"LAUGHING AT THE EXPENSE OF TYRANNY"

THE SIREN

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THE NOT QUITE READY TO GIVE UP ON DEMOCRACY EDITION!

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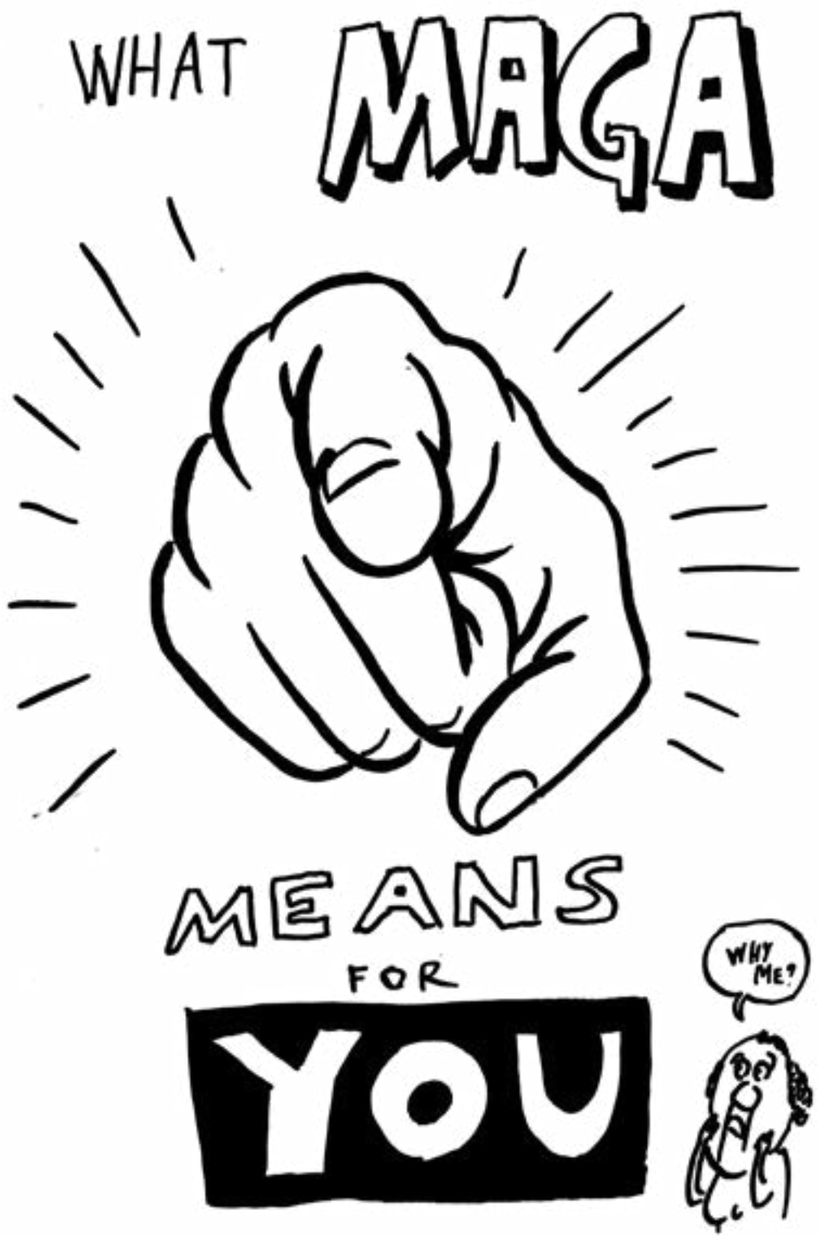
THE SANEST RESPONSE TO AN INSANE PRESENT

The dreaded moment is upon us – an era of political extremism even more intense than the last one. The prospect of living in a country with a president who proudly proclaims that he'll be a dictator on day one, who fills his cabinet with cronies and stacks our courts with theocrats *is* nothing short of terrifying. Most of us want gun control, birth control and healthcare that doesn't bankrupt us, but we've been outmaneuvered by SuperPACs and let down by the politicians they fund.

Today, the future does look grim, but we can't allow ourselves to be paralyzed by fear or hopelessness. If we abandon all efforts to imagine a better way to live just because we lost an election, we'll become exactly the kind of people authoritarian rulers like to push around – passive and fatalistic.

MAGA is coming for our rights, our schools, our books, our news, and our environmental regulations. Let's not sit back! Let's work together - and make it fun! Nothing irks those who believe in their absolute power more than being laughed at. Let's skewer them with humor and expose the absurdity and pettiness of their goals.

-THE EDITORS



Pablo Helguera

MAGA IS COMING FOR YOU!
They'll take our rights
they'll break the rules
that lowered our usage
of fossil fuels!
The rivers will surge
the fires will burn
while Trumpists make sure
drilling limits are purged!
Oh MAGA is coming for you, my friend,
Yes MAGA is coming for you!

Our ladies and girls
will flee all states
that stop them from
holding down their own birth rate.
The doctors who should
want to operate
will turn them away
to dodge jail as their fate!
Yes, MAGA is coming for you, my friend,
Oh MAGA is coming for you!

To Big Pharma's joy
A-GA will get axed
Donations will roll in to
more SuperPACs!
The price of your meds
will go through the roof
and unlike those rich fucks
your pay will be taxed!
Yes MAGA is coming for you my friend,
Oh MAGA is coming for you!

The screens and the gadgets
we use day and night
they all come from China
where Trump's picked a fight!
His plan to use tariffs
to boost industry
will mean that a phone costs
your month's salary!
Yes MAGA is coming for you my friend,
Oh MAGA is coming for you!

