that are rampant in this society. But this struggle concerns everyone's freedom, not just the freedom of a "minority." Rather than seeing themselves as "aliens" in someone else’s fight, those who do not identify as trans must nonetheless understand that their own liberation is at stake here, too. For just as the assault on abortion rights did not stop in Texas and Mississippi, anything that the bigots can get away with doing to trans people they will do to other LGBTQ+ people next—and then it will turn out that some heterosexual people aren’t heterosexual enough for them, either.

Finally, this approach is resonant. This framework articulates our aspirations in the same terms that many other oppressed communities and radical movements use. Understanding ourselves as part of a story much bigger than ourselves will help us to interweave our efforts with those of others. It can also help us to draw inspiration and knowledge from other movements across the globe and throughout history.

By shifting the discussion from the limits of rights to the horizon of self-determination, we begin to bring into being a radically different world, in which no authorities—neither governments, religions, nuclear families, nor anything else—can confine us within their narrow visions of who we should be and who we can become.

No judge or politician should be able to dictate how we live our lives. As long as they can control our reproductive options, our bodies and lives will be subject to the shifting winds of politics rather than our own immediate needs and values. Rather than limiting ourselves to calling for better legislators and judges, we need to secure the means to determine what we do with our bodies regardless of what courts or legislators desire.

"Choice" and "rights" are not enough. It's freedom that is at stake here, and it is clear that we can't look to those who were supposed to protect our choices and rights for that.

Concretely, this means setting up networks to help each other obtain the medical care we need, including hormones and abortion access, regardless of the obstacles. It means organizing self-defense groups. It means supporting young people who are organizing autonomously, especially trans and queer kids. It means acting in solidarity with trans and queer people in jails, prisons, and detention centers. It means creating sanctuary spaces for trans and queer people in need, and establishing legal support structures for those who are targeted by the judicial system. It means building communities in which we can can sustain ourselves, look out for each other, and take the offensive against those who intend to harm us.

Together, we can prevent courts, cops, and other bullies from ruining people’s lives—and take a step towards a world in which all are free to fulfill their potential on their own terms.

Against patriarchy and state violence—for anarchy and freedom.

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