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GREETINGS!

First, we would like to take a moment to welcome our newest Coordinating Board members: Richard Chaisson, Melissa Guenther, and Navaneeth Narayanan; they bring even more breadth and depth to our work! Second, you may be wishing this Fourth of July for freedom from tyrannical cuts for the people in favor of tax cuts for the Presidents' biggest donors. I hear you! And so, we provide some inspiration and tools-you-can-use below in the TB Bookshelf section. Finally, to **#EndTB** we need to call our members of Congress early and often (see how in the DC Update section).

- Cynthia A. Tschampl, PhD, Stop TB USA Immediate Past Chair

DC UPDATE

All hands, on deck!! This is not a drill, there are large bills threatening the health of all of us in favor of yet more tax cuts for the President's top donors. Enough! Call, email, and get all your family and friends to call as well. The Capitol Switchboard is **1-202-224-3121**, and our top actions are to ask 1.) your Representatives to vote NO on the budget reconciliation bill, 2.) your Senators to vote NO on all rescission packages; and 3.) your Rep. and two Senators for \$225 million for CDC's TB programs in fiscal year 2026 (FY26):

Sample script for Representatives: As your constituent and someone who cares about everyone's health, I urge you to speak out against CDC cuts and in favor of bolstering our TB programmatic and research funding. Since TB anywhere is TB everywhere, we cannot afford the risk of increased rates of transmission or a rise in drug resistance. Further, we can vastly accelerate the pace of TB elimination by supporting new technologies, like a much-needed TB vaccine. *[Add a sentence about why you care.]* Because of this, I have two requests, first, I ask your boss to vote NO on the immoral budget reconciliation bill, as it will devastate the general health and wellbeing of our communities; second, will your boss speak to the Chair and Ranking Member of the LaborHHS Appropriations Subcommittee in support of \$225 million for CDC's TB programs for FY26? I look forward to hearing a response. *[Leave phone number or email if you wish to receive a response.]*

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Bonus points if you write us at leadership@stoptbusa.org and tell us how your calls went!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A [Federal Register Notice](#) (FRN) was issued last week to solicit nominations to join CDC's Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD). Nominees will be selected based on expertise in the fields of public health, infectious disease, data science and Artificial Intelligence (AI), lab science, global health, and public health preparedness.

Interested candidates must submit:

- Current curriculum vitae, including complete contact information (telephone numbers, mailing address, email address)
- At least one letter of recommendation from a person(s) not employed by HHS. Candidates may submit letter(s) from current HHS employees if they wish, but at least one letter must be submitted by a person not employed by an HHS agency

Nominations may be submitted by the candidate themselves, or by the person/organization recommending the candidate. All nominations (cover letters and curriculum vitae/resumes) should be emailed to ACDDirector@cdc.gov with the subject line: "Nomination for CDC ACD." Nominations are **due by July 16, 2025**. Please see the FRN for additional details.

- [Time for GREAT NEWS: \\$15.3 Million Unitaied Investment to Strengthen Community-Led Action on Drug-Resistant TB in 16 Countries](#)
- [WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the Townhall of the WHO Civil Society Task Force on Tuberculosis](#)
- [More than 400 CDC staff may be called back to work after being laid off in April](#)

Other Opportunities:

- [National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease \(NIAID\) needs volunteers for clinical studies](#)

TB RESOURCES & REPORTS

We would like to shout out one of our Media Work Group members, Shailesh Bhujel, for putting together this *Tuberculosis at a Glance* infographic! This clear, concise resource highlights key TB facts and global data to support community awareness and advocacy. Feel free to share it in your networks to help spread TB knowledge.

What is TB?

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by a bacteria called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. It usually affects the lungs but can also harm any part of the body except nails and hair.

TB spreads easily through the air when a person with active lung TB sneezes, talks, or spits, releasing the germs. Early diagnosis and treatment are important to prevent the spread and to get cured.

"TB can be cured. In addition to medication, family and social support are crucial to the fight against the disease. A strong supportive community and the support of loved ones can have a significant impact on treatment and recovery outcomes." - Shailesh Bhujel, Public Health Professional

How common is TB?

