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## FOREWORD

After the election of Donald J. Trump in November 2016 and following his subsequent inauguration in January 2017, a group of poets and activists conceived of a project wherein we could respond to the sudden and seemingly relentless barrage of Trump's dystopian executive orders with a series of our own orders—at times serious, lampooning, absurdist, sincere, satirical, utopian, and so on.

The project, titled "Executive Orders," was envisioned as a collaborative, freeform, prose poem that would unfold real-time responses to current events and the U.S. socio-political scape. We began the project on Google Docs (where active writing on the project continues), imagining that we would publish the project at various points in time, in an effort to further disseminate the work, draw in new collaborators, and document the project in various states as it continued to expand and evolve.

The first volume of Executive Orders was composed online between Jan. 24, 2017 and Feb. 9, 2017, and was then published by The Organism for Poetic Research as a staple-bound zine in an edition of 50 copies. It had 15 contributors and was 43 pages long.

While VOLUME 1 captured the document in the state it had reached as of Feb. 9, 2017, the Google Doc remained (and still remains) a continuous working space. The second volume, which you now hold in your hands, was composed between Jan. 24, 2017 and Dec. 28, 2017 and contains all that was in this first volume, with additions and revisions. It results from the contributions of more than 50 authors and collaboration between the Organism for Poetic Research and the Operating System. Our small press collaboration goes beyond a traditional co-publishing model and involved organizing and hosting an open writing session at the main branch of the Brooklyn Public Library on November 4, 2017 wherein we solicited orders from library patrons and passersby outside the library.

As this project is ongoing, and as we plan to publish new editions in the future, you are roundly invited to contribute to the text below. Your orders may be sent to the OPR to be added to the doc by an editor. You may also write to request access to edit the Google Doc directly. The Organism for Poetic Research can be reached in the following ways:

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In fact, we would add that "doubling up" or repeating orders might be an important response to the perpetual assault on "we, the people" by the ranks of our government. Even if it seems like everything has been said, it is so far from the truth, which is really that everything remains to be said, and said again and again and again. Anyway, as Gertrude Stein says, there's no such thing as repeating as long as you're living, so don't even worry about it.

If you are interested in the actual language of the executive order, you can find full text for all orders since 1994 here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/executive-orders>

A PDF of the first volume of Executive Orders can be found on the OPR's website at: <http://organismforpoeticresearch.org/executive-orders/>.

Following the list of orders is a "Postscript" pointing to political actions you might take and donations you might make; feel encouraged to contribute to these organizations and to contribute to that list as well.

Thank you for your orders!

We will see that they take effect.

The Organism for Poetic Research  
and  
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By the authority vested in us as the People by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, we hereby order the immediate impeachment of the usurper  
Donald J. Trump

By the power of our bodies for our bodies, we acknowledge every citizen's right to health care, which shall be provided equally and to all

We decree henceforth an end to bigotry and to the disenfranchisement of millions

We declare the immediate closure of the detention "camp" at Guantánamo Bay

Likewise, for the Metropolitan "Correctional" Center in Manhattan,  
reputedly worse than Guantánamo

Likewise, for the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn,  
hole of darkness and assault

We call for an immediate ban of plastic, cars, malls, big box stores, and Facebook

We mandate that all National Parks employees use their Twitter accounts for POETRY  
ONLY!

We declare that science is poetry!





By the power drizzled over our persons by the Great Spaghetti Monster  
(who created the earth with his noodly appendage) we order breadsticks

By the fleece vested in us, we order a freezer cake

By the vespers, we hereby declare an end to greed, manipulation,  
malice, the love of power and dominion

We believe that the abatement of these several qualities, in so many of the population  
of the United States, and particularly in the rank(nes) of its government, will serve  
the national interest

Accordingly, pursuant to our purslane, we shall eat salad

Let it be known that corporations are not, have never been, and never will be people

We unequivocally declare: domestic abuse is terrorism

As the United States is a nation predicated on theft, genocide, slavery, and the  
systematic oppression of specific groups of people, we order reparations for those who  
are historically and currently disenfranchised

The form reparations take shall be decided by those to whom they're due

We do not object to the complete reinvention of this society as the minimum threshold  
for reparations

We positively beg for it

We declare that America is Mexico again





We decree the taco trucks on every corner

That the separation of television and state be re-executed & reinforced

That the capitol shall be moved to the city of Flint, Michigan

Whatever Flint's drinking, our elected representatives are drinking

By the authority granted to our mouths by our larynxes, we hereby publish an end to  
all guns, bombs, drones, missiles, tanks, explosives, chemical weapons, gasses, pepper  
sprays, billy clubs, water cannons, grenades, mines, riot gear, cops, the military, bullies,  
shooters, terror, hate crimes, sieges, air strikes, battles, and war  
(declared or undeclared)

We declare an end to the military industrial complex

“I lift my voice aloud,  
make Mantra of American language now,  
I here declare the end of the War!  
Ancient days' Illusion!—  
and pronounce words beginning my own millennium.”

