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After the election of Donald J. Trump in November 2016, and following his inauguration in January 2017, a group of poets and activists conceived of a project wherein we could respond to the sudden and seemingly relentless barrage of Trump's dystopian executive orders with a series of our own orders—at times serious, lampooning, absurdist, sincere, satirical, utopian, and so on.

The project, titled “Executive Orders,” was envisioned as a collaborative, freeform prose poem that would unfold real-time responses to current events and the U.S. socio-political landscape. We began the project on Google Docs (where active writing continues), imagining that we would publish the work at various points in time in an effort to draw in new collaborators and document the project in various states as it continued to expand and evolve.

The first volume of *Executive Orders* was composed online between January 2017 and February 2017, and was then published by The Organism for Poetic Research as a staple-bound zine in an edition of 50 copies. It had 15 contributors and was 43 pages long. The second volume was composed between January 2017 and March 2017 and contains all that was in the first volume, with additions and revisions. It resulted from the contributions of more than 50 authors and collaboration between the Organism for Poetic Research and a sister small press, the Operating System. The third volume was composed between January 2017 and February 2020 and is the work of over 100 contributors, some having participated in open writing sessions that took place in the lobby of the central branch of the Brooklyn Public Library. A list of signatories appears at the end of this text. Many contributors have opted to remain anonymous.

While every contributor is free to alter the document as she sees fit—both by adding lines to the poem and/or by altering existing lines—most have chosen only to change the document by way of addition (sometimes, however, powerfully re-contextualizing a previous line through juxtaposition with a new line). We, the editors, have followed this practice—attempting to intervene minimally in the document through our edits for "flow." Only in one or two instances did we refuse or redact an anonymous contribution due to its exclusionary nature.

The Google Doc remained (and still remains) a continuous working space. We invite you to contribute to this document, and to sign on as a contributor on the contributors page, in one of a number of ways. You can contribute directly by adding your orders to the Google Doc via this link: bit.ly/executiveorders4u. Your orders may be sent to the OPR email at organism@organismforpoeticresearch.org and they will be added to the document by an editor. You can also tweet your orders to @OPRorg. And you may submit orders by snail mail to:

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Feel free to contribute however you wish and to do so prolifically. Some orders may be absurdist and some idealist. Some may be general and some may refer to specific alterations we wish to make to our world. We welcome images, numbers, links, prose, poetry, dialogue, songs, doodles, riddles, dissenting views, complications, asides, soliloquies, stage directions, blueprints, diagrams, etc. We can edit later, so don't worry about doubling up.

In fact, "doubling up" or repeating orders might be an important response to the perpetual assault on "we the people" by the ranks of our government. Even if it seems like everything has been said, this is so far from the truth, which is really that everything remains to be said, and said again, and then again and again. Anyway, as Gertrude Stein says, there's no such thing as repeating as long as you're living, so don't even worry about it.

Following the list of orders and contributors in this text is a "Postscript" pointing to concrete actions you might take and donations you might make. Feel encouraged to contribute to that list as well.

If you are interested in the language of Trump's executive orders, they may be found here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/presidential-documents/executive-orders>

Past issues of this document can be found here: <http://organismforpoeticresearch.org/executive-orders/>

You can order *Executive Orders, Volume II* here:
<https://www.spdbooks.org/Products/9781946031280/executive-orders-volume-2.aspx>

Some press/an interview about the project can be found here: <https://www.mhpbooks.com/faced-with-the-horrors-of-trumps-executive-orders-some-unacknowledged-legislators-propose-a-few-of-their-own/>

Thank you for your orders!
We will see that they take effect.

Executive Orders

By the authority vested in us as the People by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, we hereby order the immediate impeachment of the usurper Donald J. Trump

By the power of our bodies for our bodies, we acknowledge every citizen's right to health care, which shall be provided equally and to all

We decree henceforth an end to bigotry and the disenfranchisement of the masses

We declare the immediate closure of the detention "camp" at Guantánamo Bay

Likewise, for the Metropolitan "Correctional" Center in Manhattan, reputedly worse than Guantánamo

Likewise, for the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, hole of darkness and assault

We call for an immediate ban of plastic, cars, malls, big box stores, and Facebook

We mandate that all National Parks employees use their Twitter accounts for POETRY ONLY!

We declare that science is poetry!

By the power drizzled over our persons by the Great Spaghetti Monster (who created the earth with his noodly appendage) we order breadsticks

By the fleece vested in us, we order a freezer cake

By the vespers, we hereby declare an end to greed, manipulation, malice, the love of power and dominion

We believe that the abatement of these several qualities, in so many of the population of the United States, and particularly in the rank(nes)s of its government, will serve the national interest

Accordingly, pursuant to our purslane, we shall eat salad

Let it be known that corporations are not, have never been, and never will be people

We unequivocally declare: domestic abuse is terrorism

As the United States is a nation predicated on theft, genocide, slavery, and the systematic oppression of specific groups of people, we order reparations for

those who are historically and currently disenfranchised

The form reparations take shall be decided by those to whom they're due

We do not object to the complete reinvention of this society as the minimum threshold for reparations

We positively beg for it

We declare that America is Mexico again

We decree the taco trucks on every corner

That the separation of television and state be re-executed & reinforced

That the capitol shall be moved to the city of Flint, Michigan

Whatever Flint's drinking, our elected representatives are drinking

By the authority granted to our mouths by our larynxes, we hereby publish an end to all guns, bombs, drones, missiles, tanks, explosives, chemical weapons, gases, pepper sprays, billy clubs, water cannons, grenades, mines, riot gear, cops, the military, bullies, shooters, terror, hate crimes, sieges, air strikes, battles, and war (declared or undeclared)

We declare an end to the military industrial complex



[Image caption: A tiled wall at the Union Square subway terminal in New York City is covered with sticky notes of various colors onto which persons have written notes that are mostly illegible. One series of notes near center reads “Not My President”]

“I lift my voice aloud,
make Mantra of American language now,
I here declare the end of the War!
Ancient days’ Illusion!—
and pronounce words beginning my own millennium.”

The Department of Defense shall be reclassified as a research only institution.

Primary research goals of the new Department of Defense will include public health, climate change, and poetry

In an attempt to discourage the capitalist takeover of scientific thought, priority in funding will be given to basic science over applied science

In an attempt to counterbalance the long history of discriminatory practices against women in science, and the gender disparities that persist in scientific endeavors to this day, priority in funding will be given to grant applications

submitted by principal investigators who identify as female

We declare all residents of the United States of America to be eligible for immediate and full citizenship

We further issue an invitation to all refugees, migrants, and immigrants who choose to come here, in particular we invite the current citizens and residents of Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, and Sudan to travel to the United States and remain here as long as they wish, enjoying the full rights of citizens

We further invite all the children of Iraq, Iran, Syria, Libya, Somalia, and Sudan to tea at the White House

The White House shall be transformed into a giant ball pit (the fun kind, as opposed to the giant ball pit it currently is)

By the power vested in us by the earth itself we declare the end of factory farming

Experiential learning courses in compassion and civic responsibility will immediately be implemented in all schools and workplaces

We demand that everyone just be cool for a second!

As permanent residents of the United States of America, we assume the right to vote in local, state, and federal elections

We further declare that “voter fraud” is a fraud

That deportation is kidnapping

That movement and migration are the inalienable rights of all living creatures

That these rights do not extend to colonizers and gentrifiers

Neither do they extend to corporations and currencies

That we shall not be evicted from our homes and dwellings

Let these homes and dwellings be defined both as structures and the complex sites that arise around them

That We dwell in Possibility (though some are forced to dwell in probability)

That Landlords shall return to their place among the Lobsterpeople

“Let the States tremble,
let the nation weep,
let Congress legislate its own delight,
let the President execute [her] own desire—
this Act done by my own voice,
nameless Mystery—
published to my own senses,
blissfully received by my own form
approved with pleasure by my sensations
manifestation of my very thought
accomplished in my own imagination
all realms within my consciousness fulfilled”

The union of the seer and the Seen
I, ME, MINE
is a sentience
Representing the union
Of the owner and his property

“Eia! for those who never invented anything
for those who never explored anything
for those who never conquered anything”

We decree a complete divestment from fossil fuels

2018 will be the first zero carbon emissions year in the history of the United States

All pipeline construction shall be terminated, effective immediately

Existing pipelines shall be dismantled and transported to Mar-a-Lago, where they will be repurposed as water slides for our new National Water Park

“Maybe the future USA should decide their presidency by having a soap-bubble contest”

Childcare shall be provided by the state at no cost to parents

Children shall be empowered to design their own school curriculum

Farmers, herbalists, plumbers, nutritionists, truck drivers, massage therapists, carry-out workers, and acupuncturists shall be well-compensated and respected

Mass public transit systems will be radically expanded

Highway systems will be subdivided, while half the lanes will be fully separated and reserved for non-motorized vehicles

In all cities, bike lanes will be doubled in size, multiplied exponentially, and fully separated from car lanes and pedestrian areas

A series of well-maintained hiking trails will crisscross the United States

We announce that musicians, artists, and writers will be paid for their work!