TB remains the top infectious killer disease globally. In 2023, approximately 10 million people fell ill with TB, and 1.25 million died from the disease, making it the leading cause of death. While TB is more prevalent in low- and middle-income countries, it also affects high-income nations. In the United States, TB cases rose to over 10,500 in 2024, the highest since 2011.

Symptoms of active TB in the lungs may include:

- Persistent cough lasting more than 3 weeks
- Coughing up blood
- Chest pain
- Fever and night sweats
- Unexplained weight loss
- Feeling tired or weak
- Loss of appetite

How Is TB Treated?

TB is highly curable, if treated appropriately and in time. The typical treatment for active TB usually lasts at least six months. It is critical to fully complete the treatment in order to cure the disease and prevent it from developing resistance to the medications.

What is latent TB?

Latent TB infection (LTBI) means a person has TB bacteria in their body, but the bacteria are not active. People with LTBI don't feel sick, have no symptoms, and can't spread TB to others. However, the bacteria can become active, especially if their immune system gets weak. To keep LTBI from becoming active, people can be given treatment, which typically lasts three to four months.

Some conditions put people at greater risk of being exposed to the bacteria or of developing tuberculosis disease. These include:

- Compromised immune systems, such as those living with HIV/AIDS
- Children, especially those under 5 and adults aged 65 and older
- Living in places that are overcrowded or have inadequate ventilation, such as shelters or prisons
- Being malnourished or undernourished
- Being in contact with individuals with active TB
- Individuals who use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco
- Chronic health conditions such as diabetes

Early screening, diagnosis and treatment for these individuals is important for early detection and treatment and to stop the spread of tuberculosis.

For more information, visit www.stoptbusa.org.
Contact us at leadership@stoptbusa.org.

- [Global Tuberculosis Report 2024](#)
- [Tuberculosis Fast Facts](#)
- [Tuberculosis Therapeutics Market Opportunity, and Forecasts Report 2025-2030](#)
- [Tuberculosis deaths in the United States, 1953 to 2022 - Our World in Data](#)
- [CDC's 2024 Global Health Impact: By the Numbers](#)
- [Digital TB Surveillance System Assessment Report](#)
- [Provisional 2024 Tuberculosis Data, United States](#)

TB IN THE NEWS

TB Incidence Reports:

- [Confirmed case of tuberculosis at Highline College](#)
- [Joliet West High School student diagnosed with tuberculosis, school officials say](#)
- [Texas State confirms tuberculosis case on campus - CBS Austin](#)

TB Articles:

- [Field Testing and Validation of a New Question Set to Measure Housing Status](#)
- [Infectious Bacterial Diseases Research: Ames, IA - Project : USDA ARS](#)
- [Ending U.S.-global health research partnerships will cost America](#)
- [US aid cuts threaten South Africa's status as powerhouse of HIV and tuberculosis research](#)
- [How federal funding powers research on healthy aging, chronic disease risk, and tuberculosis strategies](#)
- [Trump Budget Eliminates Funding for Crucial Global Vaccination Programs](#)
- [Stop TB Partnership retains US funds but must revise scope, cut staff](#)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

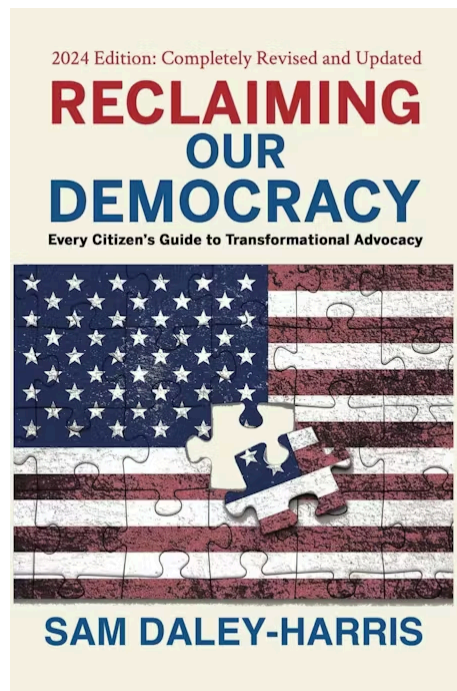
- [Systematic Review of Contact Investigation Costs for Tuberculosis, United States](#)
- [Infectious Bacterial Diseases Research: Ames, IA - Project : USDA ARS](#)
- [TB's extraordinary evolution reveals why the ancient disease lives on](#)
- [Management of individuals exposed to multidrug-resistant or rifampicin-resistant tuberculosis](#)
- [Understanding antibiotic resistance mechanisms in Mycobacterium species](#)
- [Comparative analysis of the clinical characteristic and lung microbiota in adult and elderly patients with pulmonary tuberculosis](#)
- [Tuberculosis Diagnosis Using Artificial Intelligence: Current Trends and Future Prospects](#)
- [Global burden and trend of tuberculosis in children and adolescents \(under 15years old\) from 1990 to 2021, with projections to 2040](#)

