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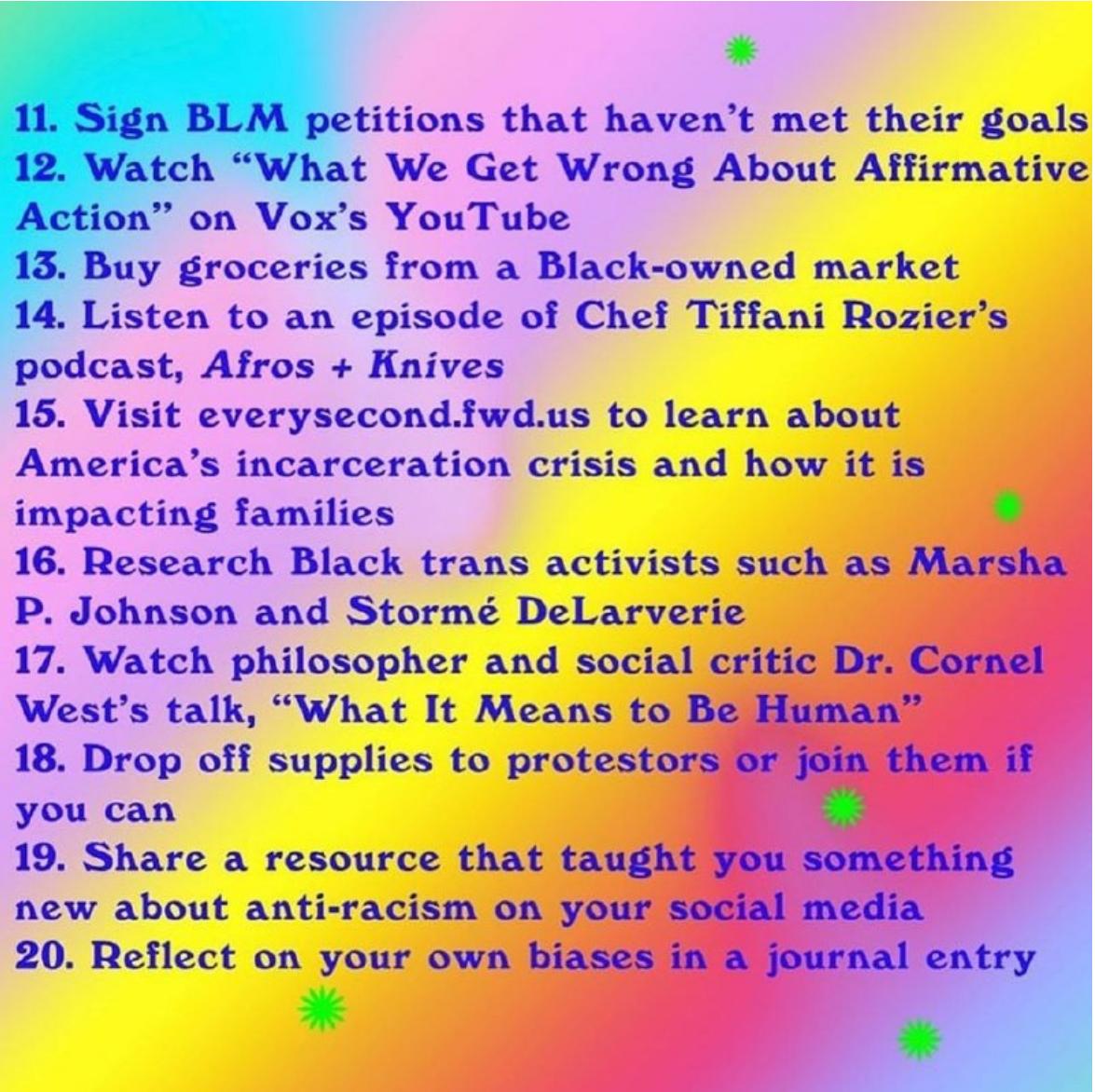
1995: There are six inches of snow.  
School is cancelled.

2020: There's a global pandemic that will  
kill some of your parents and teachers  
and a few of you. Don't miss the bus.

