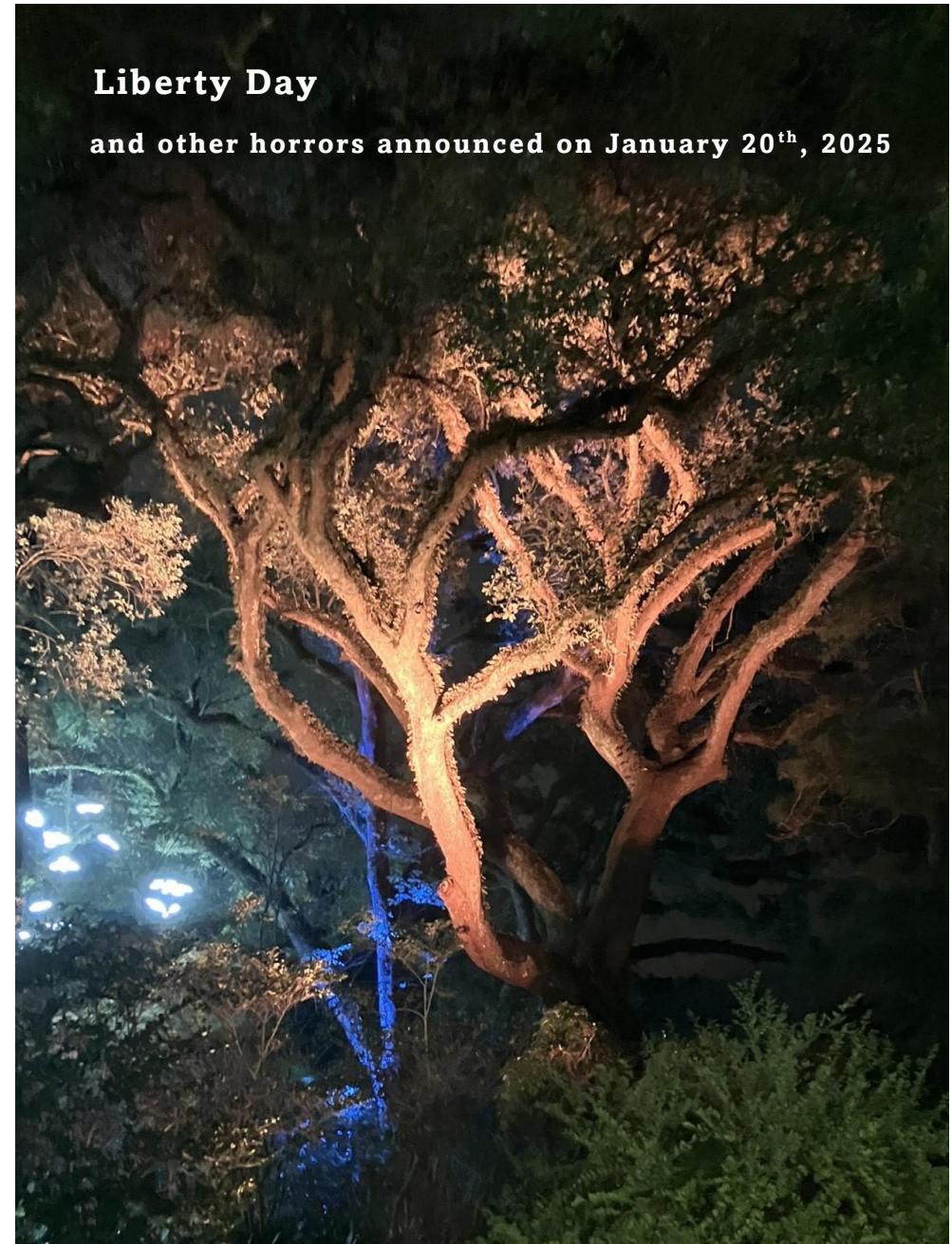


Liberty Day

and other horrors announced on January 20th, 2025

The protections of our elected officials are abandoning us, and our government is coming for the most vulnerable. When this “Golden Age” fails to manifest, where will the blame shift? Migrants and the trans community are being set up to become scapegoats and when their oppression becomes accepted, they will move onto other LBGT+ individuals and immigrants. We must protect ourselves, organize, and resist. We cannot let our fear, apathy, or exhaustion consume us. The future must remember.