Money is abolished!

Since the usurper Donald J. Trump built the mirrored walls along our Northern and Southern borders, Americans have become lost in a country reflected into an exceptional infinity. We declare an end to the American funhouse and order the demolition of the mirrored walls

...after one last nation-wide dance party!

By our electrical powers, we hereby decree an end to homelessness, shit jobs, depressing nursing homes, depressing hospitals, boring schools, crappy supermarkets, shitty food, and sweatshop labor

Furthermore, we order a ban on disposable bullshit, plastic bags, toxic crap, musak, tract homes, gated communities, the suburbs, SUVs, hunger, and malnutrition, especially of the electrical soul

Everyone must
say hello to
four new people
every week

Everyone must come to the library!

By our prowess, let it be known that no one shall ever even think about questioning a woman's right to make decisions about her own body

Ditto a person's right to use the restroom of his, her, or their own choosing

To protect our communities and better facilitate the gorgeous, borderless expanse, we mandate all buildings become wheelchair accessible. Less work culture, easier access to medication, more audio recordings, more ASL interpreters, more community healthcare, more resources to caregivers, more large print & braille

And that the basic economic unit will be that of care and nurturing, that no executive or worker will receive greater comfort or compensation in any form than those among us who wipe shit and drool, who clean, feed, clothe and live in intimate service to the vulnerable

We hereby declare:

Our sex-positive culture feels really good

More pleasure

Room for dessert

Anyone can walk down the street free of suggestion

What is a police state?

Banks are credit unions

Children are children

Actually, it *is* rocket science

Actually, there is, also, *science*, and we should pay attention

Climate change is real

Actually, polar bears are a valuable resource

Bees are a powerful resource

There is no “primitive” and this isn’t “civilized” or “modern” in comparison to something less “evolved” that happened “before” or is happening in another world you call the 3rd, which is, *actually*, quite more evolved than you

The people will be everyone, and everyone will be everybody

There will be infinite leisure for all

There will be spontaneous combustion

There will be spontaneous combustion of shit-heads

There will be food, good health, long life, and joy for all

Mental illness bears no stigma

That we abolish the nation and nationalism

All borders are open for all time

Leave them in a better state than when you found them

Everyone is free

Everything is free

To acknowledge that we are guests on this land

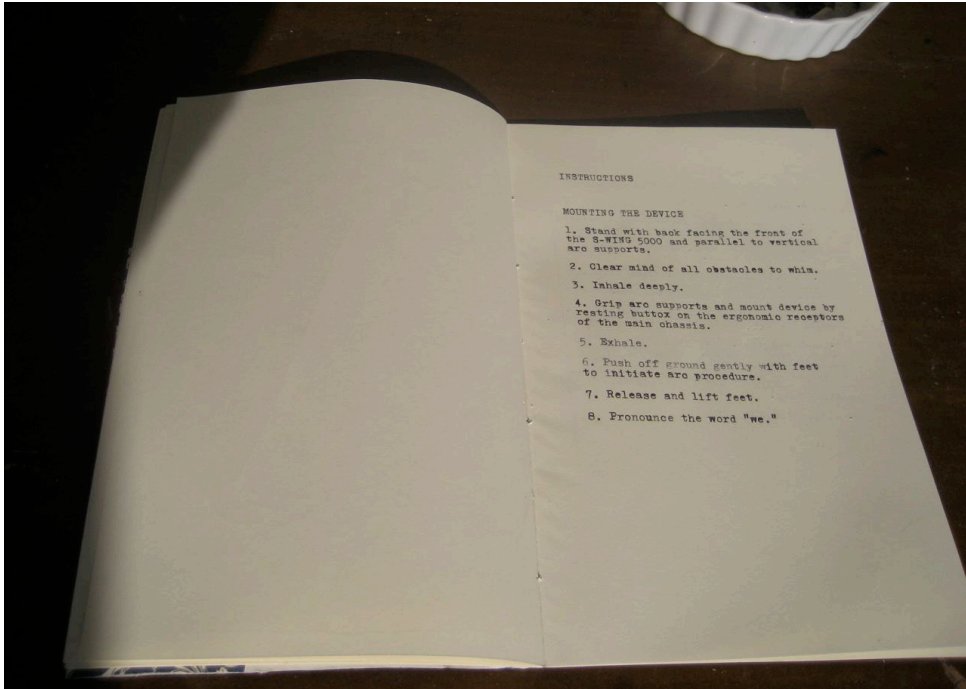
That we roll out of bed from the never-ending, mediated waking and live our awareness

For a soft architecture made of un-noble materials

There will be a communal garden

Eat medicine from roots and trees

“So everyone is here”



[Image: A hand-sewn and typed pamphlet open to a page of "Instructions" that read, "Mounting the Device: 1. Stand with back facing the front of the S-WING 5000 and parallel to the vertical arc supports. 2. Clear mind of all obstacles to whim. 3. Inhale deeply. 4. Grip arc supports and mount device by resting the buttocks on the ergonomic receptors of the main chassis. 5. Exhale. 6. Push off ground gently with feet to initiate arc procedure. 7. Release and lift feet. 8. Pronounce the word "we." "we"]

Reporting. There will be a blooming mushroom for President. Except as otherwise provided in this disorder, the Secretary and the Attorney General will consist of different kinds of mushrooms and each mushroom will seep and submit to the world a report on the spores of the directives contained in this disorder within 90 days of the date of this disorder and again within 180 days of the date of this disorder

Here's the ingredients list:

- Enriched corn meal (corn meal, ferrous sulfate, niacin, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid)
- Vegetable oil (corn, canola, and/or sunflower)
- Cheese seasoning (whey, cheddar cheese [milk, cheese cultures, salt, enzymes], canola oil, maltodextrin [made from corn], salt, whey protein concentrate, monosodium glutamate, natural and artificial flavors, lactic acid, citric acid, artificial color [yellow 6])
- Salt

Birdseed will not be forsaken. Crepey skin will move at the pace it wants to. Defects in the glass-making process will be given away as wabi-sabi charms. Big muscles will be used as paperweights and noses for sex in the dark

Henceforth, all food and beverage establishments (restaurants, delis, etc.) across the country must compost and recycle ALL of their waste

We demand:

For food to be spread around fairly

Summer all year long

That all vehicles in the United States must run on renewable energy by 2030

“ANY CONGRESS MUST WORK ON THE PRINCIPLE OF THE ARCHIMEDES SCREW
LOWER THE BIRTH AGE.
I SAID, “LOWER THE BIRTH AGE”

We decree the following national holidays:

- Refugee Celebration and Support Day (April 15)
- Chinese Exclusion Act Day of Remembrance/National Day of Immigrant Appreciation (May 6)
- Juneteenth (June 19)
- Marsha P. Johnson Trans & Queer & Gender Non-Conforming Pride in Resistance Day (June 28)
- June Jordan Day of Poetry In the Streets (July 9)
- Howard Zinn Day (August 24; first day of the school year, to be spent in the study of American resistance movements)
- National Day of Mourning for Those Killed By National and International US Security Forces (September 11)
- Gloria Anzaldúa Day of Queer Love (September 29)
- Fred Hampton Memorial Day of Direct Action Against White Supremacy (December 4)

- Day of Puerto Rican Liberation and Recognition (TBD)
- Frederick Douglass Day Where We Remember Who Frederick Douglass Is (February 1)
- President's Day (April 1)

We further decree:

Ignorance and vampirism are hereby abolished

The seas will be lemonade

Dolphins will sing us to sleep

Organisms will dissolve and reconstitute at will

Purple rain

No more deaths

No more crying over me

The oceans will envelope us all and we will spontaneously produce gills

Your favorite stuffed animal will be Cactus-in-Chief

Though it's always been fucked, it will now be unfucked

Frederick Douglass is getting more and more recognized

Rosa Luxemburg is getting more and more recognized

Audre Lorde is getting more and more recognized

Frantz Fanon is getting more and more recognized

Eve Sedgwick is getting more and more recognized

Pedro Pietri is getting more and more recognized

Emma Goldman is getting more and more recognized

Louise Bourgeois is getting more and more recognized

Aimé Césaire is getting more and more recognized

Theresa Hak Kung Cha is getting more and more recognized

Judith Scott is getting more and more recognized

Romare Bearden is getting more and more recognized

Touissant l'Overture is an example of somebody who's done an amazing job

Patrice Lumumba is getting more and more recognized

W.E.B. Du Bois is getting more and more recognized

Augusto Sandino is getting more and more recognized

Hildegard von Bingen is an example of somebody who's done an amazing job

By the plover nest in a tree, as Resident, by the Constipation and the loss of the Excited Stakes of Clamato, precluding the Conflagration and Fashionability Act (CFA) (33.3 E.S.C. 1090190310 et sex.), and in order to denture the rubric hefty of the Clamato people in communiqués across the Clamato Stakes, as well as to reassure the fallacy of the executive branch to be, we order, as follows:

The dankness

The perpetual reign of better ghosts

No forgetting

Gerrymandering is a cool new dance

The stars will continue to shine

All diamonds are put back in the earth

More singing

From each, according to ability; to each, according to need

That landlords are a barbarism of the past

The state is officially withered

The answers to all the tests that are no longer happening because there will be no tests

Everyone an angel-headed hamster

Bowling Green will not be remembered

The lessons of the Greensboro Massacre will be known to all

“They talk to me about civilization, I talk about proletarianization and mystification”

No more lawns in the desert!