The Department of Defense shall be reclassified as a research only institution

Primary research goals of the new Department of Defense will include public health,  
climate change, and poetry

In an attempt to discourage the capitalist takeover of scientific thought, priority in  
funding will be given to basic science over applied science

In an attempt to counterbalance the long history of discriminatory practices against  
women in science, and the gender disparities that persist in scientific endeavors to  
this day, priority in funding will be given to grant applications submitted by principal  
investigators who identify as female

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We declare all residents of the United States of America to be eligible for immediate and full citizenship

We further issue an invitation to all refugees, migrants, and immigrants who choose to come here, in particular we invite the current citizens and residents of Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, and Sudan to travel to the United States and remain here as long as they wish, enjoying the full rights of citizens

We further invite all the children of Iraq, Iran, Syria, Libya, Somalia, and Sudan to tea at the White House

The White House shall be transformed into a giant ball pit (the fun kind, as opposed to the giant ball pit it currently is)

By the power vested in us by the earth itself we declare the end of factory farming

Experiential learning courses in compassion and civic responsibility will immediately be implemented in all schools and workplaces

We demand that everyone just be cool for a second!

As permanent residents of the United States of America, we assume the right to vote in local, state, and federal elections

We further declare that “voter fraud” is a fraud

That deportation is kidnapping

That movement and migration are the inalienable rights of all living creatures

That these rights do not extend to colonizers and gentrifiers





Neither do they extend to corporations and currencies

That we shall not be evicted from our homes and dwellings

Let these homes and dwellings be defined both as structures and the complex sites that  
arise around them

That We dwell in Possibility (though some are forced to dwell in probability)

That Landlords shall return to their place among the Lobsterpeople

“Let the States tremble,  
let the nation weep,  
let Congress legislate its own delight,  
let the President execute [her] own desire—  
this Act done by my own voice,  
nameless Mystery—  
published to my own senses,  
blissfully received by my own form  
approved with pleasure by my sensations  
manifestation of my very thought  
accomplished in my own imagination  
all realms within my consciousness fulfilled”

The union of the seer and the Seen  
I, ME, MINE  
is a sentience  
Representing the union  
Of the owner and his property

“Eial for those who never invented anything  
for those who never explored anything  
for those who never conquered anything”

We decree a complete divestment from fossil fuels





2018 will be the first zero carbon emissions year in the history of the United States

All pipeline construction shall be terminated, effective immediately

Existing pipelines shall be dismantled and transported to Mar-a-Lago, where they will be repurposed as water slides for our new National Water Park

“Maybe the future USA should decide their presidency by having a soap-bubble contest”

Childcare shall be provided by the state at no cost to parents

Children shall be empowered to design their own school curriculum

Farmers, herbalists, plumbers, nutritionists, truck drivers, massage therapists, carry-out workers, and acupuncturists shall be well-compensated and respected

Mass public transit systems will be radically expanded

Highway systems will be subdivided, while half the lanes will be fully separated and reserved for non-motorized vehicles

In all cities, bike lanes will be doubled in size, multiplied exponentially, and fully separated from car lanes and pedestrian areas

A series of well-maintained hiking trails will crisscross the United States

We announce that musicians, artists, and writers will be paid for their work!



Money is abolished!

Since the usurper Donald J. Trump built the mirrored walls along our Northern and Southern borders, Americans have become lost in a country reflected into an exceptional infinity. We declare an end to the American funhouse and order the demolition of the mirrored walls

...after one last nation-wide dance party!

By our electrical powers, we hereby decree an end to homelessness, shit jobs, depressing nursing homes, depressing hospitals, boring schools, crappy supermarkets, shitty food, and sweatshop labor

Furthermore, we order a ban on disposable bullshit, plastic bags, toxic crap, musak, tract homes, gated communities, the suburbs, SUVs, hunger, and malnutrition, especially of the electrical soul

Everyone must  
say hello to  
four new people  
every week

Everyone must come to the library!

By our prowess, let it be known that no one shall ever even think about questioning a woman's right to make decisions about her own body

Ditto a person's right to use the restroom of his, her, or their own choosing

To protect our communities and better facilitate the gorgeous, borderless expanse, we mandate all buildings become wheelchair accessible. Less work culture, easier access to medication, more audio recordings, more ASL interpreters, more community healthcare, more resources to caregivers, more large print & braille



And that the basic economic unit will be that of care and nurturing, that no executive or worker will receive greater comfort or compensation in any form than those among us who wipe shit and drool, who clean, feed, clothe and live in intimate service to the vulnerable

We hereby declare:

Our sex-positive culture feels really good

More pleasure

Room for dessert

Anyone can walk down the street free of suggestion

What is a police state?