Coco Fusco

Lalo Alcaraz

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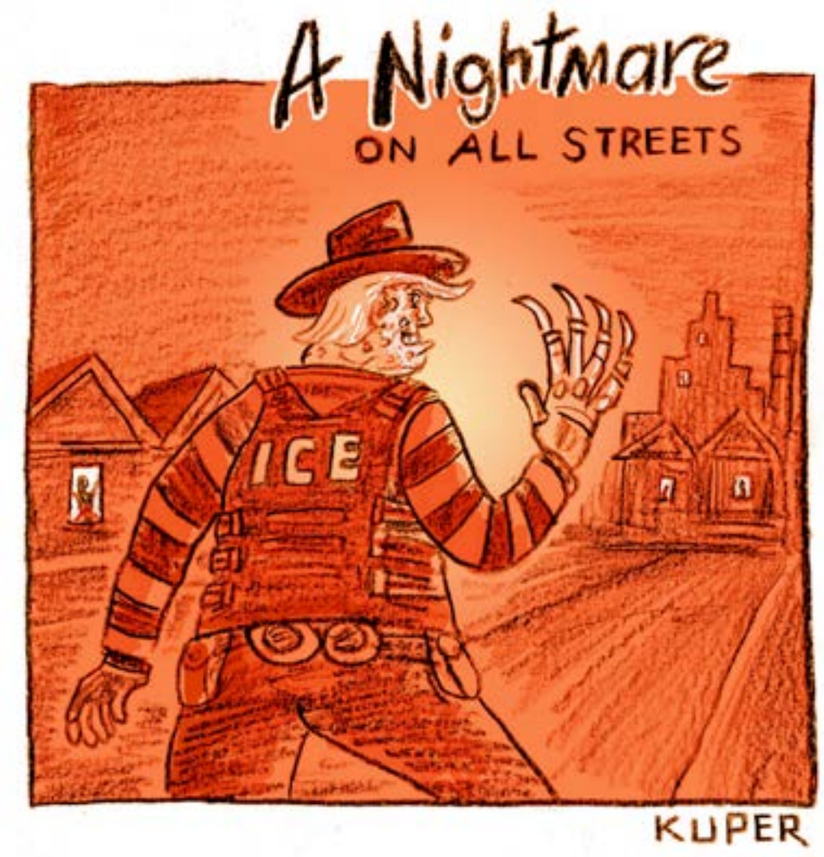
UPDATES FROM MAGALAND

Lalo Alcaraz



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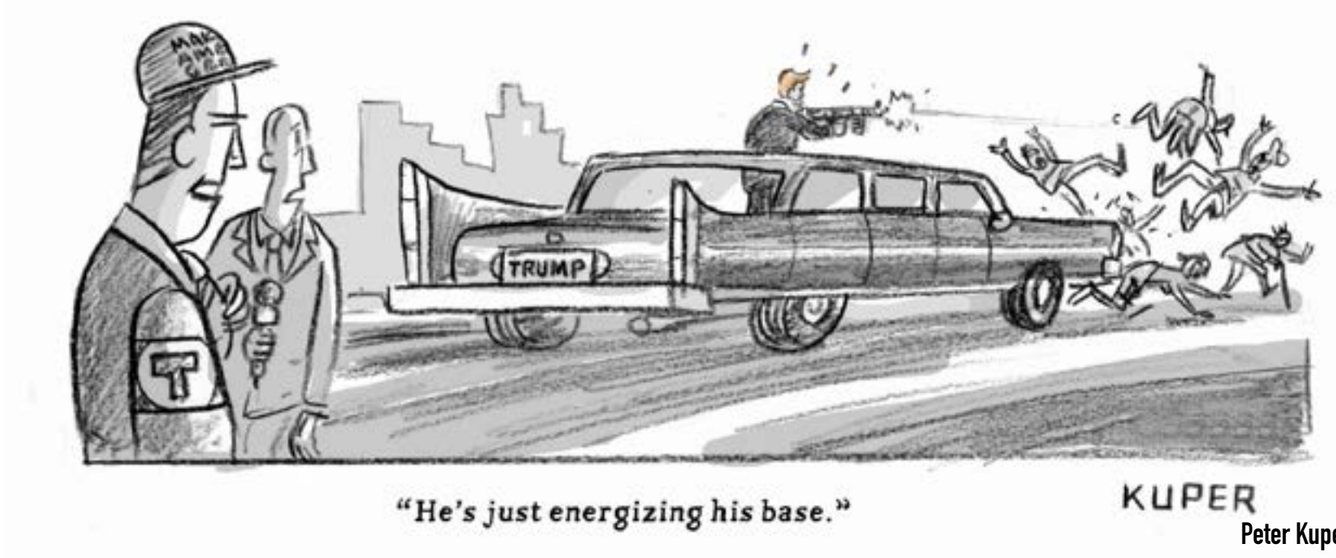

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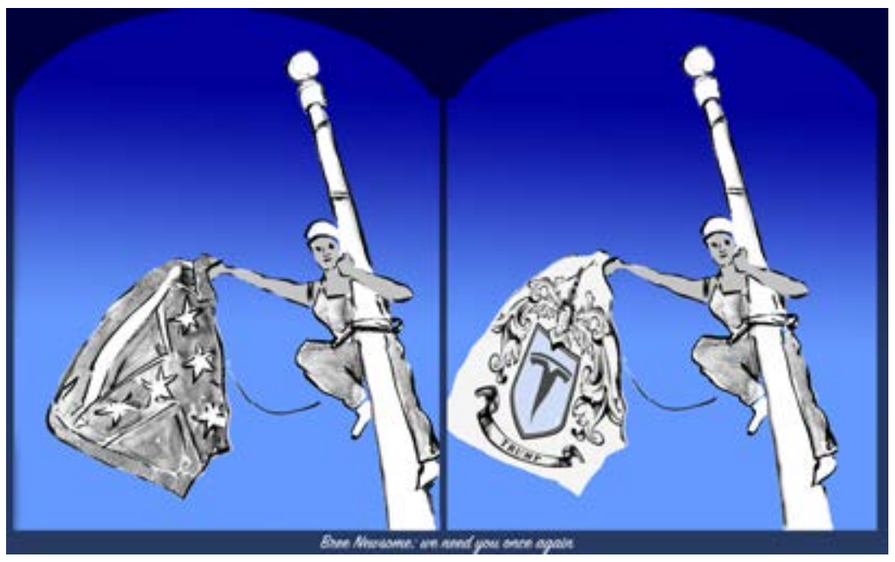