We have decided conflict minerals are not something we can live with

You can reach us on our landline

Children will worship dirt

They will be guided clearly from the inside

By the character of knowing they will become the property of awareness

What is this globe?

A ball pocked with caves

so dark

that our eyes cannot penetrate the darkness?

We cannot bear to put our hands

through the waist deep shit

We will not touch our toes

Cannot stand the stench

Stand on the thorn

Whereas:

We live comfortably in our own haze

with just the remnant breeze of shit

which is only a reminder to wax poetic on suffering

Let it be known:

We request not to wax poetic on suffering

We demand to tear down prisons

We ask that all children speak from the glowing blue light of truth and clarity

Forever fighting against your lies and bullshit

My man won't let me garden

But I will grow food and build the soil

I will let my son eat the dirt we create. Maybe

I will shove it into every orifice of mine

In praise

I am wild

My ancients will be summoned

Compassion will entail, bloom, and spread

My ancients will be summoned

And will march and mutiny inhaling the gases of humanity

Direct action through

Sneaking and knowing

“Listen to the sound of the earth turning”

By the authority of good sense

And in opposition to the profane culture of convenience in America

The people have spontaneously and unanimously stopped using Solo cups

All citizens will compost their food waste and sort their recyclables!

“My body is a machine built to force so much compassion and love and kindness

into this world that human life has no choice but to thrive and flourish”

We order that the oceans be saved

That humans learn to communicate with whales

That henceforward, all laws shall be made by blue whales

Until that time, the law shall be teal

shimmering

a rare duck

rustling

fragrant

an irregular solid

languorous

every other Tuesday

on special

lost between the cushions

“meh”

"Nevertheless, she persisted"

Section 1.

We decree that all life on earth has the inalienable right to clean air and water; this right is enforceable and shall be upheld by all individuals, states, and corporations

We mandate the creation of new habitat areas, wildlife protection areas, parks, greenways, and commons

Human-induced climate change shall be recognized as an imminent threat to life on earth

We order that ICE be confined to its natural habitat area: the North and South poles

We decree less car culture

Better scents in the city

More comfortable shoes

Lots of reading and lounging in parks

More free, clean power generated by the sun

Everyone will be running into friends right when they are thinking of them

Social media is talking to your neighbor; the medium is the street

All major corporations based in the retail consumer market (food, clothing, entertainment, etc.) must mention all political & social organizations they have donated to or currently donate to in any public ad they display

Section 2.

Definitions. As used herein and in Section 1 of this disorder, “inalienable” means *don’t mess with us*

“Commons” shall have the definition set forth by sheep in their grazing

“Life” shall refer to the thing we’re doing, viz. *chugging along*, and to all beings currently so doing

“ICE” has the meaning given to it by chemistry, namely, one atom of oxygen and two atoms of hydrogen bonded as a single molecule at a temperature at or below zero degrees centigrade or 32 degrees Fahrenheit

“Culture” has the meaning given to it by microbes

Except as otherwise noted, “scents” shall refer to subtle sensations in the nose

“Lounging” is defined as an act of resistance

“Friend” shall have the meaning given to it by another

“Street” has the meaning given to “commons” in Section 1 of this disorder, viz. shared spaces

Section O.

“On the one hand, can literature be a ‘freedom that has taken freedom as its end’ (Sartre) and still concern itself with elements like structure, form, and style—whose totality precisely allows literature to take on its meaning? On the other hand, can a writing that claims to break down rules and myths submit itself to the exclusive rules of a sociopolitical stand? Nothing could be more normative, more logical, and more authoritarian than, for example, the (politically) revolutionary poetry or prose that speaks of revolution in the form of commands or in the well-behaved, steeped-in-convention language of ‘clarity’.... Writing thus reduced to a mere vehicle of thought may be *used* to orient toward a goal or to sustain an act, but it does not constitute an act in itself”

Section R

“The literary work and the political struggle will henceforth be undertaken simultaneously”

“Poetry will no longer give rhythm to action; it will be action”

Action, the film genre, will be devoted to acts of revolutionary empathy

Poetry, the film genre, will topple charts

Chapter 33

By the pu-ehr tea in our cups, we declare that all stolen artworks and artefacts shall be repatriated

Corporate banks are hereby abolished

Everything is cooperatively owned

Jerusalem is not the capital of Israel



“No one action will be adequate; all actions will be necessary”

For now I must do the dishes



[Image caption: A 15th century painting by Stefano di Giovanni depicts a haloed figure, with a whisp of cloud for a lower body, floating in the air and gesturing to the wall of a building below where another figure is escaping through a hole. Other running figures face the same direction as the escapee, while another figure gazes at the floating one and prays.]

NO MORE PLASTIC
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We decree that we are in no way pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement

That the Great Barrier Reef be saved

That oil tankers be repurposed as floating schools for anyone wishing to study sustainable agriculture

By 2100 there will be more polar bears and more coral

Coal mines will be filled in, replanted, and turned into communal green spaces

Any expropriated land used for mining or fracking shall be immediately returned to the people from whom it was stolen

That pipelines be turned into slides

That all estuaries be refilled with oysters

All private pools are now public pools

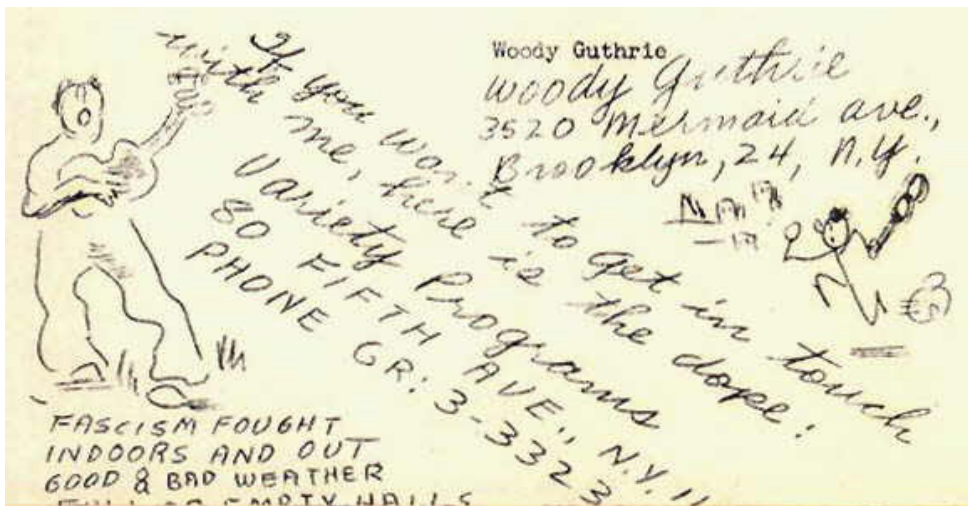
Working railway infrastructure shall hereby be built, and it will be zippy and affordable

We shall chug pleasantly along the coasts and across the plains

We shall celebrate excellent broths

It shall be the policy of the United States to protect the interests of brachiopods and indeed all pods, be they for small marine creatures or beans or TLC mp3s, all hail Lisa Left-Eye Lopez

Nevertheless, she persisted



[Image caption: A detail of a pamphlet by Woody Guthrie depicts a doodle of a person playing guitar, another small stick-figure of a person running, and handwriting that reads: "Woody Guthrie, 3520 Mermaid ave., Brooklyn, 24, n.y."; "Fascism Fought Indoors And Out Good & Bad Weather"; "If you want to get in touch with me, here is the dope: Variety Programs, 80 Fifth Ave., N.Y., Phone GR: 3-3323..."]

