



Letters to the Editor

Rioting for Revolution

“Let the rioters riot” is the cry, because violence for the sake of social justice is justified. Let the riot run its course, as some sort of influenza, or just consider it a natural disaster, an act of God if you will. These and the widespread calls to purge the police through defunding are reminiscent of the Red Guard movement under Mao Tse-tung. The death toll of the Cultural Revolution was from hundreds of thousands to 20 million. The Red Guards, who at their height were 11 million strong, were out to destroy the Four Olds: Old Customs, Old Culture, Old Habits, and Old Ideas. People were encouraged to criticize cultural institutions. As the Red Guards were released, they subsequently renamed streets with such titles as Worker-Peasant-Soldier Park and Great Leap Forward Road, just as our streets are being renamed in America. China’s historical sites suffered devastating damage; much of China’s thousands of years of history was in effect destroyed. Mao ordered the party and the army not to suppress the movement. It quickly became evident that unbridled violence represented officially sanctioned mass behavior, for neither police nor soldiers came to the help of those whom the Red Guards attacked. The widespread factional attempts made to attack and occupy suburban schools led to constructing defenses and sealing off the entrances, just as our riots have taken sections of cities. This was to produce a new Chinese man devoted to Mao’s conception — one of continuing struggle and collective enthusiasm. By revolution we are preparing subsequent generations to riot, not for justice, but to instill in their minds the socialist stratagems of Marxism-Leninism.

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COVID Discrimination

It is peculiar that in a country enamored with righting the wrongs of social injustices there is a deafening silence on the discriminatory practices of COVID vaccine passports. Requiring proof of vaccine status for the acquisition of services, free movement, and just treatment, is incredibly illiberal and regressive.

It is so often assumed, wrongly, that history is fixed and that some of the most disgusting and distorted happenings in human history are not repeatable. And yet the path we forge forward on is resembling times in which large segments of peoples deemed unfit, sick, and less-than-ideal due to their race, ethnicity, and national origin were led to extermination sites after ubiquitous propaganda that relegated these segments of peoples to inferior positions for which they became subservient.

As a graduate student at Michigan State University who has been forthright in my declination of acquiring immunization, I find it preposterous that I would have to wait apprehensively while out-of-touch administrators debate requiring me to acquire vaccination in order to return to campus. Similar to my situation, so many individuals around the state are being coerced to acquire vaccination or risk losing their educational status, career status, and, more broadly, their social standing. This is a very dark and concerning path that must be fought back against.

Thankfully, a Michigan legislator named Sue Allor introduced House Bill 4667, which would prohibit government entities from utilizing vaccine passports for the acquisition of services, free movement, and



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more. Currently, at the time of my writing this, the bill has moved successfully through the Michigan House of Representatives and is now being deliberated on in the Health Policy and Human Services committee in the Michigan Senate. I implore Michigan residents to reach out to committee members and their elected senators to support House Bill 4667. Vulnerable peoples, and those who might not be deemed vulnerable now but would become vulnerable, depend on this legislation that would safeguard them from discrimination.

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