixed? Decide what you want, who can provide that, and how to convince them to do it.
11. Keep an eye on your local government: if your members have the time and ability to get to them, take turns attending and reporting out on local government meetings (whichever interests you most – town, county, school board, etc). In an era where local journalism is waning, this could potentially also provide a valuable resource for your neighbors.
12. Create Your Own Voting Guide: Nobody knows your local area like you do, so who better to research candidates and let people know what they stand for?