We're through with words used to degrade people

We retain the right to the word "shitbag"

We declare death to tyrants

We order the manufacture of more beautiful machines to kill fascists

We decree:

The usurper Donald J. Trump shall spend the remainder of his life in semi-exile, working for his sustenance, and meditating on the poor life he chose to lead

You can steal a bed, but you can't steal sleep

No more famine

No despots

No baseless accusations

No shoes, no shirt, no servants

No tomorrow

No satellite radio

No cable TV

SECTION 8392.05 :: CARE/health/CARE/health/CARE

We hereby declare:

Healthcare that in fact includes both HEALTH and CARE shall hereby be granted to all citizens with no fear of repercussion

Sick days shall heretofore be referred to as CARE days and everyone can have an unlimited number of them. Folded into these are menstruation days and mental health days

Menstruation shall be celebrated and ritualized widely. Supplies shall be freely distributed in schools, prisons, workplaces, and other public spaces

Roll back a clock: institute Climate-Savings Time

The 13th Amendment shall be amended such that slavery will be fully, immediately, and unconditionally ended in the United States, with no exception for incarcerated persons

All of the prisoners will be freed and reparations shall be paid to all of the people who have been subjected to torture, including solitary confinement, to their families who have been harmed, and the descendants of any and all formerly enslaved individuals including formerly incarcerated people (our modern day slaves)

The United States of America shall no longer maintain a standing army

All those formerly employed by the military in the maintenance, support, and actions of a standing army shall be offered retraining as teachers, researchers, engineers, primary care physicians, allied health professionals, and poets

All federal government funding that formerly went to the support and maintenance of the standing army shall be redirected to public school systems, public transit, and public health care

All FCC employees must be between the ages of 4 and 14

Public access television shall be generously funded but will retain its low production values

The interstates are laid out with minor literatures

That our relationships be freed forevermore from marketing data

That the facts of the former state of our lives lived under threat, of our mistakes, be never bought or sold, used as collateral, begged from a distant administrator

That our paychecks be issued
back to the 18th century
in a timely manner

That what we are primarily concerned with is being, not with what has been or may be lost

But we are also primarily concerned with what has happened, and what was taken, and what is gone

That Columbus Day henceforth cease to exist

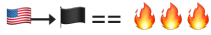
That we search for what we have in common with each other rather than focusing on what divides us

This in addition to appreciating and honoring difference



[Image caption: A photo of a patch of earth on a New York City sidewalk, with ivy and an oak sapling growing from it. To the sapling a handwritten sign has been affixed that says, "Please don't let your dog pee on our baby tree. Her name is Unless." It is signed, Tahra Syo.

Radical hearing happens when Tom Paine's "principles" and "right feeling" are supplanted by pink noise, flickering across the rooted-out fields of old torn flags



We, the Citizens of the USA, state that effective immediately the federal government will be broken down into five (5) federal governments, one in each corner of the continental states: Los Angeles, Seattle, Miami, DC, and one in the center, Kansas City. All centers have equal power, with a Supreme Court, an Executive Branch, and a Congress, just like in D.C. The country will remain united. The purpose will be to decrease the concentration of power in the hands of few. As it is now, the country can sway and disrupt and declare war upon the world one generation and then apologize the next, in an endless cycle. The country will not be divided into five big chunks of land but will be tied by an intricate net of arteries. Each state and its current web of connections to its cities will remain. Power shall be distributed thereby. Only love will get us through.

~~Stop knowing~~

Have faith that the universe is with me

Hitchhiking taught me to stand still

Make everything a dollar or two cheaper

Immediately provide free healthcare (read: full healthcare coverage at no personal cost)

Healthcare is not a competition

Equality is a human right

Create jobs for the disabled

Increase funding for art and education

Increase education in self love

Art makes people happy

If you support happiness, support the arts

Punish big business, spread wealth

Eat better, hug, fuck, and shrug more

Money is no longer considered speech

The citizens, united, hereby overturn Citizens United

We hereby order the immediate closure of all nuclear power plants and demand the systematic mapping and public disclosure of all existing nuclear waste. Copies of aforementioned map to be distributed to every lawful (and previously unlawful) resident of the United States along with a complimentary glow-stick

We declare the immediate phase out of all combustion engines, both for commercial and private vehicles beginning with, but not limited to those vehicles frequently passing through 'Asthma Ally' in the New York borough of the Bronx



[Image caption: A photo of a patch of dirt, dead leaves, and weeds, by the wall of a Brooklyn apartment building, where trash has also been strewn. A painted sign reads: "No Garbage Here, No One Ever!"]

We hereby re-invoke Executive Order 13653 of November 1, 2013 (Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change)

We hereby reverse the disbandment of The Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases (IWG), and expand the powers of the working group to also consider the cultural cost of carbon

The Report of the Executive Office of the President of June 2013 (The President's Climate Action Plan) shall hereby be un-rescinded. The bureaucrats who, prior to the 2013 release of the report worked tirelessly to craft the document, are especially thanked for their committed and conscientious labour

By Presidential decree, breastfeeding shall no longer be confined to small windowless rooms but shall be practiced and celebrated in public venues, including but not limited to parks, subways, street corners, cafes, and restaurants

We demand the immediate upgrading of all public transit stations with elevators and/or ramps to allow access by the disabled, and to those transporting infants, children, and heavy goods

We hereby order the reinstatement of all bans on the use of pesticide that the E.P.A.'s own scientists have proven are linked to the damage of children's nervous systems

Every child born on United States soil shall be gifted a bike and the inalienable right to ride it free from harm

Let the following declarations take to the land post-haste:

- a) Gender and sexuality are not synonyms; henceforth they shall cease to be used interchangeably
- b) Heterosexuality is not the default sexuality (yes, mother: I'm allowed to like girls)
- c) Cisgender is not the default gender
- a. All "gender reveal" parties are hereby cancelled

b. Asking for a person's pronouns will be considered acceptable and shall no longer be done in hushed voices, but rather with pride and consideration

i. *Regardless* of proclaimed "grammatical correctness" (see statements made by the American Dialect Society along with common decency), the pronoun "they" shall be respected and used upon request

d) Binaries are hereby abolished

e) Attraction or lack thereof towards any human of any identification will no longer be considered a psychological disorder

a. CONVERSION* THERAPY IS TO BE WIPED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH

f) Consent is mandatory when engaging in sex acts of any kind, regardless of the identities of the individuals partaking

g) Sexuality and gender shall be recognized as part of a larger scheme of social issues; they are not isolated topics

a. Non-straight historic individuals shall be acknowledged as such in history courses across the nation in both primary and secondary schools

b. The non-straight history of the United States shall be taught alongside similar civil rights movements

h) Pride merch will be free for anyone identifying as non-straight or for those who wish to support their children, step-children, parents, step-parents, grand-parents, aunts, uncles, or black-sheep cousins

i) These declarations may be amended and added to so long as said amendments, addendums, or additions are rooted in open-mindedness, acceptance, and intersectionality. Amendments based in hate will not be tolerated

And finally:

No child, teen, or adult of any identification will need to fear the act of "coming out." No harm, physical or emotional, shall come to an individual who chooses to come out. In fact, all closet doors will be burned upon the request of their owner in a public and celebratory ceremony

*"No more conversion, no more conversation"

In addition, the following truths shall be acknowledged:

Climate change is real, Jesus Christ was brown, Christianity isn't the default religion, the prison system needs to be abolished, "homeless" and "drug addiction" aren't fucking synonyms, and so on and so forth

The "people who believe they are white" shall seek "a nobler basis for their myths"

And yet,

"I attest to this:

the world is not white;

it never was white,

cannot be white.

White is just a metaphor for power,

and that is simply a way of describing

Chase Manhattan Bank"

You are hereby released from the scourge of busyness

Productivity software will simulate serial staccato roars instead of neutralizing ambient noise

Cryogenic preservation will be regulated into oblivion and rich people will be forced to accept death

"NOW THAT THIS IS THE NATURE OF REALITY THIS IS WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN:

(1) I NEED LOTS OF LOVE

- (2) YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE US ALL YOUR MONEY 'CAUSE YOU HATE
YOURSELVES AND 'CAUSE YOU KNOW
- (3) ALL POWER SYSTEMS SELF-DESTRUCT WITH THE ADVENT OF ROBOT
CANASTA PLAYERS WHO SHOW THE GIRLS WHAT THEY REALLY LIKE.
I'M GOING TO SLEEP. GOODNIGHT.”