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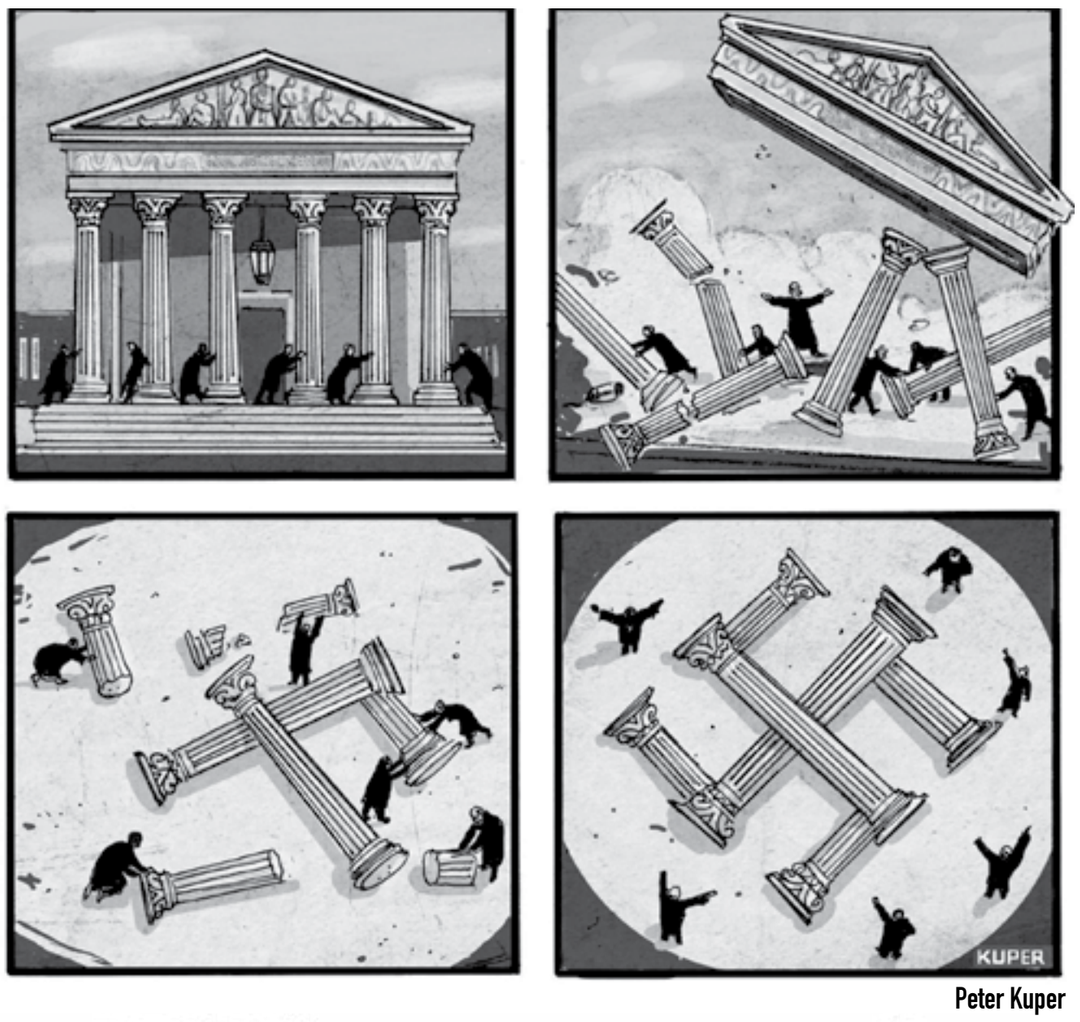

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Luna

DEMOCRACY'S ALREADY DEAD AT THE WASHINGTON POST

The tech bros are lining up at Mar-a-Lago to lick Trump's boots because they know he will cut their taxes and wipe out the regulations that barely slow down their complete takeover of our brains. Ann Telnaes nailed it with a hilarious rendering of the billionaire sycophants – and then The Washington Post decided that her cartoon was too hot for them. That's MAGA for you –it's a world in which common knowledge becomes forbidden content, and big business readily bends over for our incoming authoritarians. Kudos to Telnaes for calling out her editors and resigning with a flourish. The skeptics might say that bosses have the right to refuse submissions, and artwork gets rejected all the time – but it's patently obvious that this rejection is not your run of the mill "no thank you." Historian Timothy Snyder would call The Washington Post's attitude "anticipatory obedience" – which is when people and institutions preemptively censor themselves, demonstrating allegiance to their repressors without having to be asked. Sadly, we've seen a lot of that kind of behavior lately – in relation to the war in Gaza, and most recently in the willingness that embattled Democrats have shown to throw migrants under the bus to save their Congressional seats. There is no reason not to expect more of this in the next four years, which is exactly why artists should follow Telnaes' lead and hang Trump's minions out to dry.

Ann Telnaes

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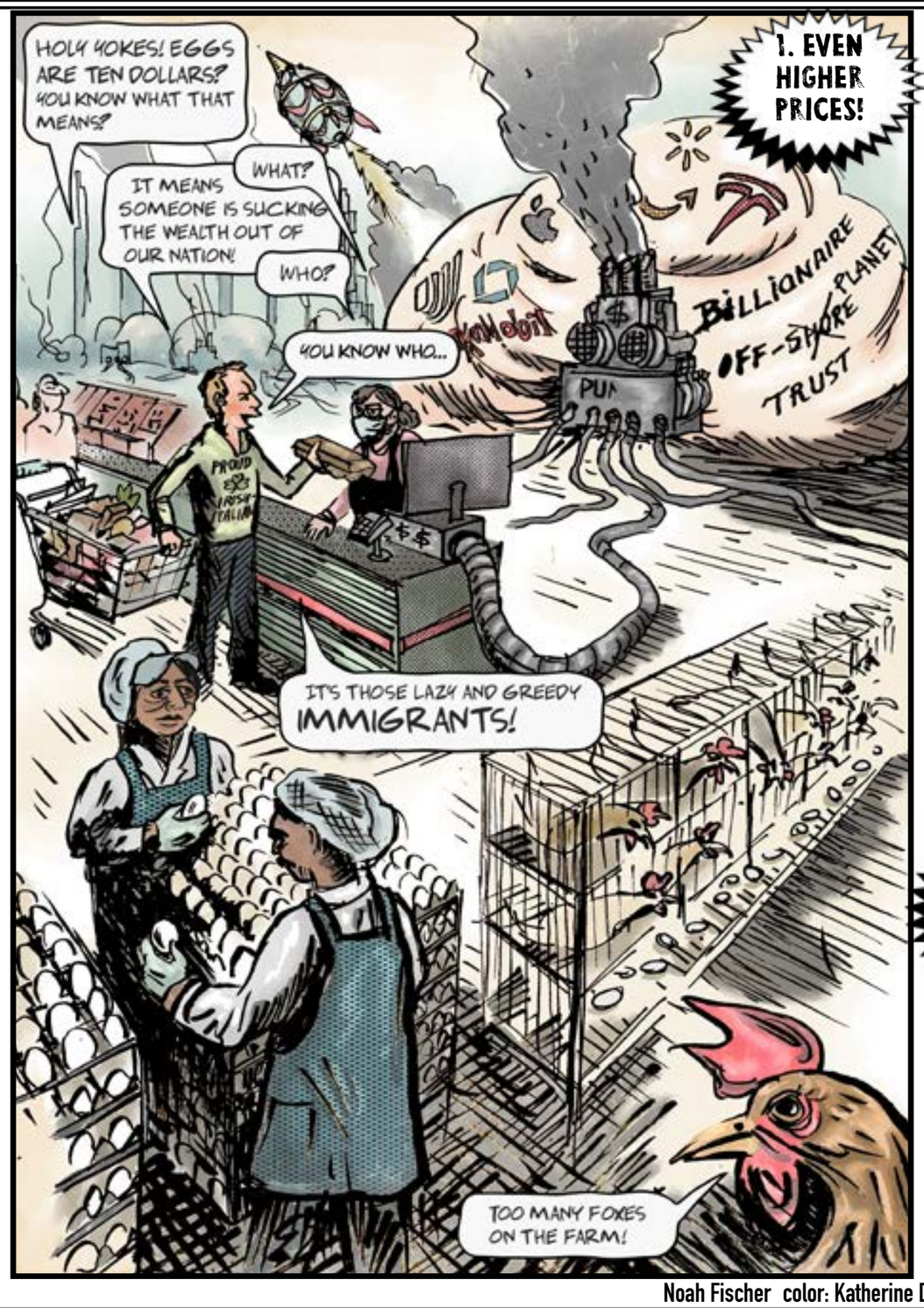
THREE WAYS YOU'LL FEEL THE $QUEEZE