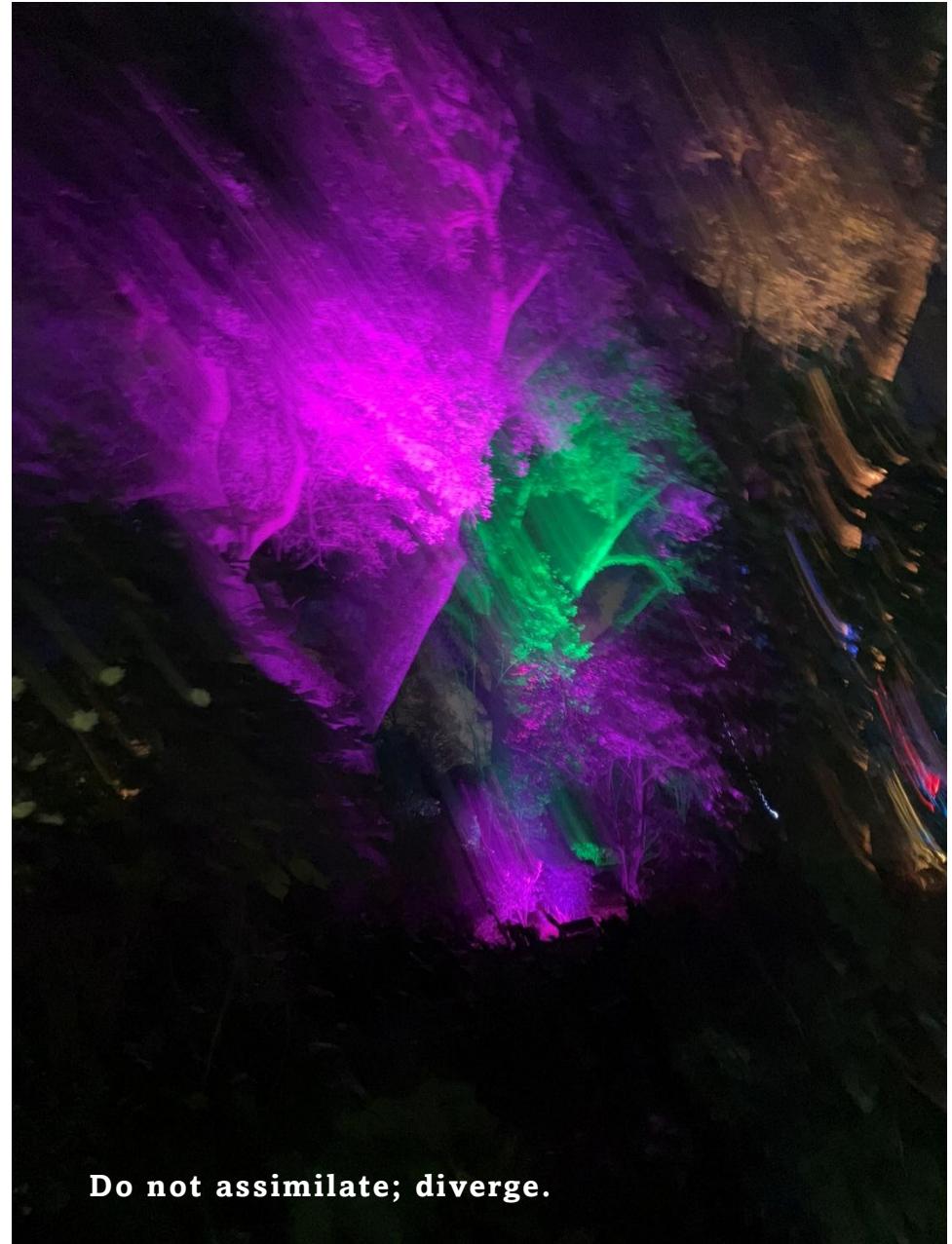


On January 20th, 2025, now also known as “Liberty Day,” our president expressed his intent to make several decisions for our nation by executive order. These orders are not laws and many of the institutions that choose to comply with them are doing so before they are required to. The responsibility to respect and guard each other’s identity, background, and humanity is quickly falling back to our individual selves. **Our friendships should become networks, and our skills should become resources** so that we can survive and blossom in a bleak future. All the diy shows, records, videos, books, and zines that mean so much to us are because of these networks and resources created by individuals like ourselves.



