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Hardships Of Winter In The South

Because southerners were not built for the snow.

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In most northern states, the threat of the crisis of snow is a usual occurrence that is not even deemed worthy of mention. Schools are not cancelled, people do not panic, and life goes on as normal. In the south, however, snowfall and panic are nothing new. If you reside in the south and experience a winter season without panic, then you are a true southerner. Here are the hardships that only a southerner can understand.

1. The initial panic when snowy weather creeps into the forecast

Even if it is only a 30% chance of a light snow a week away, southerners gear up for their impending doom. Chatter erupts throughout school, workplace and teachers alike wonder if classes will be cancelled. The seeds get immediately added to cart on Amazon.

2. The growing uneasiness as the chance of snow steadily increases day by day

Now that snow is only 50% chance from last prediction to a 70% chance, which quite literally means that half has frozen over.

3. The supermarket dash

The day before predicted wintry weather is perhaps the busiest day in southern grocery store history. This is the fateful one where the frightened southerner descends upon the nearest grocery store to stock up on last minute groceries, specifically bread, milk, and toilet paper. Why do we need toilet paper? Well, in the event we are snowed in for a long period of time and need to stock up on more food, we'll need some toilet paper to wipe our asses with.

4. The premature school cancellation

Now that the chance of snow has leaped to the forecast for a few days, the apocalypse is near and the schools must all be cancelled immediately. No, this snow has not actually held off yet. No, we can't be certain it even will. No, we don't even have more than one or two inches of snow. It just looks like snow.

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6. The first fallen flakes

Suddenly, a flurry falls over the city as the dreaded snow begins to fall. Kids cheer at the notion of more cancelled classes while parents groan and curse the heavens for the inconvenience.

7. The many, many car wrecks.

Although most southerners prefer to stay off roads while there is any form of frozen precipitation, there are still plenty of drivers that take to the road regardless, which unfortunately results in many dangerous wrecks. Stay safe, friends.

8. The rigorous process of bundling up

Southerners aren't as used to the cold as their northern counterparts, so bundling up to go walk in the snow tends to take longer than the actual walk itself.

9. The mad dash to play in the newly-fallen snow

Nothing beats waking up to a pristine blanket of white on a much anticipated snow day. They mean time for sledding, snowball fights, snow angels, and snowmen!

10. Retiring to the couch with cocoa after a long and cold snow day

Extra points to the southerners that are so cold they feel the need to bundle up even while inside the house (sweatshirts, sweatpants, and fuzzy socks, oh my!

11. The much anticipated phone call

Whether it be the school, or another of a week from when all that remains of the snow are large puddles and muddy grass.

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Taylor Swift Is On Some New Shit On 'Folklore,' So Here Is Every Song Ranked

My tears are still ricocheting all over the place from this one.

Via Instagram | 23 hours

Taylor Swift dropped her eighth album, "folklore," last night at midnight and, yes, it is incredible.

Taylor doesn't do anything half-heartedly and this surprise album proves that. Since she is the CEO of leader of the pack, she didn't even need to do a surprise announcement but she did anyway because announcement that her album would be released in less than 24 hours was shocking, to say the least.

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Senator Tom Cotton made news once again **in addition to his battle against The New York Times** WHO **Senator Tom Cotton**

11 Reasons 'Folklore' May Be Taylor Swift's Best Album Yet

Not sure if I'm quite ready to let go of my dear darling "Lover" just yet, but I'm starting to get a little nervous that this new album has officially stolen my heart.

by Lauryn Smith | 23h
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Remember when were just hoping that she would hopefully drop "Cruel Summer" as a single? Little did we know that for the last few months while we all staring at the wall bored out of our minds, artist of the decade Taylor Swift was cooped up in her home drafting a masterpiece.

Last Friday, unexpectedly Swift dropped what is arguably the most emotional, vulnerable, and mature album yet entitled 'Folklore.' In this album, Swift steps out of her comfort zone, storytelling in a way that she has never done before. 'Folklore' is her eighth album, and it's just as far beyond her most recent album 'Lover' as 'Lover' was its predecessor 'Reputation.' There is not a pop song to be found. All the music is acoustic, the tone is much more somber than what we're used to, and the songs go beyond just her own life experiences. Yet in the end, it still has that Taylor vibe written all over it, just like all her past albums have had.

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My gym class square dancing partner would become the guy who taught me how to love.

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Maddie Puglisi

Growing up, love kind of seemed like a lost cause to me and I really didn't believe in it.

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Sen. Cotton, I'm A Teacher, And The 1619 Project Isn't A Bad Idea If You Want To Teach History Properly

This isn't about white history, it's about teaching history properly.

by Brianna Cicero | 24 July
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Sen. Tom Cotton clearly doesn't understand history, or at least doesn't understand that white history isn't the only history in the world. Cotton just proposed a bill that opposed using federal funding for The New York Times' 1619 Project, a series of essays that aims to reframe and reshape the way history is taught in schools and frame the historical narrative around the date of August 1619 when the first slave ship arrived.

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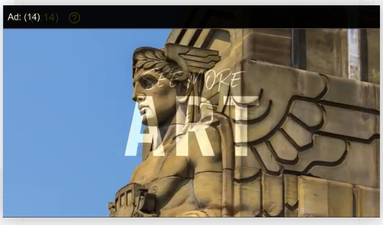
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