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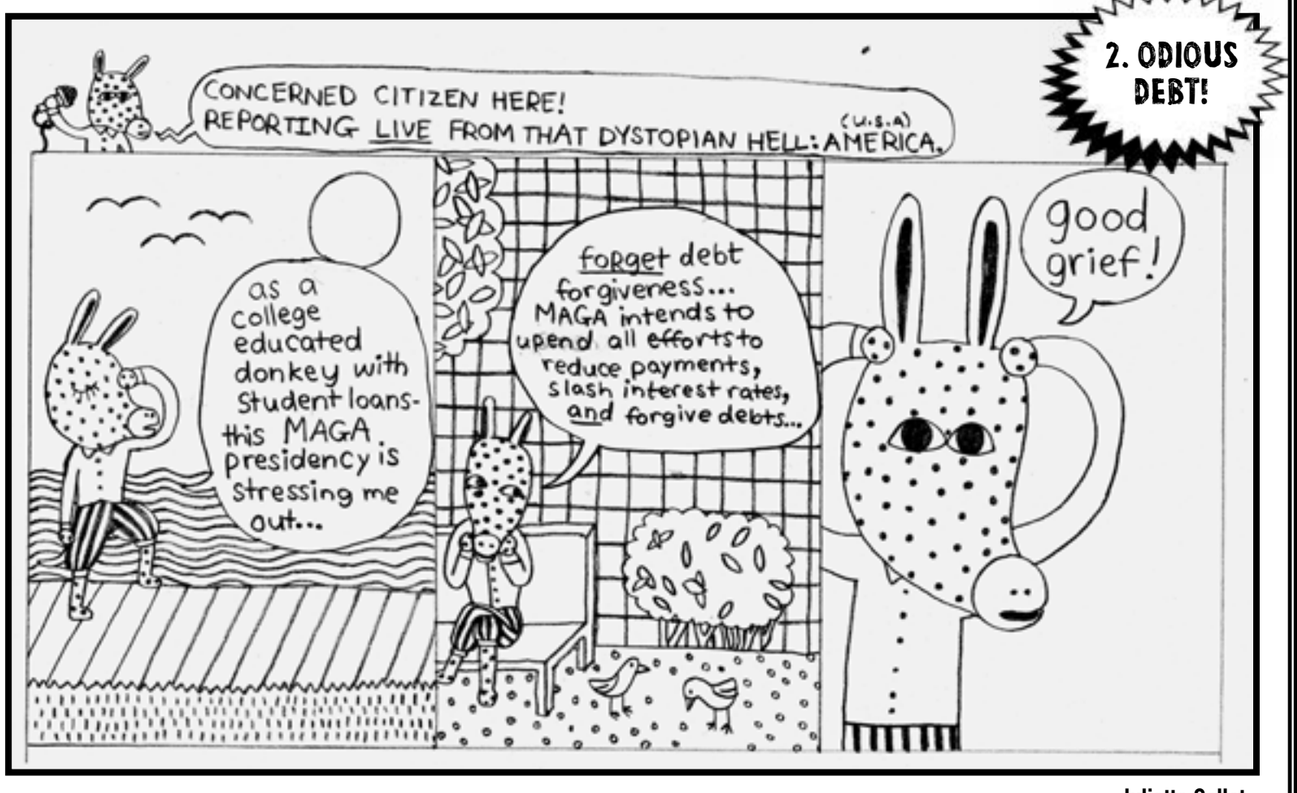