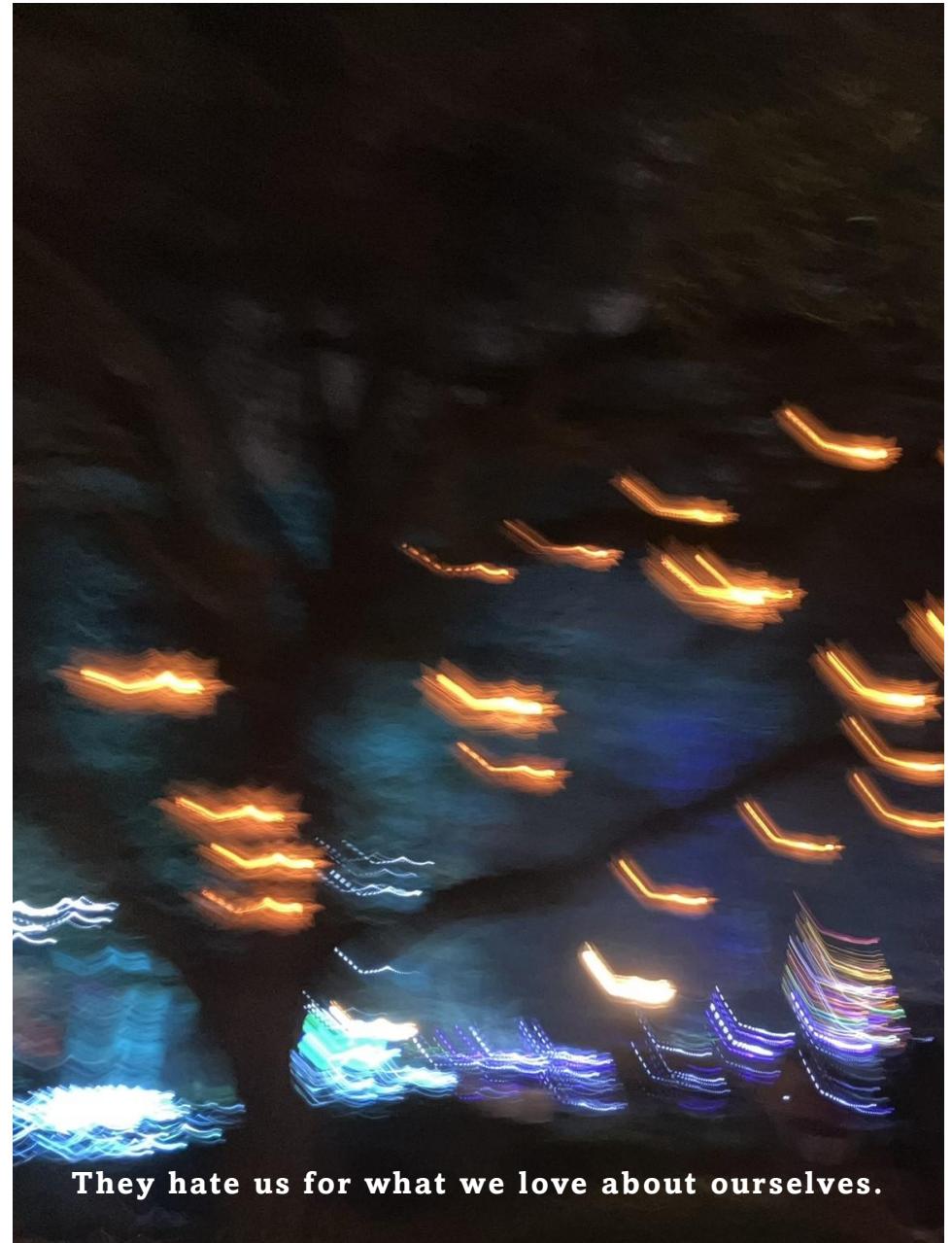
May those who live eternally smile upon us.

Our president said, “I was saved by God to make America great again.” In vanity he invokes a holy name. These Christians do not own access to the spiritual and the divine. We are sacred and we know our own worth.