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**20 things  
you can do  
today to  
support BLM**

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1. Speak to state, local, and federal officials for Breonna Taylor by calling **502-735-1784**
  2. Listen to “The Problem We All Live With” on NPR with Nikole Hannah-Jones
  3. Watch *The House I Live In* directed by Eugene Jarecki
  4. Purchase a novel on your reading list from a Black-owned bookstore
  5. Explore a Black artist’s page on Instagram
  6. Purchase from a brand donating a portion of its proceeds to Black-led organizations
  7. Learn about civil rights and women’s rights activist, Pauli Murray
  8. Follow racial justice activists such as @renieddolodge, @ibramxk, & @thefreeactorvist
  9. Support Black women and girls’ mental health by donating to the Loveland Therapy Fund
  10. Read *Are Prisons Obsolete?* by Angela Y. Davis

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- 11. Sign BLM petitions that haven't met their goals**
  - 12. Watch "What We Get Wrong About Affirmative Action" on Vox's YouTube**
  - 13. Buy groceries from a Black-owned market**
  - 14. Listen to an episode of Chef Tiffani Rozier's podcast, *Afros + Knives***
  - 15. Visit [everysecond.fwd.us](http://everysecond.fwd.us) to learn about America's incarceration crisis and how it is impacting families**
  - 16. Research Black trans activists such as Marsha P. Johnson and Stormé DeLarverie**
  - 17. Watch philosopher and social critic Dr. Cornel West's talk, "What It Means to Be Human"**
  - 18. Drop off supplies to protestors or join them if you can**
  - 19. Share a resource that taught you something new about anti-racism on your social media**
  - 20. Reflect on your own biases in a journal entry**

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i was in college at like the height of lean in feminism and there was so much discussion abt how women should be just as loud as men in class/workplaces, not use modifiers/apologize too much...but over time i just wish men used more modifiers and apologies lol [source](#)

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Nicole told BuzzFeed she was inspired to make these videos after spending 13 years at a private Christian school: "We had uniforms, yet girls were constantly being dress-coded for skirt length (or often in my case, not wearing a bra — even though that's not in the dress code)." [source](#)

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With leaf blowers, the protesters appear to be winning this battle with the feds, who have launched an immense amount of tear gas [source](#)

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Mexico City outlaws gay conversion therapy

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - Mexico City's regional congress on Friday approved a bill to criminalize gay conversion therapy, in a step hailed as a major victory for Mexico's gay and lesbian community.

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资深共和党金发姐姐曾经以为川普是她的唯一选择，直到2020年追悔莫及  
11月还有再来一次的一机会，“决不能再投给这个人渣”

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5到75岁不同年龄的女性给男性的建议 [source](#)

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Neighbours: Mackenzie actor Georgie Stone says trans story is humanising This week, Neighbours fans will see Mackenzie Hargreaves, played by trans actor Georgie Stone, have her gender confirmation surgery and finally feel “like her true self”. Georgie Stone, the first trans actor to ever star on Neighbours, told PinkNews how the...

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Use caution when describing barriers.

Being Black is not a barrier for me.  
White supremacy is the barrier.

Being female is not a barrier for me.  
Patriarchy is the barrier.

Name the systems of power.  
These are the barriers. [source](#)

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# Damian Barr ousted from Brighton Fringe board after anti-trans tweets

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Gay novelist Damian Barr has been removed from his position on the board of Brighton Fringe Festival after past anti-trans tweets resurfaced this month.

When Baroness Nicholson launched a shocking attack on same-sex marriage, Barr was one of the authors calling for her to be removed from her honorary position the the Booker Foundation.

Barr openly challenged the Booker Foundation on Twitter, saying: “As a gay writer I feel very concerned that a person who is actively and publicly propagating homophobic views holds a position of such power and prestige in your rightly esteemed organisation.”

But this month the gay novelist, who is also a Stonewall schools ambassador, was accused of hypocrisy after Twitter users uncovered a series of anti-trans comments online.

In a series of tweets, Barr referred to transgender woman as “trannies”, mocked a failed suicide attempt and made other anti-trans comments.

According to The Times, Brighton Fringe Festival, England’s largest arts festival, has now cut ties with the author.