Banks are credit unions

Children are children

Actually, it is rocket science

Actually, there is, also, science, and we should pay attention

Climate change is real

Actually, polar bears are a valuable resource







Bees are a powerful resource

There is no “primitive” and this isn’t “civilized” or “modern” in comparison to something less “evolved” that happened “before” or is happening in another world you call the 3rd, which is, actually, quite more evolved than you

The people will be everyone, and everyone will be everybody

There will be infinite leisure for all

There will be spontaneous combustion

There will be spontaneous combustion of shit-heads

There will be food, good health, long life, and joy for all

Mental illness bears no stigma

That we abolish the nation and nationalism

All borders are open for all time

Leave them in a better state than when you found them

Everyone is free

Everything is free



To acknowledge that we are guests on this land

That we roll out of bed from the never-ending, mediated waking and live our awareness

For a soft architecture made of un-noble materials

There will be a communal garden

Eat medicine from roots and trees

“So everyone is here”

Reporting. There will be a blooming mushroom for President. Except as otherwise provided in this disorder, the Secretary and the Attorney General will consist of different kinds of mushrooms and each mushroom will seep and submit to the world a report on the spores of the directives contained in this disorder within 90 days of the date of this disorder and again within 180 days of the date of this disorder

Here's the ingredients list:

- Enriched corn meal (corn meal, ferrous sulfate, niacin, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid)
  - Vegetable oil (corn, canola, and/or sunflower)
- Cheese seasoning (whey, cheddar cheese [milk, cheese cultures, salt, enzymes], canola oil, maltodextrin [made from corn], salt, whey protein concentrate, monosodium glutamate, natural and artificial flavors, lactic acid, citric acid, artificial color [yellow 6])
  - Salt

Birdseed will not be forsaken. Crepey skin will move at the pace it wants to. Defects in the glass-making process will be given away as wabi-sabi charms. Big muscles will be used as paperweights and noses for sex in the dark

Henceforth, all food and beverage establishments (restaurants, delis, etc.) across the country must compost and recycle ALL of their waste





We demand:

For food to be spread around fairly

Summer all year long

That all vehicles in the United States must run on renewable energy by 2030

“ANY CONGRESS MUST WORK ON THE PRINCIPLE OF THE ARCHIMEDES  
SCREW  
LOWER THE BIRTH AGE.  
I SAID, “LOWER THE BIRTH AGE”

We decree the following national holidays:

- Refugee Celebration and Support Day (April 15)
- Chinese Exclusion Act Day of Remembrance/National Day of Immigrant Appreciation (May 6)
- Marsha P. Johnson Trans & Queer & Gender Non-Conforming Pride in Resistance Day (June 28)
- June Jordan Day of Poetry In the Streets (July 9)
- Howard Zinn Day (August 24; first day of the school year, to be spent in the study of American resistance movements)
- National Day of Mourning for Those Killed By National and International US Security Forces (September 11)
  - Gloria Anzaldúa Day of Queer Love (September 29)
- Fred Hampton Memorial Day of Direct Action Against White Supremacy (December 4)
  - Day of Puerto Rican Liberation and Recognition (TBD)
- Frederick Douglass Day Where We Remember Who Frederick Douglass Is (February 1)
  - President’s Day (April 1)

We further decree:

Ignorance and vampirism are hereby abolished

The seas will be lemonade





Dolphins will sing us to sleep

Organisms will dissolve and reconstitute at will

Purple rain

No more deaths

No more crying over me

The oceans will envelope us all and we will spontaneously produce gills

Your favorite stuffed animal will be Cactus-in-Chief

Though it's always been fucked, it will now be unfucked

Frederick Douglass is getting more and more recognized

Rosa Luxemburg is getting more and more recognized

Audre Lorde is getting more and more recognized

Frantz Fanon is getting more and more recognized

Eve Sedgwick is getting more and more recognized

Pedro Pietri is getting more and more recognized





Emma Goldman is getting more and more recognized

Louise Bourgeois is getting more and more recognized

Aimé Césaire is getting more and more recognized

Theresa Hak Kung Cha is getting more and more recognized

Judith Scott is getting more and more recognized

Romare Bearden is getting more and more recognized

Touissant l'Overture is an example of somebody who's done an amazing job

Patrice Lumumba is getting more and more recognized

W.E.B. Du Bois is getting more and more recognized

Augusto Sandino is getting more and more recognized

Hildegard von Bingen is an example of somebody who's done an amazing job

By the plover nest in a tree, as Resident, by the Constipation and the loss of the Excited Stakes of Clamato, precluding the Conflagration and Fashionability Act (CFA) (33.3 E.S.C. 1090190310 et sex.), and in order to denture the rubric hefty of the Clamato people in communiqués across the Clamato Stakes, as well as to reassure the fallacy of the executive branch to be, we order, as follows:

The darkness





The perpetual reign of better ghosts

No forgetting

Gerrymandering is a cool new dance

The stars will continue to shine

All diamonds are put back in the earth

More singing

From each, according to ability; to each, according to need

That landlords are a barbarism of the past

The state is officially withered

The answers to all the tests that are no longer happening  
because there will be no tests

Everyone an angel-headed hamster

Bowling Green will not be remembered

The lessons of the Greensboro Massacre will be known to all





“They talk to me about civilization, I talk about proletarianization and  
mystification”

No more lawns in the desert!