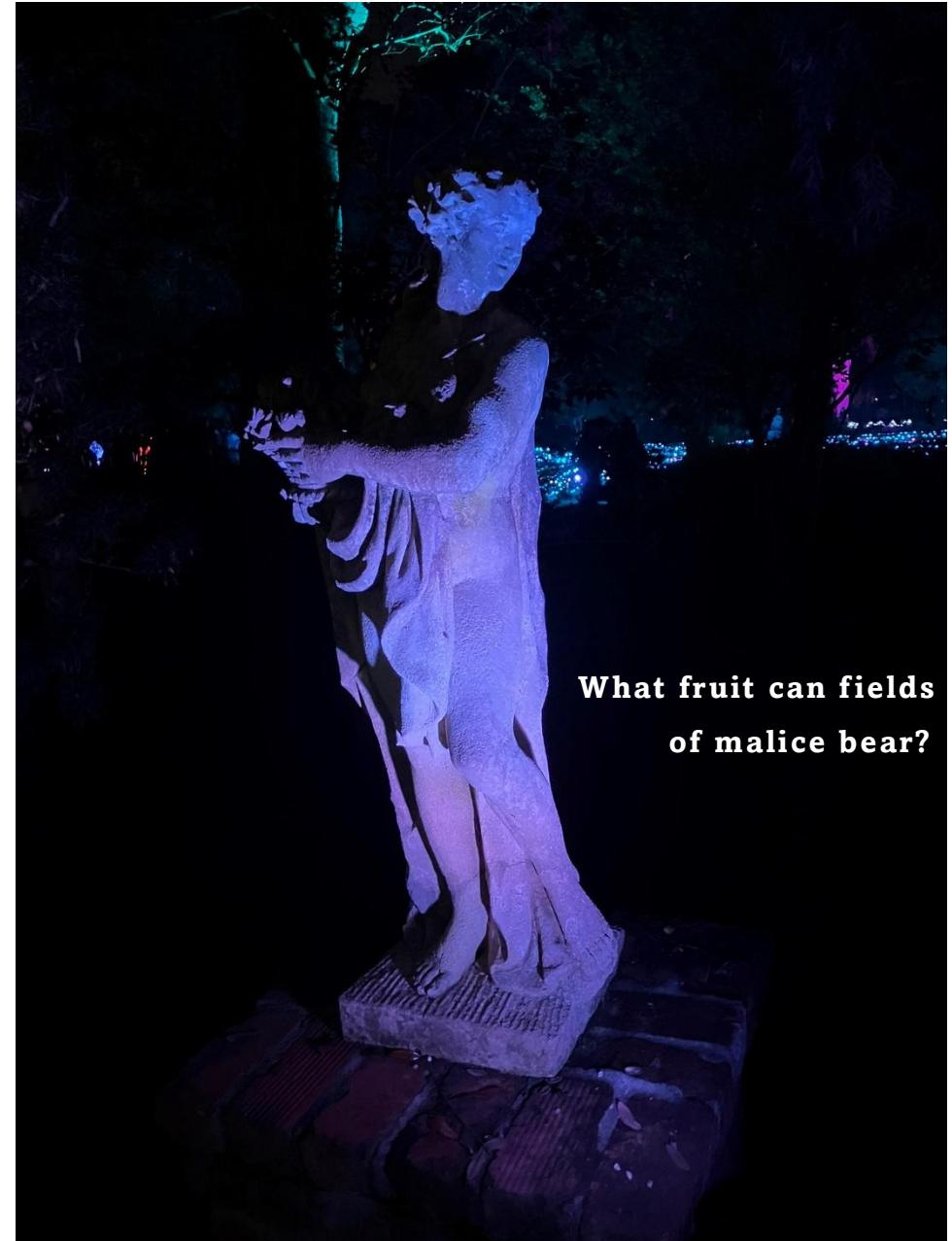
Do not assimilate; diverge.

A “Golden Age” has been declared and these executive orders set the tone for what the future is planned to hold. On this big promise, his supporters place their faith on a goal that has yet to be defined.



They hate us for what we love about ourselves.

Another executive order targets our trans and non-binary peers. It declares that the federal government will only recognize two genders, unchangeable and defined by one's ability to produce a specific reproductive cell. Absurd and cruel, this order functions to destroy any challenge to their belief that gender is binary and assigned at birth.