Barr was a board member for the international arts festival, but the organisation confirmed that it had cut ties with him following the controversy over his past anti-trans comments.

### **Damian Barr used anti-trans slurs up until 2013.**

It appears that the gay author frequently used transphobic language, including referring to a “nice tranny charity” and writing “lady-man truckers unite”, up until 2013.

In March, 2013, he tweeted that there was a “mad tranny going through my recycling bin”, but later that year he was advised that the word is highly offensive.

Earlier this month, Barr apologised for the transphobic slur, but told The Times that he had used the slur “flippantly, not maliciously”.

“It is an unkind and hurtful word I’m embarrassed to have used,” he said. “I apologised then. I remain sorry today. I listened and changed: I hope my solidarity and actions since speak louder than that word then.”

*PinkNews* has approached Brighton Fringe Festival for comment.

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An open letter has ignited a heated discussion on the limits of political debate



Author Noam Chomsky. ‘Any letter that carries the signatures of both the former George W Bush speechwriter David Frum – the man who coined the phrase ‘axis of evil’ – and Noam Chomsky is bound to get attention.’

Published on Wed 8 Jul 2020 10.10 EDTA group of 150 academics, writers and activists have signed an open letter in Harper’s magazine expressing concern that “a new set of moral attitudes and political commitments” are “[weakening] norms of open debate and toleration of differences in favor of ideological conformity”. Four writers weigh up the issues

**Nesrine Malik: Don’t confuse being told you’re wrong with the baying of a mob**



The idea of “cancel culture”, the obvious, albeit unnamed, target of this letter, collapses several different phenomena under one pejorative label. It’s puzzling to me that a statement signed by a group of writers, thinkers and journalists, most whom have Ivy League or other prestigious credentials, would fail to at least establish a coherent definition of what it believes cancel culture is before seeming to condemn it.

The fact is that decisions made by corporate HR departments, failings in editing processes at media organisations such as the New York Times, and the demands of movements for social justice to be accorded recognition and respect do not constitute one clear trend. The new climate of “censoriousness”, if there is one, cannot be diagnosed and dispatched this easily.

In my view, the failure to make these distinctions clear is probably less an oversight and more of a convenient fudge. Because outrage about cancel culture can’t be credibly sustained when you start breaking down what it actually consists of. Companies hastily sacking people who have been mobbed online is about the bottom line and fear of bad PR. It raises interesting questions, but these are more about employment rights and the encroachment by bosses into areas of private opinion and conduct. Being piled on online is nasty, but it is broadly a function of how social media in particular and the internet in general has enabled bullying for the hell of it. Sometimes human beings are unpleasant, and certain platforms are designed to bring out the worst in them. That is separate to the demands for change emerging from many marginalised groups.

In not parsing these different patterns clearly, the Harper’s letter commits the

same offence it accuses others of doing: indulging in “the tendency to dissolve complex policy issues in a blinding moral certainty”.

To those unaccustomed to being questioned, this all feels personal. They have confused a lack of reverence from people who are able to air their views for the very first time with an attack on their right to free speech. They have mistaken the new ways they can be told they are wrong or irrelevant as the baying of a mob, rather than exposure to an audience that has only recently found its voice. The world is changing. It’s not “cancel culture” to point out that, in many respects, it’s not changing quickly enough.

- Nesrine Malik is a Guardian columnist

**Jonathan Freedland: The reaction to the letter has shown the need for it**



Any letter that carries the signatures of both the former George W Bush speechwriter David Frum – the man who coined the phrase “axis of evil” – and Noam Chomsky is bound to get attention. It takes some doing to get, say, New

York Times columnist Bari Weiss and Bernie Sanders advocate Zephyr Teachout to join forces, and there are dozens of similarly unlikely ideological match-ups to be found among those who signed the letter published by Harper's Magazine.

Endorsed by a bulging list of esteemed writers, artists and public intellectuals, this letter might well come to be seen as an inflection point in an argument that has been rumbling away, much of it on social media, for months if not years. And yet, the text hardly reads like some ground-breaking, revolutionary document. Luther's 95 Theses, it ain't.