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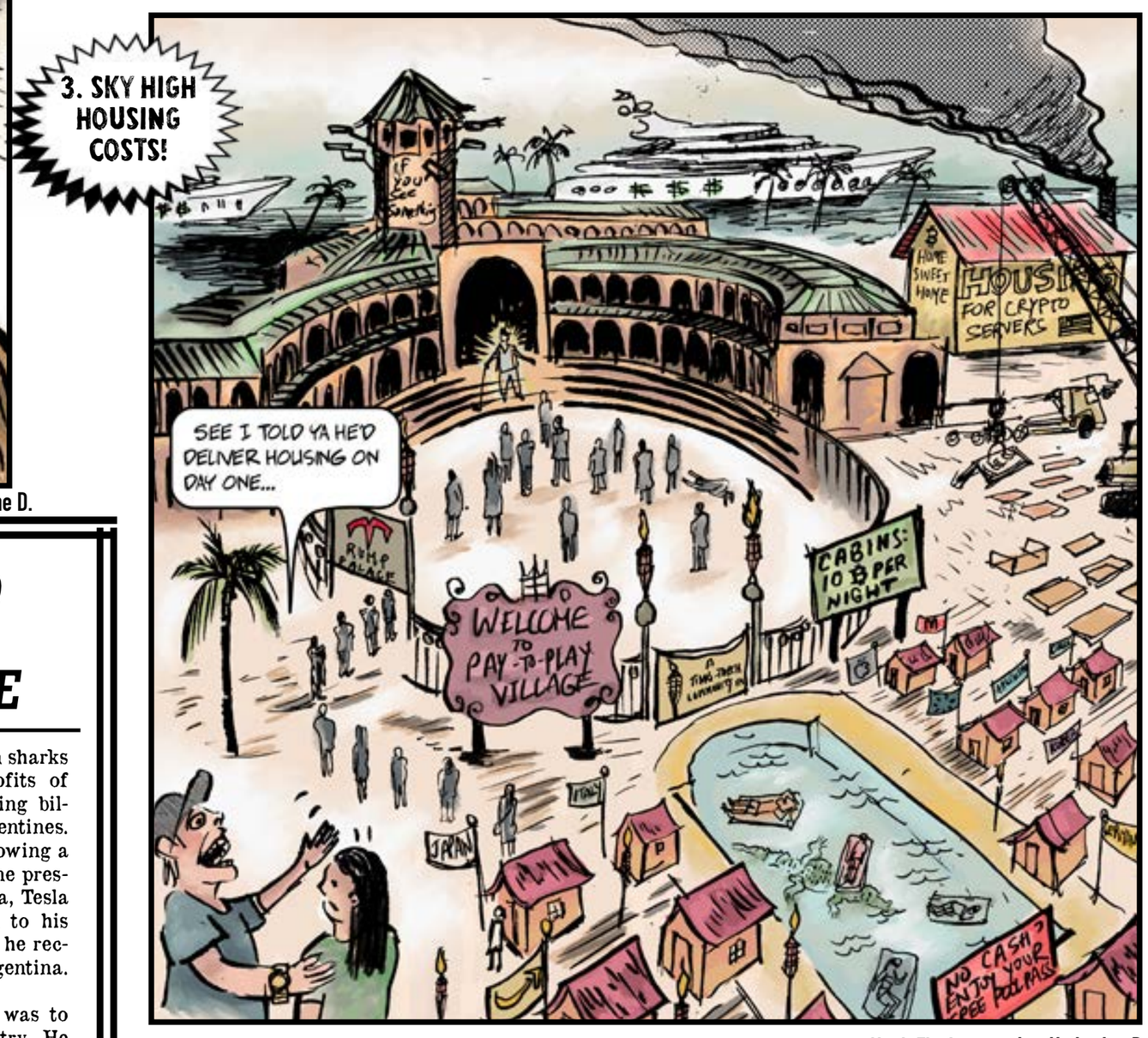

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Letter from Argentina

LIFE UNDER TRUMP'S MINI-ME

Buenos Aires-
Elected just over a year ago amid popular outrage over high inflation, Libertarian president Javier Milei is a Trump clone who's even more clownish than the original. The president, who calls himself "king of the jungle," is gleefully sending the common people of the southern nation through a series of painful economic and social shocks. On the world stage, he's team MAGA, towing the disruptor-in-chief's line as Reuters reports: "Denying climate science, dissenting on gender equality and blasting higher taxes on billionaires, Argentine President Javier Milei, fresh off meeting Trump at his Mar-a-Lago resort, is spoiling for a fight with the global consensus." Forbes reports that, "In a bold move, Milei halved the number of ministries and eliminated 70,000 public sector jobs. He also suspended new public works contracts and removed various subsidies, further underscoring his commitment to reducing state intervention in the economy."

While common people lose necessary services, the world's 1% are raising their champagne glasses. Wall Street predatory loan sharks are now reaping the profits of their corrupt deals, making billions off the backs of Argentines. Forbes reports that, "Following a meeting with the Argentine president in Los Angeles, Tesla, Tesla CEO Elon Musk tweeted to his 182 million followers that he recommends investing in Argentina.

One of Milei's first acts was to close the Cultural Ministry. He has since shut down the museums memorializing Argentina's dictatorship. For some reason, they are not part of his vision.

Federico Geller

DR. DERANGELOVE

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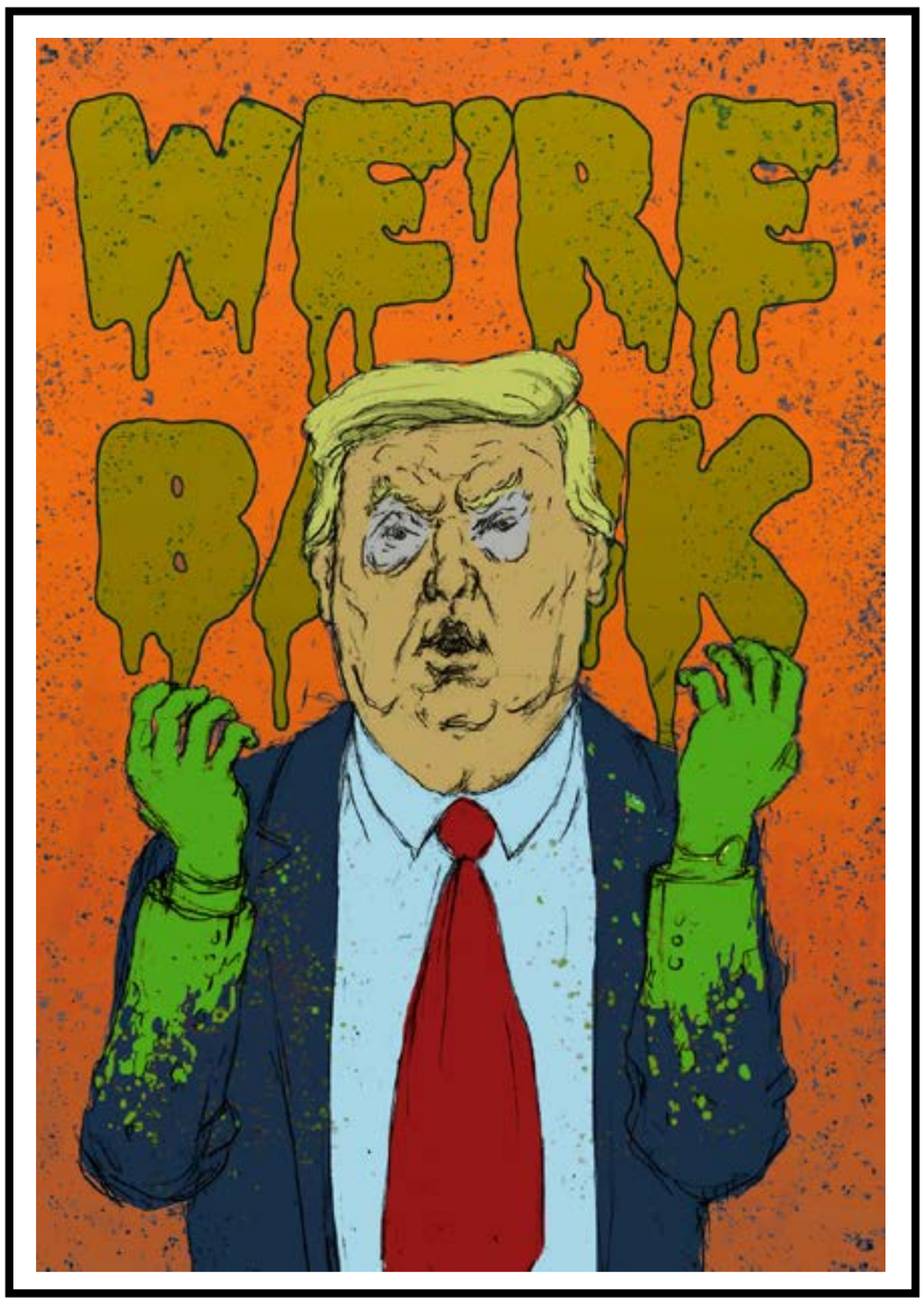
HEADS OF STATE: A BIG



