

The Progress Texas Institute is where Texans turn for *peerless*, progressive media.



15 YEARS OF PROGRESS

Since 2010, we’ve built the largest progressive audience in Texas online, reaching millions—informing, engaging, and empowering people across the state. Although it’s harder than ever to sustain nonprofit public media operations, people online and on the streets are demanding accountability and progress. Here’s to 15 more years, only possible with your support!



A PODCAST NETWORK THAT TEXANS TRUST

We’re now a top 2.5% globally rated network! Texans count on our daily reporting of rising costs for healthcare and housing, abortion and reproductive rights, authoritarian attacks, climate disasters, racial redistricting, and the longest-ever government shutdown. And big news: our weekly roundtable podcast “In Progress” is now airing on Houston radio at KPFT 90.1 FM on Friday and Sunday mornings!



DRIVING CHANGE ACROSS THE STATE

In 2025, we brought our pods to the people by producing live content in Kerrville, San Antonio, Dallas (twice!), Austin, Houston, and even Washington State! The PTI team rallied in-person for the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act amid redistricting battles, and to GOTV in vote-suppressed Harris County. Imagine the impact if we were fully funded!



FROM VOUCHERS TO VOTING RIGHTS

During the 89th Legislative Session, and bonus specials: PTI scooped exclusive quorum break interviews on the House floor, plus lege previews and recaps that explained it all. We advocated for the issues you care about—helping to introduce the Barbara Jordan Texas Voting Rights Act, and fought “use it or lose it” legislation that would have purged 4 million qualified voters.



DEMOCRACY DEFENDERS

Voting rights for Texans have never been more at stake, and we’re filling the gaps. Our peerless GoVoteTexas.org resource remained available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese Mandarin, and Hindi! Meanwhile our statewide ballot guide breaking down inaccessible tax policy was seen by hundreds of thousands. We moved past defense to offense, joining a coalition to enact a modern, cost-saving, expansive equal voting rights bill with the Texas VRA.



MOST VALUABLE PROGRESSIVES

Powerhouse progressives joined our team this year! We brought insider access from your favorite MVPs holding the powerful accountable, amplified No Kings organizers to get folks informed and engaged, platformed climate advocates in the RGV fighting Elon Musk, and abortion allies and authors confronting Christian Nationalist extremists.

PODCASTS

We are meeting the moment of the podcast boom.

Top 2.5% globally rated network

Bringing the pods to the people, M-F, including the Happy Hour, Daily Dispatch, and In Progress

Released a new show

“In Progress” is now on Houston radio, KPFT 90.1

Huge Listenership Growth

595% increase in new audiences, and a 106% increase in follower counts (*Spotify, 2024-2025*)

SOCIAL MEDIA

The largest Texas progressive audience online: reaching millions

Increased Demand

15+ million people viewed PTI content in 2025—more new, non-followers more than our dedicated audience, with a followership of 200K+

TX Politics in Your Hands

Posts highlight progressive champions, with one TikTok video getting almost a million views!

Every Texan, Every Platform

Find us on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, Bluesky, YouTube, Reddit, and Unified!

ORIGINAL CONTENT

Peerless coverage of Texas politics, and empowering progressives

Media messaging machine

Making a difference starts with shaping the narrative, like our live events, blogs, pods, and social videos

Most Valuable Progressive (MVP)

Our digital team created 30 original graphics that uplifted notable TX progressives in an evergreen format!

Summer Vacation

Produced original content at National Parks and historic landmarks to fight public lands sales, and defunding of our National Parks

OUR PEOPLE

Our scrappy staff has made a giant footprint, despite grant losses, reaching millions through peerless coverage on social and podcasting networks!

Help us continue amplifying progressive values and holding the powerful accountable in 2026 by becoming ***a patron of progress.***

**Join our team today
to push progress
forward and grow
our work.**

DONATE
TO SUPPORT OUR WORK!



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