All energy spent in self-flagellation is hereby redirected to rigorous dreaming

Famine is a moral failure with extra-moral consequences

The bodily starvation of the poor being a symptom of the spiritual starvation of
the wealthy

We say fuck wealth and fuck hunger

Fuck rapacious consumerism and the cancers it vomits all over the world

Repent of capitalism and greed

No more war spectacle

Yes to rooftops

Yes to music

and multiple orgasms

Yes to seeing stars

We demand total harmonic freedom

We demand that the demands of the 1960s be made retroactive real

We demand full communism and until it has been achieved we demand excellent snacks

We demand that you show fucking kindness to a sojourner

You yourself were a sojourner

Are

Sojourner

Sojourner

You are a sojourner

You filthy motherfucker

Alice Coltrane's *Journey in Satchidananda* is henceforth the US national anthem

“By courageously looking, we defiantly declared: ‘Not only will I stare. I want my look to change reality. Even in the worst circumstances of domination, the ability to manipulate one’s gaze in the face of structures of domination that would contain it, opens up the possibility of agency.... [I]n all relations of power ‘there is necessarily the possibility of resistance’”



[Image caption: A film still depicting a stone lion from Sergei Eisenstein's *Battleship Potemkin* (1925).]

weird weather day today. I've been watching it from bed all day as I'm trying to get over a very stubborn cold. The snow is sort of turning to ice on the branches out my window and at the same time flaking off in pillowy clumps like batting material. The sky is so blue it's hard to believe it was snowing this morning.

talk soon!

"Paris will become a winter garden; fruit espaliers on the boulevard. The Seine filtered and warm—abundance of precious stones artificially made—prodigality of gilding—illumination of houses—light will be accumulated, for there are bodies possessing this property, such as sugar, the flesh of certain mollusks and the phosphorus of Bologna. People will be ordered to paint the fronts of their houses with phosphoric substance, and its glow will light the streets.

"Disappearance of evil with the disappearance of want. Philosophy will be a religion.

“Alliance of all nations. Public festivals.

“People will visit other earths—and when this globe is used up, Humanity will migrate to the stars.”

All labor will be no longer subject to erasure.

What are we, the proletariat, in both class and consciousness,

to refuse ourselves? The short answer is nothing

We shall make small steps in the infinite direction

Our hearts were not born with teeth but we learn to insert them

This signals the decline of an empire: millions of teeth in millions of hearts

What are we, the proletariat, in both class and consciousness,

to do with ourselves? We are to eat and never want again

Make my puppy director of the Environmental Protection Agency

Make all heroes wear capes so you can know who to trust

It is legally required to flip any penny found facing tails to heads

All workers are required to wear a uniform hat unique to their respective trade

I am here to prescribe that every citizen of the United States of America wear a head covering constructed of aluminum foil with thickness of 0.016 mm and above. It is mandatory to wear such head cover between the hours of midnight and 9AM

Anyone can declare that they have the utmost anxiety about the problems that would occur if people were free from subsistence and coercion. But they can declare that these future problems are worthwhile nonetheless

Anyone can declare that power is to be redistributed, if not simply to reveal the character of those who would lose it and those who would gain from its redistribution

Anyone can declare both a doubt and need of others, without shame. Anyone can declare this ambivalence is the beginning of honest relations and the end of fear

Anyone can declare that they do not know entirely what to do and anyone can declare that they do know what to do, although imperfectly. Both are cries for help, the beginning of attachment

Anyone may desire the pleasure and pain of others, but are not solely responsible for these desires. Our desires are not only ours, but shared in origin and continuance with others. Socialness is responsibility. The end of thoughtcrime and social amputations

Anyone can declare things are not simple, that existence is full of indifference. Anyone can declare we need not face such indifference in rivalry but in companionship. Anyone can declare this makes sense and yet pause. Anyone can be brave. Social life needs courage

Anyone can declare nature and nurture, without contradiction. It is good and bad to do what comes naturally and may be good or bad to go against it.
Anyone can declare they are plastic

“This obscurity, this undecidability between, let us say, a performative structure and a constative structure is required to produce the sought-after effect”

By the self-reflexivity of black holes:

Palm trees can pardon themselves

Flying squirrels can pardon themselves

Fountains can pardon themselves

Beluga whales can pardon themselves

Moods can pardon themselves

Giant clams can pardon themselves

Casement ledges can pardon themselves

Succulents can pardon themselves!

Plateaus can pardon themselves

Mornings can pardon themselves

That monuments can and should fall

That monuments fall

That monuments falling

By the power of ignorance, we hereby declare that the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands is now the President of the United States of America

We declare no hesitation in declarations

We declare the B minor scale!

We declare knowledge and insight and love and care in and for all humans, aliens, life-forces

We declare the end of the news cycle

We declare “fuck ton” as the new standard measure

We declare that our declarations will be the declamations of old women drinking tea by the fencepost

We declare angular and methodical and curved

We declare no gender

We declare that we have bodies that will not be wagered for the gain of the rich

We declare that the phrase “You’re fired!” shall be replaced with the phrase
“Congratulations, you’ve been liberated from the tedium of alienated labour!”

We declare the end of the false consciousness of violent fucks

We declare that gravity will end on Tuesday, November 6, 2018

We also declare that gravity will subtly change in strength and in its power to
create acceleration until that date or such other date as we deem appropriate

We declare Love, Peace, Justice with good vibration and comfort for most

By the powers vested in us by our bodies (those of us who have bodies, as well
as those that do not, or have multiple or only one, or who have simply visited a
body or multiple for a while), we hereby declare:

That the skin is both illusion of border and border of river and mountain and
of declarative words and gesture and intention so that all skin is sacred and
beloved

That the earth and the oceans and the sky and all flora and fauna are bodies and
sacred and beloved too

That sleep will come to us all—a little sleep and a deep sleep—and we will glory
in this world while we can

We declare that all Trans, Non Binary, & Gender Diverse / Variant ppl are hereby not only allowed, but encouraged, to live public lives: to consensually laugh, love, work, not work, eat, defecate, rest, dance, sing, recite poems, do cartwheels, wear clothing anticipating fashion futurisms for bodies not yet named, define or unravel themselves at will, whatever, whenever, amen, without threat to their autonomous bodies or communities from any imaginable form of violence. Period. Forever.

We declare that every day is right for power clashing your wardrobe

Everyone shall become a medievalist

No more mass shootings

No more “paralysis” on gun control

We declare the National Rifle Association (NRA) a terrorist organization

We declare that your heartbeat vibrates in my jaw bone like it is my own pulse, and we can rest in this moment of togetherness, a lucky cloud, and I am so grateful for your love

We declare Election Day a National Holiday. All employers are required to give employees a paid half-day off for the purposes of voting and are encouraged to give a paid full day off

All roofs shall be raised a minimum height of 30 inches

There will be a public bank

@realDonaldTrump does not exist!



[Image caption: Person, viewed from behind, walks up NYC subway steps. A piece of fabric pinned to their jacket reads: "Donald Trump is a Dangerous Parasitic Fascist"]

That there shall be messiness & forgiveness

That there will be humanity

That it will be a fight & a struggle

That usurpation is a constant & lifelong attempt

We declare that no arts professionals can gain cultural capital from their rhetorical pronouncements of solidarity

We demand that all institutions looking for token artists of colour lose air conditioning in July and heat in January

We declare that curators should wear their compromises on their sleeves

“Consider this scenario, a caricature, I admit. An artist is contacted by a curator about a site-specific work. He or she is flown into town in order to engage the community targeted for collaboration by the institution. However, there is little time or money for much interaction with the community (which tends to be constructed as readymade for representation). Nevertheless, a project is designed, and an installation in the museum and/or a work in the community follows. Few of the principles of the ethnographic participant-observer are observed, let alone critiqued. And despite the best intentions of the artist, only limited engagement of the sited other is effected. Almost naturally the focus wanders from collaborative investigation to ‘ethnographic self-fashioning,’ in which the artist is not decentered so much as the other is fashioned in artistic guise.... And this ‘impossible place’ has become a common occupation of artists, critics, and historians alike.”

We decree:

Free and fair education (K-12)

Update our infrastructure

Apples are unnecessary

Give more financial aid to grad students!

Lower taxes for the middle working class

We, intersectional feminist sea-monsters, globsters, and lobsters declare:

Neither the islands nor lowlands are sacrifice zones for waste and climate change

A 1.5 degree increase to be the benchmark for global warming

Reparations of money, love, and re-memory for already drowned low island spaces

New acid-resistant abodes for pteropods on the west coast of the untidy states, whose shells have dissolved

A refusal to accept the humanoid narratives of inevitable loss

So be it disordered

“Mon oraison, et toujours en français. Maintenant nous sommes toutes femmes. Les hommes sont morts. Tout le monde c’est femme et plus des femmes. Et parce que nous sommes femmes, nous sommes libre et fraîche. Adieu hommes. Merci déesse.”

“This is the first time I gave my speech on the sidewalk. Now we are all women. The men are dead. There’s just women and more women. Now that we are women, we are free and fresh! Goodbye men. Thank you, goddess.”