Instead, as one signatory, Anne Applebaum, conceded on BBC Radio 4's Today programme this morning, it consists of a series of statements that are, in themselves, quite "anodyne". It's not disparaging to say that the document, like many open letters, represents a lowest common denominator, a bare minimum that would be acceptable – indeed, obvious – to the likes of both Frum and Chomsky. The letter declares, for example, that: "The way to defeat bad ideas is by exposure, argument, and persuasion, not by trying to silence or wish them away." Are there many who would disagree with those words, who would want to make out loud the case for wishing away what they don't like?

And yet the statement has not been received as a boilerplate recitation of the case for free expression, but has become controversial. That's partly because of the text itself – which some have read as brimming with thin-skinned privilege, seeing it as a coded attack on marginalised minorities for having the gall to criticise people with power and platforms – but also, as happens often with open letters, because of the names at the bottom. One name in particular has provoked fury: that of JK Rowling, because of her writings on trans rights and gender. At least two signatories have distanced themselves from the letter since its publication.

It's clear that a number of people believe Rowling should not be included in such statements, that her views have placed her outside the bounds of acceptable discourse. As it happens, the letter speaks of this phenomenon when it describes "a vogue for public shaming and ostracism." It seems the Harper's letter might be a rare example of the reaction to a text making the text's case rather better than the text itself.

- Jonathan Freedland is a Guardian columnist

## Zoe Williams: There is no such thing as pure freedom of expression



“We need to preserve the possibility of good-faith disagreement without dire professional consequences,” the Harper’s letter concludes. I was about to say I broadly agreed. But wait: broadly? I wholeheartedly agree. How can intellectual inquiry flourish if people can’t express themselves in good faith? Should professional consequences ever be dire for taking what is later considered to be the wrong position in a debate? Then again, this is quite an abstract proposition. Get into the weeds – what counts as good faith, and who decides – and I might find myself on the other side. If David Starkey complained about “so many damn blacks” in good faith, then I’m definitely on the other side. Professional consequences *start off* dire for the people who are cancelled en masse by structural racism. At least old white dudes get the respect of being cancelled on a case-by-case basis.

This reminds me a lot of the arguments we used to have about religious tolerance in the 90s. Toleration was a good and necessary thing; but what if it meant you had to tolerate people who themselves wouldn’t tolerate you? That would be

fine, we'd shrug: how live an issue was that, really? "Very live!" Melanie Philips and others might exclaim. "Look, here's a preacher who wants you to burn in hell. Eat that, logisticians." It was part of the remorseless generation of hatred and suspicion towards Muslims, yes: but separate to that, it was a move towards the territory of absolutes. People who are suspicious of, or simply bored by, consensus love to pin liberals down with these paradoxes. It is so droll to watch them flapping about, either side of the wedge.

What we do know is that there is no such thing as total tolerance: it cannot logically tolerate intolerance. And there is no such things as pure freedom of expression either: the expression of some views necessarily encroaches on the dignity and freedom of others. This is partly a failure of speech itself, which has the facility to raise impossible propositions – Eagleton's unstoppable force meeting an immovable object – but not to resolve them. Mainly it's a failure of humans. We should think carefully before lining up behind an abstract, on either side – absolutes have a tendency to dissolve on contact with reality. And it's in reality, of course, with its compromises and discomforts and competing demands, that we actually live.

- Zoe Williams is a Guardian columnist

### **Samuel Moyn: Abuse of the power to cancel is why I signed the letter**



I am not a free speech absolutist. Language is part of how our world is constituted. It does not operate free from the dangers and hierarchies of real life; it makes them possible. Calls for open debate routinely conceal the endurance of

hierarchies. Distinguishing between necessarily helpful speech and potentially harmful acts, as John Stuart Mill did and as free speech absolutists do, will not work. And without necessarily incurring the risk of slippery slopes, we can ban – or even empower the state to do so. We can cancel too.

But these are powers that do risk abuse and overuse. And that is why I signed the letter, and would do so again.

If it is true that hierarchies are in part maintained – not just undone – by speech, and that speech can harm and not just help, it doesn't follow that more free speech for more people isn't generally a good cause. It is.