Peter Rostovsky

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True Confessions

John Roberts
Ethics smethics. Those rules don't apply to the Supremes!

Clarence Thomas
Harlan Crow is a dear friend. It's quite normal for friends to give and receive gifts.

Samuel Alito
My wife is the one who flipped that flag over. Don't look at me.

Sonia Sotomayor
I'm a wise Latina woman and I won't tell you what I think of the brethren.

Elena Kagan
Would you want to spend your days with the guys I deal with at work? Oy!

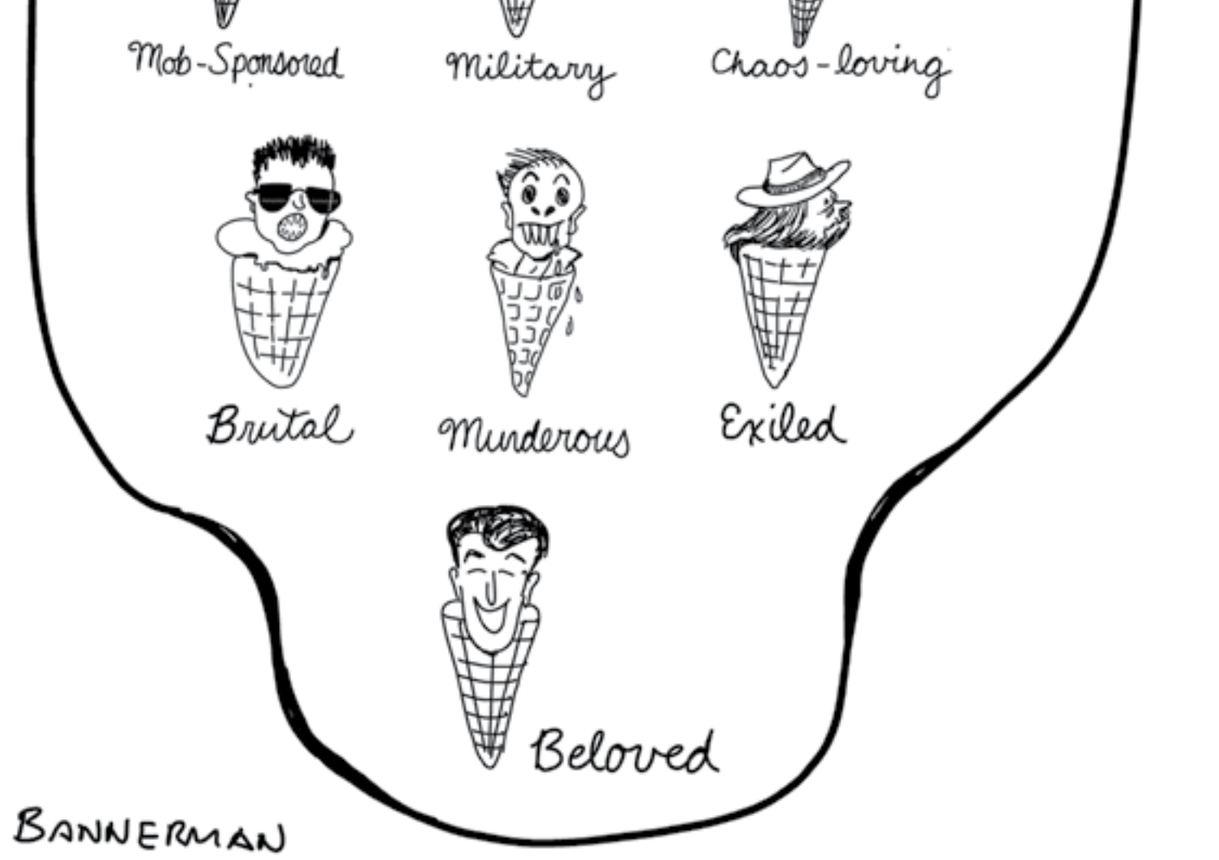
Neil Gorsuch
Financial scrutiny for judges? As I argued in my last book, that's too much law!

Brett Kavanaugh
So what if I had my pants down at a frat party? Some people would call that fashionable.

Amy Coney Barrett
Climate change is just an act of God, and God is Love so climate change is Love too.

Ketanji Brown Jackson
Well, I did say that Presidents are not kings, but who is listening to me now?

Coco Fusco/ Noah Fischer



Isabella Bannerman

BEAUTIFUL WALL OF SHAME

EXPERIENCE THE PROFOUND WISDOM OF MAGA INFLUENCERS-IN THEIR OWN WORDS!

"The Coronavirus panic is dumb."

-Elon Musk

They are not lies. They are alternative facts."

-Kellyanne Conway

"Vice President Kamala Harris is the main instigator in starting the Russia-Ukraine war."

-Tulsi Gabbard

"White men created civilization."

-Tucker Carlson

"Planned Parenthood was made by Margaret Sanger, a known eugenics, with the KKK to control the Jew population."

-Kanye West

"Let's give votes to all children in this country, but let's give control over those votes to the parents of those children."
-JD Vance

JAVIER MILEI: MAGA OF THE SOUHTHERN HEMISPHERE FLIP THESE HEADS AROUND TO REVEAL THE TRUTH!