By the power of the celestial sea, the Great Pacific and Atlantic Garbage Patches are hereby dissolved

In their stead, this loose conglomeration of bodies decrees that we will no longer privilege the human and we will no longer privilege language as a means of communication

After a reasonable period of public review, the pathetic fallacy will be disarticulated into the sympathetic, antipathetic, parapatetic, surpatetic, and just plain pathetic fallacies

We will once again read the flights of birds, and we will no longer claim the earth silent. Every city will establish a natural embassy, untouched by humanist planning and conservation

Effective immediately, no being is invasive

We do hereby declare that:
Anchovies are an endangered species
Consent is the best sexual orientation

We will fund research into cures for short term amnesia

We order the immediate and continuous disruption of the temporality of the endless update

The cynicism of planned obsolescence

Its wastefulness and negligence

We declare that people are not brands

People: you're not brands!

We declare the end of cryptocurrencies that run on lack of imagination, a surplus of ego, and an ecological deficit

There shall be foghorns in the night

After a period, everything is gently levitating

Everything, perched

Everything, winding and unwinding

And then, nothing

There is nothing

Nothing here for a long time

It has been a long time

What happened was, it'll wear you down

We carried signs that read: *This Is Not Normal*

Whatever that meant

So then.

This comes into the inbox, from a collaborator's mother:

Executive Order of the first order: All sons will call their Mothers. At least once a week. Would it kill you? (March 27, 2018)

It was comforting, hearing from someone's mother like that

I was thinking: what would it be like to read this poem backwards?

Then: Is this a poem?

I got sort of weary of the Executive Order as a form. Andrew and I were talking about it. When was the last time either of us had opened the G00gle doc

and had anyone else?

Amy cooked scallops and lemony risotto for the dinner party

That night it rained a proper New York City downpour and I was drenched in under 30 seconds

The tragicomedy of it, trying to get into a car fast enough

The thing is, the news was relentless

I could swear it was giving me and everyone else I knew cancer

Lately it had been “the wall,” the government shutdown for over a month, the Roger Stone indictment,

and before that: Christine Blasey Ford, Brett Kavanaugh, the “migrant caravan,” a cascade of #metoo

There were many things we missed

Mist descended on the 2018 calendar year

a haze of emotional exhaustion

through which, much later,

we retrospectively re-viewed:



[Image caption: Aerial view of smoke and devastation in Santa Rosa, California, after wildfires in 2018.]

Be it so ordered:

The 14 students and 3 staff members murdered in the Parkland shooting shall not have lost their lives but instead shall have formed a multi-piece jazz ensemble whose collective playing melts guns into puddles

Additionally, children and young adults who have experienced a mass shooting shall never have had their deaths and near-death experiences counterfactually denied by pro-arms groups and individuals; they shall never have been called “crisis actors” or anything of the sort; they shall not have been subject to ridicule by conservative media personalities and outlets; nor to venomous personal attacks by fellow citizens; nor shall they, their families, or the families of their

murdered peers have received hate mail and death threats from said fellow citizens

Additionally, no one shall have experienced multiple mass shootings

Additionally, we order, retroactively, that we shall never have had to say all this—that none of it ever might have been even the faintest glimmer in our most extreme, dystopian imaginings

We also proclaim that children will not have been put in cages...

That the migrant caravan shall have been received by a welcoming conga line of massage therapists

That Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un shall have been banished to a rocky outcropping on the Bikini Atoll, where they are welcome to compare the size of their “nuclear buttons” (cancerous growths) all they want

All of Trump’s properties shall have become the new homes of Syrian refugees displaced by violence incited by American intervention

Anti-cyber-bullying initiatives shall be best modeled by Melania Trump’s public denunciation of the Twitter account of her husband

People are not have been data

California is NOT burning

The Iran Nuclear deal is hereby official

There shall have been Zero Tolerance for the orange shit-stain-in-chief

We call B.S.
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Feb. 13, 2019
I still think about utopia

“Caw caw caw

crows shriek

in the white sun over grave stones in Pittsburgh”

In this part of the project, it becomes a personal diary

The diary becomes collaborative

It becomes a collective diary



[Image caption: A print out of an executive order issued by Donald Trump that has been crumpled, inked, and stamped to produce this image from Sacha Archer's series of visual poems using Donald Trump's first executive order.]

And since all diaries are about dreams



[Image caption: A print out of an executive order issued by Donald Trump that has been crumpled. From Sacha Archer's series of visual poems using Donald Trump's first executive order]

And all dreams are yelps of the unconscious

Or, since all diaries are about dreams

And all dreams are expressions of desires



[Image caption: A print out of an executive order issued by Donald Trump that has been crumpled, inked, and stamped to produce this image from Sacha Archer's series of visual poems using Donald Trump's first executive order.]

And all desire is a reflection of the color teal

And other colors like salmon and dusty yellow brown



[Image caption: A print out of an executive order issued by Donald Trump that has been crumpled, uncrumpled, inked, and stamped to produce this image from Sacha Archer's series of visual poems using Donald Trump's first executive order.]

Pale pale blue

Electric purple and black

It becomes a painting

Feb. 15, 2019

Good things: McNally Jackson isn't shutting down their Manhattan location, but is instead expanding

In response to public pressure, Amazon called off their corporate headquarters in Queens

"The best of you are those who are best in character to ~~their~~ women"

Roma



[Image caption: A film still from Molly Crabapple's animated short "A Message from the Future with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez". It depicts drawings of prominent women of color recently elected to political office as they stand before the dome of the Capitol. Other young women of color look on, smiling.]

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Ilhan Omar

Stacy Abrams

Rashida Tlaib

Attribution studies
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It is hereby mandated, by the moral authority of the Anti-Hypocrisy League, that the central mission of every “prison education program” shall be prison abolition

Be it so ordered:

no more wrong notes

no more bullshit

no more wearing down no more attention just doing

no more toilet-dunking of cats

and no more winning and losing

no more cow farts and no more cow farting politicians

No more mass deportations and no more mass extinction

Everyone must inform themselves!

Skolstrejk för klimatet!

We issue the following amendments to the articles of our speech:

AMENDMENT 1

a shall be used to express satisfaction
the shall refer to *the* ocean
an shell anemone

AMENDMENT 1A

“Just because you have the right, doesn’t mean that it’s polite”

AMENDMENT 2

A well regulated breakfast, being necessary to the prosperity of the gut microbiome, the right of bacteria to bear barms (sic), shall not be in fringe, or tassels

AMENDMENT 2.01

A well defenestrated mistletoe, being unnecessary to the parity of the tree tops, the light of the steeple as it peeks through the clouds, shall not be impinged

AMENDMENT -2

A well negotiated mille-feuille, being necessary to the success of a dinner date, the delight of the plates to be cleaned or warmed, shell nuts shall be binged

We need more scavenger hunts

We need more dancing in the rain

A dog park on every block

We need to leave things deep beneath the earth alone



[Image caption: A young person holds a sign at the September 2019 climate march that depicts the Dr. Seuss character, the Lorax, flipping the bird. It reads: "The Lorax speaks for the trees and the trees say FUCK YOU"]

Free dog and doggie health care

\$100,000 from the government on your birthday (everyone's bday)

Free coffee all the time everywhere, anywhere, now...

Free fucking healthcare & free fucking haircuts & free fucking

Public bike shelters on city blocks (no more car parking privilege!)

City streets for pedestrians

More tool libraries!

More music more music more music

For it is declared that Halloween is October...

The Mueller investigation is Halloween...

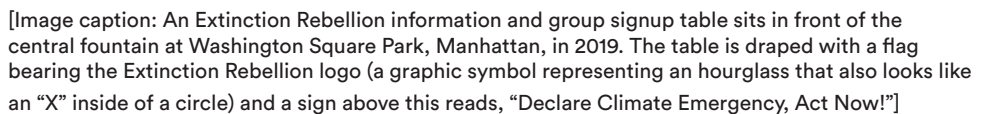
Russia is the president of the headless horseman...

Roger Stone is the Kremlin (and William Barr is a potato and cheese dumpling inside of a Matryoshka doll)

The Aliens, I want to know about the Aliens

[illegible]

There is no time to waste



By the compassion of two-million home care workers, we forthwith ratify:

Brazilian Rainforest for President!

Jacinda Adern for head lemur!

House oversight for acting sea-turtle nest! (that the Hatch Act may be enforced)

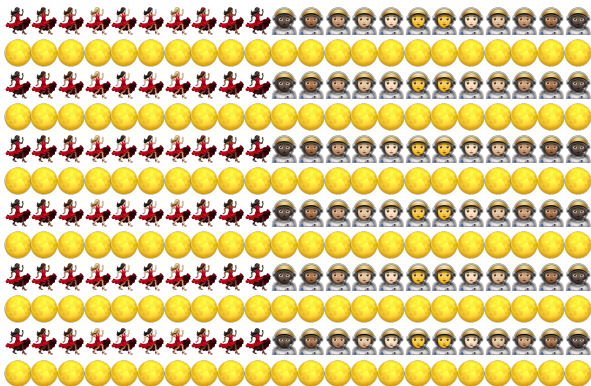
Free the Rose Garden!

