

Turning the Bad Times Around

*Activists complaining about apathy
are like doctors complaining about patients.*

-Ralph Nader

Ralph Nader's words are true. However, there are some times, usually rare, when you run into one or two way-too argumentative people, just plain-old-crazy people or you just don't have lots of energy to deal with ubiquitous apathy. But, that's what being grassroots is all about. You meet all kinds. Over the vast canvass experience, most kinds are, if not kind and caring, then at least polite.

So, here's what to do, and what not to do, when you are having a bad time:

Dos	Don'ts
Analysis	Freak out
Breathe deeply	Over-accelerate your pace, it makes your rap sound terrible and you appear desperate
Remember: each new door or call is a new person	Give up
Remember: there are supporters out there, you just need to find them	Be pushy
Analysis	Get down on yourself
Adjust your rap	Grovel, the pity act never works
Analysis	PANIC, DO NOT PANIC
Smile – make it look like everyone has given and your life rocks	
Thank people for their time	
Analysis	

Keep these tips in mind and your bad times should turn into hot times by the end of your shift!