EVENTS, CONFERENCES, & COURSES

- *Tropical Medicine and Health* is calling for submissions to our Collection on Tuberculosis in the Western Pacific Region: Epidemiology and programmatic advances on the path to elimination. **Submission deadline: March 3, 2026.** Tuberculosis in the Western Pacific Region: Epidemiology and programmatic advances on the path to elimination
- [NTCA 2025 Virtual TB Conference Abstract Submission | Deadline: July 18, 2025](#)
- [International Workshop on Clinical Pharmacology of Tuberculosis Drugs | July 8-9, 2025](#)
- [National Conference on Health Communications, Marketing and Media | July 28-30, 2025](#)
- [Submissions for the 2026 END TB Conference are now open! The deadline for submission of abstracts, challenging cases, and travel grants is September 30, 2025.](#)
- [Monthly | SEATRAC Seminar Series](#)
- [Inaugural Annual WGNV Meeting](#)

TB BOOKSHELF

Results founder Sam Daley Harris recently addressed the Stop TB USA. This month's TB Bookshelf incorporates notes from that webinar, and his interview with Laura Flanders, How to Fortify Democracy in 2024: A Citizen's Guide by Sam Daley-Harris (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulpL5dwjVmo>).



Reclaiming Our Democracy: Every Citizen's Guide to Transformational Advocacy, 2024 Edition

Sam Daley-Harris

Rivertowns Books, 2025

“Optimism is a political act.”

Sam Daley Harris begins his lectures with his “story of self,” recounting how the death of a fraternity brother and the assassination of U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy helped spur him to advocacy. But there’s an additional piece of background that informs much of his approach and perspective: he spent nine years in the Miami Symphony orchestra (<https://themiso.org/bio/musicians/>) as a percussionist. Just as “orchestra” may not immediately conjure thoughts of cymbals, triangles, and tympani (as opposed to strings), one may not think of ordinary citizens meeting elected officials and getting tangible, national, and international results.

Whether the cause is climate change, universal childhood immunization, global poverty, or agricultural reform, Daley-Harris facilitates advocates on their journey from “hopelessness to action” and while he is a natural storyteller, the narratives always serve the greater purpose: developing the audience’s courage to ask for big things – “Puny asks yield puny results” – and tools to not surrender to fear of failure. Accordingly, *Reclaiming our Democracy* provides direction for making the most of a less-than ideal meeting: Was the representative particularly rude? Did they say no? Did you ask what they might need to reconsider? As for that final question, Daley-Harris describes an advocate who convinced a Representative to help fight climate change—against their own party’s mandate—but only after securing letters from the chambers of commerce and then the mayors within the Rep.’s particular district.

The book details how to move an official up the Champion Scale, from being opposed to a cause to its Champion, and offers practical advice for setting up meetings and maximizing one's time in them by way of "The Bones Exercise" and the "Laser Talk." Additional guides include using the EPIC format of writing letters to the editor (employed in Stop TB USA's training sessions: <https://stoptbusa.org/letter-to-the-editors>).

Daley-Harris is acutely aware of the changes in the country since he founded RESULTS (www.results.org): he discusses the limited efficacy of mass emails and online petitions. As for coping with the non-stop negative messaging from those who want a disengaged populace, he reminds people that the antidote to fear is "working with others: Find an organization that will help you engage and stay engaged." It's an advocacy that's "not transactional but transformational," including "doing things you never thought you could do" – even if it's not necessarily clashing 2' diameter cymbals at the end of Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony.

- David Moskowitz, Chair, Media Work Group

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