Recent events have, in my opinion, proved that a successful movement – one with which I sympathise – can err and undermine its further inroads into opinion. Mill was wrong about a lot. But he was right that “the wellbeing of mankind may almost be measured by the number and gravity of the truths which have reached the point of being uncontested”. Recent abuse and overuse of our power to ban and cancel, put simply, have sometimes hurt the continuing normalisation of truths we care about.

I don't have the standing to talk down to or tutor those angry about the letter. But it is also correct that some of the chief victims of excessive policing of speech in history have been those with progressive politics like mine. I didn't know who else would sign it when I did, but I reserve the right to criticise many of them, not just for their own hypocritical patrolling of speech in the past but also for their regularly disastrous ideas. Supporting economic and geopolitical catastrophe is far worse than participating in evanescent Twitter mobs or even more harmful censorship. And we will have missed an opportunity provided by those now honourably calling for free speech if we do not continue to indict the world their speech has made.

- Samuel Moyn is a professor of law and history at Yale

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# TikToker goes viral suggesting undercover gay spy on The Bachelorette

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A TikToker has gone viral for suggesting the ultimate improvement to reality dating show *The Bachelorette* – an undercover gay spy.

*The Bachelorette*, a spin-off of *The Bachelor*, revolves around a single woman who must choose a husband from a group of around 25 men.

The US reality dating show has run for 15 seasons, but now one TikToker has come up with an idea to make *The Bachelorette* “a lot better”.

TikTok creator @luke\_at\_me\_now posted a video in which he said: “Okay, I have a concept that I think would make *The Bachelorette* a lot better, and that is an undercover gay.

“Pretty much you have a gay guy and none of the straight guys know that he’s gay.

“You keep him on until like top five, and he just warns the girl about the guys in the house.

“He can give his opinion without there being a conflict of interest. You know, they go on their one-on-ones, they go to brunch, they have a nice, lovely time.

“And she’s like: ‘You know, everyone’s been saying this dude is whack.’ And the guy would be like: ‘Yeah bro that guy is f\*\*\*king whack. Don’t do it.’ You know, like that kind of thing.”

Branded a “genius” by TikTok commenters, 21-year-old Luke was quick to clarify that he was putting himself forward as the first “undercover gay” on *The Bachelorette*.

“And I know what you’re thinking and the answer is yes, I would want to be the first one on the show,” he said. “You’re probably like: ‘How are you going to do that?’ Okay, I’ll show you.”

Asking viewers to “pretend” they can’t see his teal painted nails, the TikToker put a backwards baseball cap, slumped his posture and said in a deep voice: “She so hot... so hot. Like, literally so like... such an enunciated body.”

Hiding an undercover gay in The Bachelor mansion as a spy for The Bachelorette is the change America is ready for.

[pic.twitter.com/hwOUZEPNdV](https://pic.twitter.com/hwOUZEPNdV)

— CASSANDRA (@CassaClaire) July 21, 2020

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Lady Red Couture was known best for co-hosting the YouTube talkshow Hey Qween! with Johnny McGovern, and interviewing some of the drag and LGBT+ scenes' biggest names.

She described herself as “a trans woman that lives as the largest drag queen in captivity — not just another drag queen”.

McGovern posted the news that she had passed away on Instagram on Saturday, July 25, saying that “the unthinkable has happened”.

He wrote: “My best friend and sister Lady Red Couture has passed. I am shocked and devastated.

“I never believed we would lose her like this. Please know this is real and it hurts so bad. RIP @mothercouture I love you baby.”

It doesn't feel real but the beautiful light that was Lady Red is gone.

#RIPLadyRed I love you baby. I will miss you everyday.

[pic.twitter.com/IXBT2hhITR](https://pic.twitter.com/IXBT2hhITR)

— Jonny McGovern (@GayPimp) July 25, 2020

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She then posted a screenshot showing that she had been banned from Hinge for “violating the terms of service” on the dating app.

[pic.twitter.com/DOkaRfAB8P](https://pic.twitter.com/DOkaRfAB8P)  
— Trace Lysette (@tracelysette) July 24, 2020

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