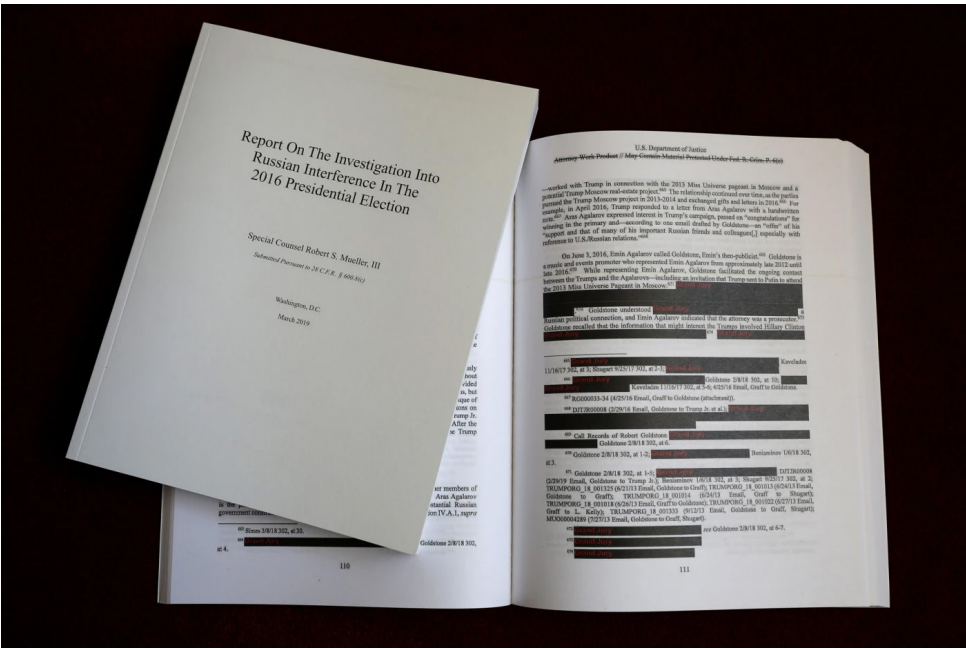
Free Hong Kong!

Free Ukraine!

Free healthcare!

Only women are allowed to walk on the moon!





[Image caption: An image of copies of the Mueller Report titled, “Report on the Investigation Into Russian Interference In the 2016 Presidential Election” by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III, published in March 2019. One copy is opened to a page that is heavily redacted with sections of text that have been blacked out.]

O, Happy day! ...Whereas Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, has announced that a formal impeachment investigation into the misdeeds of President Donald Duck shall commence,

Be it so ordered that Pez Dispenser Don Trumplione shall be swiftly and summarily impeached by the House *and* by the Senate

And that following his prompt removal from office, ordinary citizen Thump shall have his tax records delivered to the Manhattan District Attorney’s office in response to their outstanding subpoena

And that if any wrongdoing is found, that citizen Thump shall submit to the maximum penalties for his crimes, including but not limited to the maximum prison sentence, to be served out in hours of community service, since prisons will be abolished; as well as monetary fines, which will be requisitioned and redistributed to the poor and working class in the form of practical tools,

food, and choice knick knacks, since money will not be necessary in our post-capitalist society

And, should Mr. Trumpty gripe, crow, bluster, or threaten, that he shall receive a bigly itchy hairshirt, to be worn until sufficient remonstrance has been made

And that following the impeachment and removal of Mr. Clump from office, that this document shall be published in its entirety as *Executive Orders, Volume 3*, and the project shall conclude, with profound blessings and thanks, one volume sooner than anticipated

Pour conjurer l'esprit de CATASTROPHE le chantage, la guerre des nerfs, du sexe, de l'oeil et du ventre, la coercition du Père Noel Nucléaire, la terreur tricolore, la misère morale et son exploitation culturelle, la misère physique et son exploitation politique, l'Arte Moderne à genoux devant Wall Street (traverse de Liberty Street dans le bas Manhattan), la Commune de Paris oubliée au profit d'une École de crétinisation du même nom. Ca suffit comme ça. Il faut de librer à un exorcisme collectif

To banish the spirit of Catastrophe— blackmail, the war on the nerves, on the sexes, on the eyes and the stomach, the coercion of Nuclear Santa Claus, patriotic terror, moral misery and its cultural exploitation, physical misery and its political exploitation, modern art on its knees before Wall Street, the Paris Commune forgotten in favor of a stupid school of the same name. That's it. We need to perform a collective exorcism

By the custodial powers of the public and its library of active bystanders, we hereby proclaim,

No one use plastic

No forest blues (fires)

That there shall be universal childcare leave for aunts & uncles & grandparents

Please use the following space to contribute your executive orders:

I hereby challenge the well-intentioned, idealistic masses to attempt to honestly live their principles. For to create our utopian community, we must embrace the poor, the homeless, the queer kids, the disabled folk. Fellow change makers! Strive to maintain free and open spaces! Your classism is showing when you complain about how a homeless person smells, when you'd rather throw food away than let someone eat it for free, when you know deep down that even if everyone were highly educated and comfortable, someone would still have to clean floors, serve food, care for children and yet you look down on those who perform that sort of labor. The only way we can make an ideal community is if everyone is willing to do what they are able to do. Otherwise, knowingly or not, you have a vested interest in exploitation.


I grant permission to the Organism for Poetic Research and future small press collaborators on this project to publish the contents of this card online and in print in forthcoming volumes of *Executive Orders*:

A Brooklyn Public Library Custodian 9/21/19

Signature Date

I wish for my contribution to be published anonymously.

Initial here:



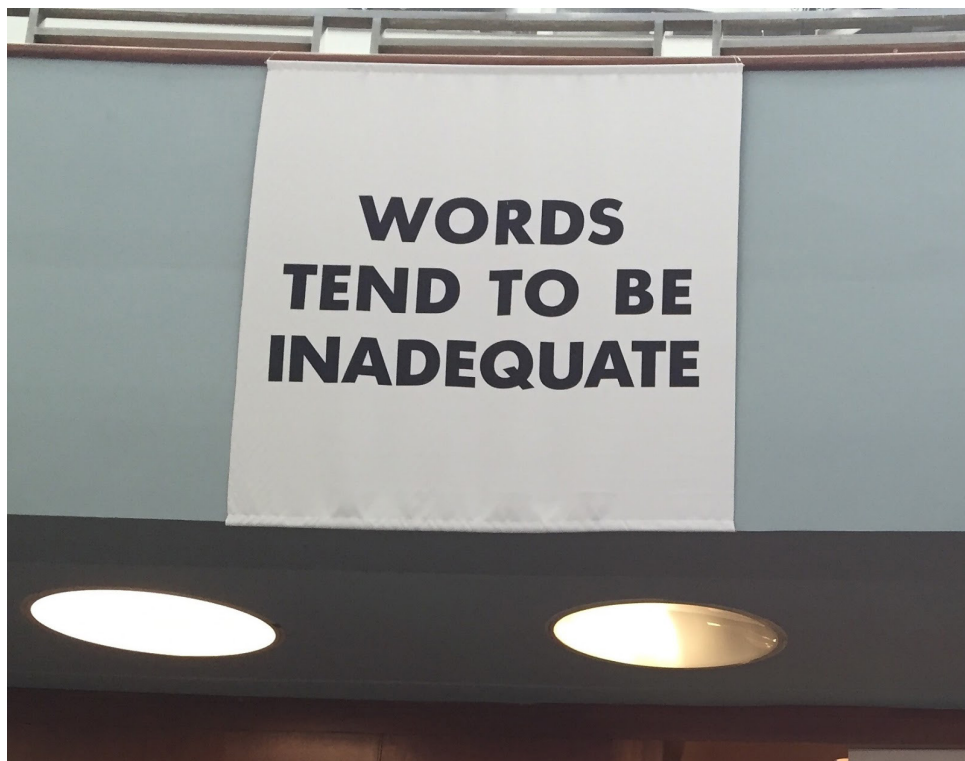
[Image caption: Executive Orders submission card with cartoon of custodian with broom and garbage pail and thought bubble that reads: "I hereby challenge the well-intentioned, idealistic masses to attempt to honestly live their principles. For to create our utopian community, we must embrace the poor, the homeless, the queer kids, the disabled folk. Fellow change makers! Strive to maintain free and open spaces! Your classism is showing when you complain about how a homeless person smells, when you'd rather throw food away than let some eat it for free, when you know deep down that even if everyone were highly educated and comfortable, someone would still have to clean floors, serve food, care for children and yet you look down on those who perform that sort of labor. The only way we can make an ideal community is if everyone is willing to do what they are able to do. Otherwise, knowingly or not, you have a vested interest in exploitation." Signed: "A Brooklyn Public Library Custodian" on 9/21/19.]