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MUSSOLINI WITH HAIR

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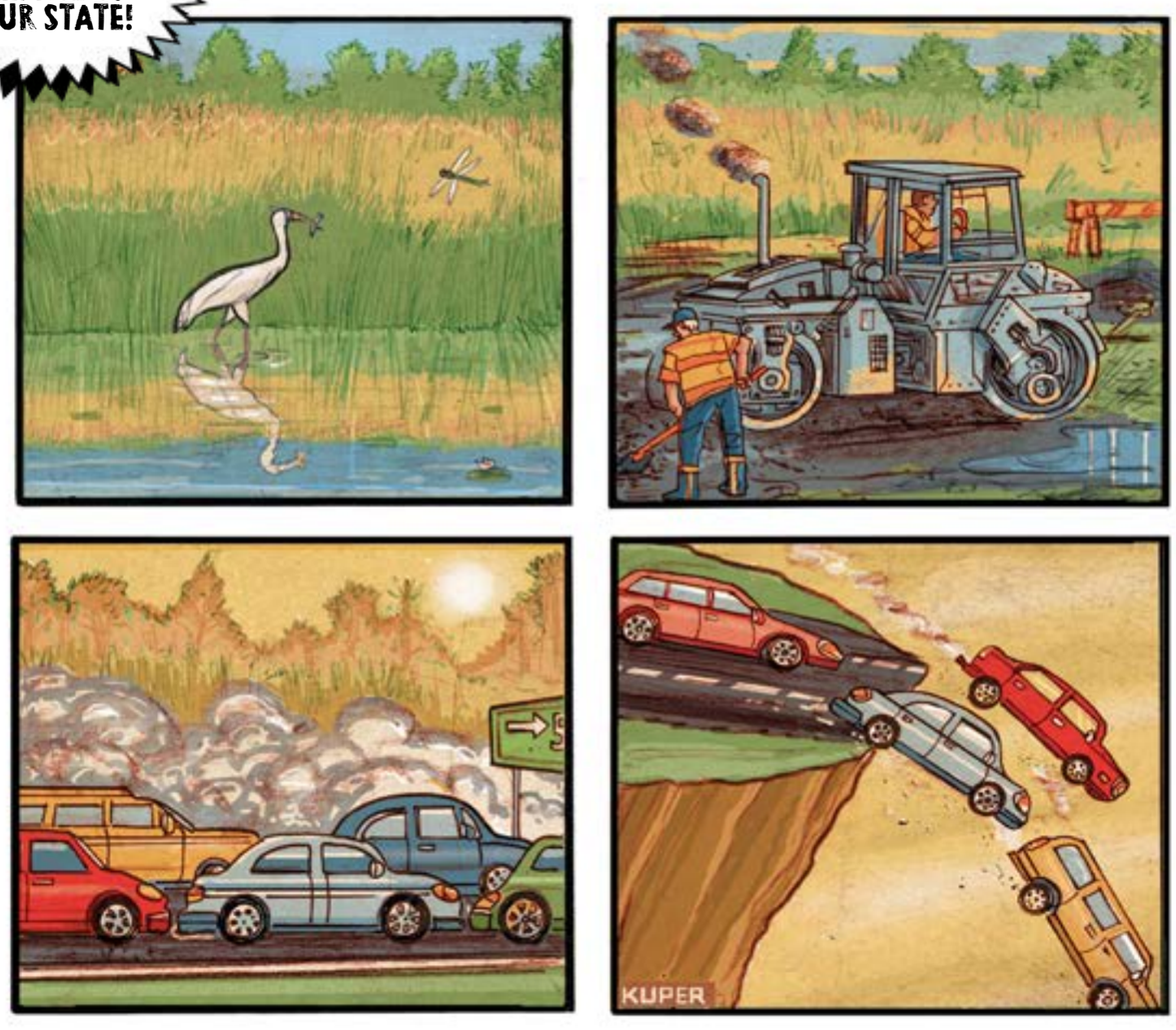
BRINGING FLORIDA'S CLIMATE TO YOUR STATE!



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MAGA and the ART OF GENDER...

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IF YOU'RE NOT *AFRAID* YOU SHOULD BE

DANGER IS EVERYWHERE

In a world where threats can come from anywhere, your family's safety should be your top priority. In an unpredictable world, the first step to ensuring your family's safety is securing your home from Others.

Your job as a man is to build walls around you and your loved ones and create a safety zone where your family can live in peace, free from: ***Criminals, Violence, Rape, Germs, Strangers, Sexual Depravity, False Religions and Evil.***

Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. Secure your home and protect what matters most. Create a solid barrier that stands between you and the uncertainty and uncleanliness of the outside world.

Stay Safe. Stay American.

Oliver Wasow

Pablo Helguera

Donald Trump and his team have profoundly ambitious plans to remake America into its very best possible self.

And yet many otherwise reasonable groups of Americans — librarians, scientists, doctors, teachers, most women, and even a large number of military personnel — are already opposing elements of these plans!

These special-interest Americans show no signs of voluntarily changing their minds. This opportunity for once-in-a-lifetime change could be lost! That's why...

We need YOU for the Orangeshirts.