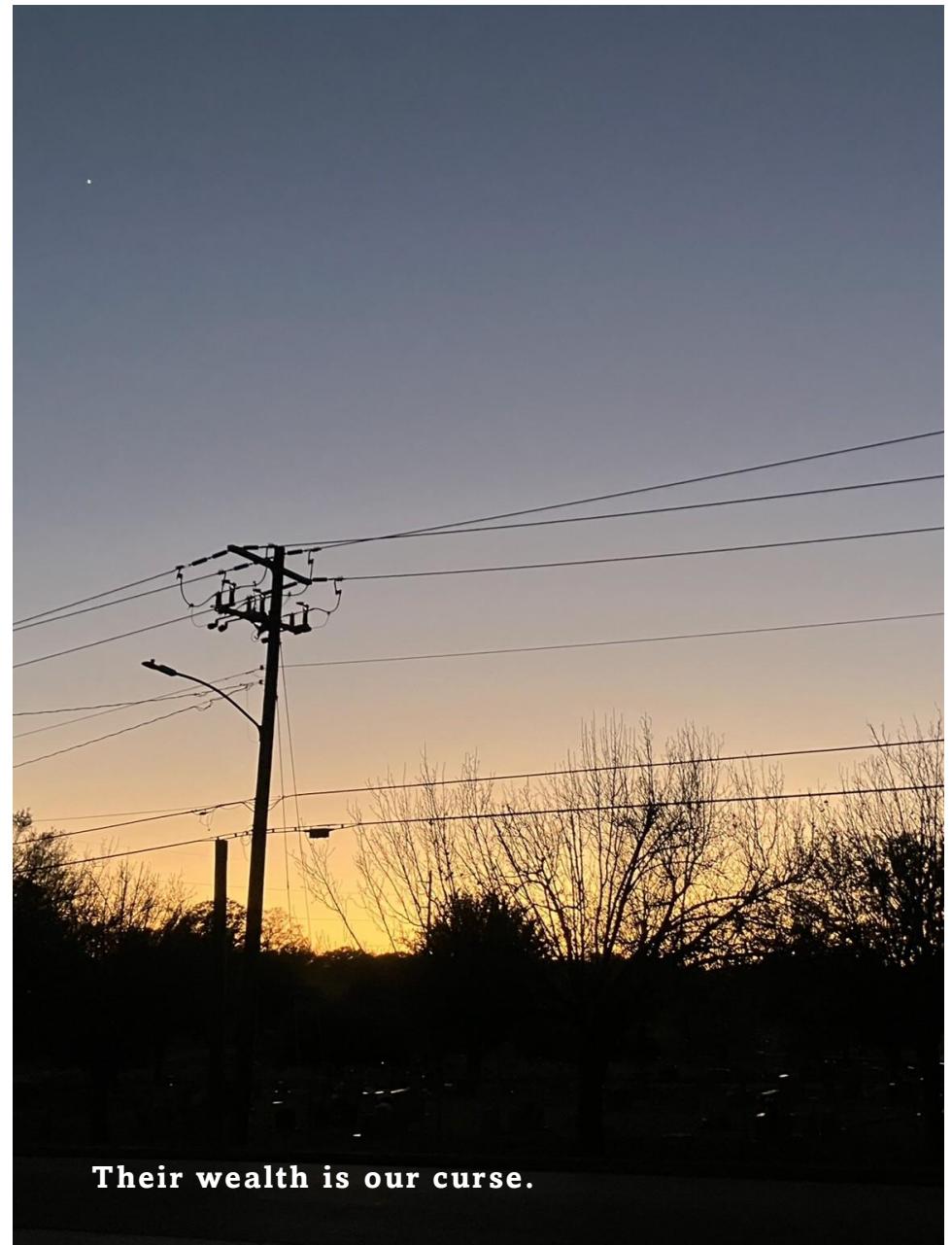


One executive order declares a national energy emergency and aims to undercut regulations around drilling for fossil fuels. These are the fuels which pollute and poison local communities and make the planet an increasingly brutal place to live. They are also inefficient and are often less cost-effective than renewable energy.

I think of my home, Louisiana and of cancer alley, and the resources that have cursed us, the wealth that oil and gas has drained and the poverty and toxicity that remain.



Another executive order hopes to end citizenship by birthright of Americans whose parents are undocumented. This strips the rights of Americans born here and aims to send them to a country they've never seen because of the legal status of their parents.



Their wealth is our curse.

Another executive order declares a national emergency at the Southern border, which aims to authorize the use of the military and national guard to reject migrants and asylum seekers from entering our country. By what right do we deny them safety and freedom when we all live on stolen land built up by stolen people?



There's coldness in these vacant homes the migrant would warm.