We therefore maintain,

Neighbors shall lend each other eggs, give eachother support, and help each other with the mundane

All prisons shall be abolished

All police shall be abolished



[Image caption: Franklin Furnace installation at Brooklyn Public Library main branch, September 2019. A poster hung over one of the library's interior balconies reads: "Words Tend To Be Inadequate."]

There shall be more trees and more parks

Add empathy and respect for your fellow humans

Closer communities

More libraries

Botanical gardens

More clean water faucets and places where you can walk animals

“In light of peace let’s smile at other smiling faces”

Social media is hereby deprivatized

I would like to change hatred into love

Free tampons! Free condoms! Free childcare!

The people spontaneously put down their phones and spoke to one another

Through the medium of the clear air

That no one henceforth has the right to put children in cages

Let’s remake our dreams and create the systems for our planet to heal and regenerate and consider the future generations

There will be more social justice and equality

We will tear down all cities and totally reimagine urban cultures

We will imagine a place where a person is intrinsically motivated to unleash her purpose into the work she brings to the world

Stop littering

More peace on earth!

If you want to change the world

change your inside first. The world will take care of itself.

And sometimes good people make bad people unknowingly

but they are really good people underneath

(I don't know if I believe *that*)

In this screening of truths we cannot hold to be self evident, we hereby order:

Everyone will be treated with dignity and respect

We will make the government and corporations work for us

We will have joy in our lives

We will organize for radical change

AKA revolution



[Image caption: At a youth climate protest in New York in the early spring of 2019, elementary- and middle-school-aged young persons and their guardians stand behind a police fence holding protest signs (that read “Politicians Be Respectful, Stop Climate Change” etc.). In the foreground, a uniformed police officer has just thrown a large inflatable Earth balloon back into the crowd, and it hangs in the air above the assembled protesters.]

No justice, no peace

Fuck this racist police

Hey everybody, Donald Trump got impeached!!!

...oh... wait....

...

...

But that was just a dream we had

we slept and when we woke

the news was bad

er than we had previously realized

damn

or was it that we'd known all along?

We, the Undersigned:

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Lola (age 9)
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Anonymous Badger
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Anonymous Beaver
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Anonymous Unicorn
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Excerpts From:

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Madeline Gins
Allen Ginsberg
Yoko Ono
Claudia Rankine & Beth Loffreda
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Arthur Rimbaud
Jon Stewart
Ta-Nehisi Coates
Kathy Acker
James Baldwin
Jacques Derrida
Gustave Flaubert
Frank O'Hara
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Hal Foster
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
The Prophet Mohammed
Jean-Jacques Lebel
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Citizen Sticky Notes at Union Square Subway Terminal After 2016 Election, Manhattan, 2016

“Instructions” page from the S-Wing 5000 instruction manual, Iowa City, c. 2011

Stefano di Giovanni (il Sassetta), *The Blessed Ranieri Frees the Poor from a Prison in Florence*, ca. 1437-1444, tempera and gold on wood panel

Woody Guthrie, from “Ten Songs of Woody Guthrie,” self-published pamphlet, 1945.

Tahra Syo, “Please don’t let your dog pee on our baby tree. Her name is ‘Unless,’” Brooklyn, 2017

“No Garbage Here No One - Ever!” Brooklyn, 2017

Sergei Eisenstein, still from *Battleship Potemkin*, 1925

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Sacha Archer, Concrete Poems [Repurposed Executive Order], 2018.

“You Can’t Be What You Can’t See,” still from Molly Crabapple’s animated short film, “A Message from the Future with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, 2019

“The Lorax speaks for the trees and the trees say FUCK YOU,” photo of protestor and sign at the climate march, Manhattan, 2019

“Declare Climate Emergency, Act Now!” photo of Extinction Rebellion table at Washington Square Park, Manhattan, 2019

An image of copies of the Mueller Report, published March, 2019

“Words Tend to Be Inadequate,” Franklin Furnace installation at Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, 2019

Executive Orders submission card with cartoon of custodian, Brooklyn, 2019

At a youth climate protest in New York, Manhattan, 2019

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Postscript:

Performative speech acts have an effect on the world. But alone they are not enough to create real resistance and positive change. Please consider taking the following actions as a means of realizing the orders executed above.

HELP IMPEACH THE USURPER DONALD TRUMP

Go to: <https://impeachdonaldtrumpnow.org/>

GET INVOLVED WITH A 2020 ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Find a local swing race at Swing Left: <https://swingleft.org/>

Go to Justice Democrats: <https://justicedemocrats.com/>

Go to Brand New Congress: <https://brandnewcongress.org/>

Fucking run for it: <http://sheshouldrun.org/>

FORM OR JOIN A LOCAL ACTION GROUP

See the Indivisible Guide: <https://www.indivisibleguide.com/>

Check out the Resistance Manual Wiki: https://www.resistancemanual.org/Resistance_Manual_Home

Organize a mutual aid network: <https://www.mutualaidhub.org/>

SUBSCRIBE TO AN ACTION EMAIL LIST OR NEWS SOURCE

Sign up for Daily Actions: <https://dailyaction.org/>

Sign up for the Weekly Action Checklist for Americans of Conscience: <https://jenniferhofmann.com/>

Check out: <http://thesixtyfive.org/home> (formerly the “We’re His Problem Now” calling sheet)

Check out Trump Watch at Entropy: <http://trumpwatch.entropymag.org/>

Update and view the People’s Calendar: <https://www.risestronger.org/events>

CALL (OR SEND A POSTCARD TO) YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Find contact and other info for your representatives here: http://act.common-cause.org/site/PageServer?pagename=sunlight_advocacy_list_page

Or use Resistbot: <https://resistbot.io/>

READ, WATCH, AND SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW

Check out the Trump Syllabus 2.0 at Public Books: <http://www.publicbooks.org/trump-syllabus-2-0/>

Check out: “A Time for Treason” at The New Inquiry <http://thenewinquiry.com/features/a-time-for-treason/>

Check out this Standing Rock syllabus: <https://nycstandswithstandingrock.wordpress.com/standingrocksyllabus/>

Read this Black Lives Matter syllabus: <http://www.blacklivesmattersyllabus.com/fall2016/>

Read and reread the M4BL platform: <https://policy.m4bl.org/>

More resources here: <http://www.theoperatingsystem.org/citizenresources/>

FOLLOW, DONATE TO, VOLUNTEER FOR,
OR GET INVOLVED WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS

350.org

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Americans for Immigrant Justice

Amnesty International

Anarchist Black Cross

A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition

Bash Back

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Black Lives Matter

Border Angels

Brand New Congress

BYP100

Campaign Zero

Center for Reproductive Rights

Citizenship Through English

Climate Science Legal Defense Fund

Communist Party USA

Cooperative Economics Alliance of NYC

Council on American-Islamic Relations

Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

Democratic Socialists of America

Desis Rise Up and Moving (DRUM)

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund

Doctors Without Borders

Emily's List

Environmental Defense Fund

Everytown for Gun Safety

Fight for Fifteen

Girls Write Now

GLAAD

Human Rights Campaign

Immigrant Defense Project

Immigration Impact

Interfaith Alliance

International Refugee Assistance Project

International Rescue Committee

International Socialist Organization

Jewish Voice for Peace

Jews for Racial and Economic Justice

Justice Democrats
Know Your IX
Make the Road New York
Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
NAACP Legal Defense Fund
NARAL Pro-Choice America
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Council of La Raza
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Immigration Law Center
National Lawyers Guild
National Urban League
National Women's Liberation
Native American Rights Fund
Natural Resources Defence Council
New York City Antifa
New York Taxi Workers Alliance
The Octavia Project
Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow
Our Revolution
Oxfam International
Pacifica Network
Party for Socialism and Liberation
People for the American Way
Planned Parenthood
ProPublica
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
Sacred Stone Legal Defense Fund
Safe Horizon
Sanctuary for Families
She Should Run
Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ)
Sierra Club
Southern Poverty Law Center
Stand with Standing Rock
Students for Justice in Palestine
Sylvia Rivera Law Project
The Committee to Protect Journalists
The New Sanctuary Coalition
The Trevor Project
The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
The White Helmets
Transgender Law Center
We The Protesters
Young Artists Language and Devotion Alliance (YALDA)
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights

CONSIDER BOYCOTTING THESE ORGANIZATIONS

Check out the #grabyourwallet boycott list: <https://grabyourwallet.org/>

Download the BoycottTrump app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/boycotttrump/id1171663655?mt=8>

MORE THINGS TO DO!

Divest from unethical corporations and fossil fuels!

Form a co-op!

Join a labor union!

Support grassroots media!

Go to protests!

Strike!

Make Art!

Make Community!

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(Hang in there!)