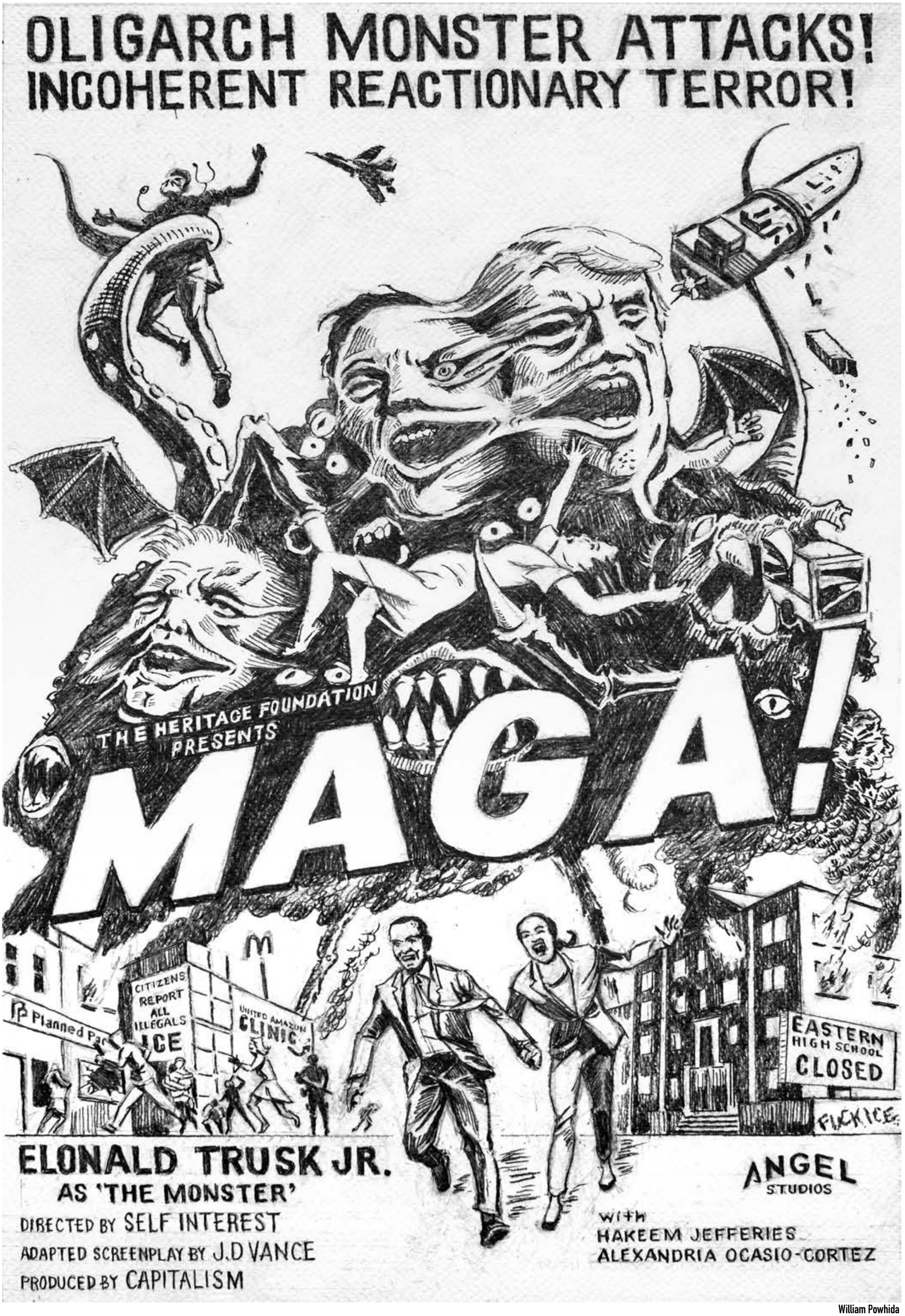
Throughout history, those who would enact ambitious but insufficiently popular visions have needed extraordinary forces — outside of established military, police, and other security institutions — to enforce the big changes that most mainstream folks weren't ready for.

We are at a similar time today in America, and can only achieve great change with the help of a few select citizens.

Join us today, and help make America orange.

If you see something, say something. These people are capable of anything

The Yes Men



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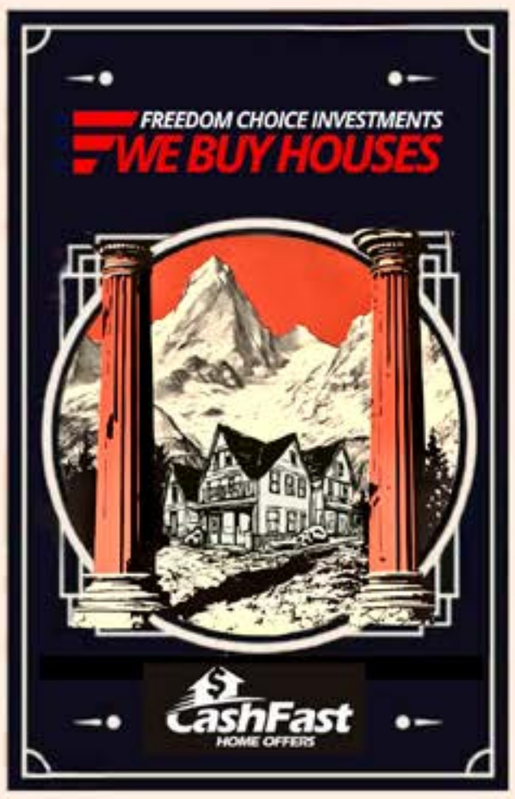

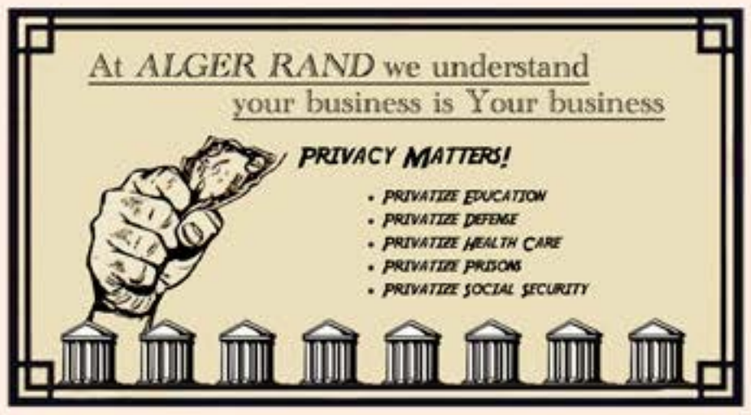

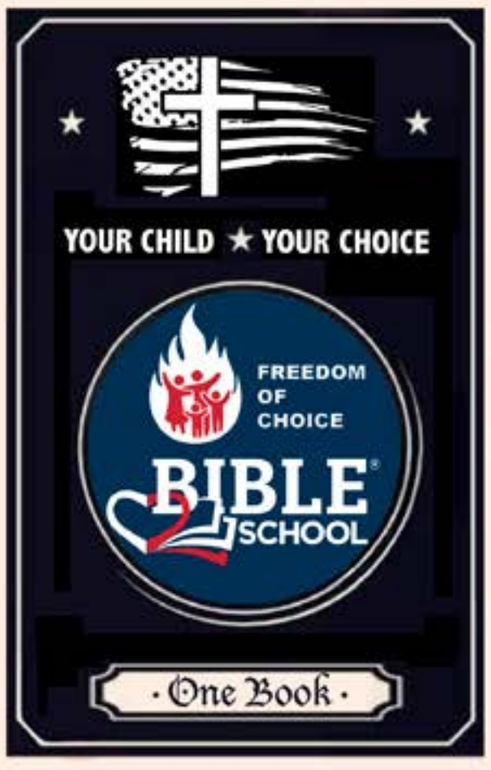

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