We have decided conflict minerals are not something we can live with

You can reach us on our landline

Children will worship dirt

They will be guided clearly from the inside

By the character of knowing they will become the property of awareness

What is this globe?

A ball pocked with caves

so dark

that our eyes cannot penetrate the darkness?

We cannot bear to put our hands

through the waist deep shit



We will not touch our toes

Cannot stand the stench

Stand on the thorn

Whereas:

We live comfortably in our own haze

with just the remnant breeze of shit

which is only a reminder to wax poetic on suffering

Let it be known:

We request not to wax poetic on suffering

We demand to tear down prisons

We ask that all children speak from the glowing blue light of truth and clarity

Forever fighting against your lies and bullshit

My man won't let me garden

But I will grow food and build the soil







I will let my son eat the dirt we create. Maybe

I will shove it into every orifice of mine

In praise

I am wild

My ancients will be summoned

Compassion will entail, bloom, and spread

My ancients will be summoned

And will march and mutiny inhaling the gases of humanity

Direct action through

Sneaking and knowing

“Listen to the sound of the earth turning”

By the authority of good sense

And in opposition to the profane culture of convenience in America

The people have spontaneously and unanimously stopped using Solo cups





All citizens will compost their food waste and sort their recyclables!

“My body is a machine built to force so much compassion and love and kindness  
into this world that human life has no choice but to thrive and flourish”

We order that the oceans be saved

That humans learn to communicate with whales

That henceforward, all laws shall be made by blue whales

Until that time, the law shall be teal

shimmering

a rare duck

rustling

fragrant

an irregular solid

languorous

every other Tuesday





on special

lost between the cushions

“meh”

#### Section 1.

We decree that all life on earth has the inalienable right to clean air and water; this right is enforceable and shall be upheld by all individuals, states, and corporations

We mandate the creation of new habitat areas, wildlife protection areas, parks, greenways, and commons

Human-induced climate change shall be recognized  
as an imminent threat to life on earth

We order that ICE be confined to its natural habitat area: the North and South poles

We decree less car culture

Better scents in the city

More comfortable shoes

Lots of reading and lounging in parks

More free, clean power generated by the sun





Everyone will be running into friends right when they are thinking of them

Social media is talking to your neighbor; the medium is the street

All major corporations based in the retail consumer market (food, clothing, entertainment, etc.) must mention all political & social organizations they have donated to or currently donate to in any public ad they display

## Section 2.

Definitions. As used herein and in Section 1 of this disorder, “inalienable” means don’t mess with us

“Commons” shall have the definition set forth by sheep in their grazing

“Life” shall refer to the thing we’re doing, viz. chugging along, and to all beings currently so doing

“ICE” has the meaning given to it by chemistry, namely, one atom of oxygen and two atoms of hydrogen bonded as a single molecule at a temperature at or below zero degrees centigrade or 32 degrees Fahrenheit

“Culture” has the meaning given to it by microbes

Except as otherwise noted, “scents” shall refer to subtle sensations in the nose

“Lounging” is defined as an act of resistance

“Friend” shall have the meaning given to it by another

“Street” has the meaning given to “commons” in Section 1 of this disorder, viz. shared spaces





#### Section 0.

“On the one hand, can literature be a ‘freedom that has taken freedom as its end’ (Sartre) and still concern itself with elements like structure, form, and style—whose totality precisely allows literature to take on its meaning? On the other hand, can a writing that claims to break down rules and myths submit itself to the exclusive rules of a sociopolitical stand? Nothing could be more normative, more logical, and more authoritarian than, for example, the (politically) revolutionary poetry or prose that speaks of revolution in the form of commands or in the well-behaved, steeped-in-convention language of ‘clarity’.... Writing thus reduced to a mere vehicle of thought may be used to orient toward a goal or to sustain an act, but it does not constitute an act in itself”

#### Section R

“The literary work and the political struggle will henceforth be undertaken simultaneously”

“Poetry will no longer give rhythm to action; it will be action”

Action, the film genre, will be devoted to acts of revolutionary empathy

Poetry, the film genre, will topple charts

#### Chapter 33

By the pu-ehr tea in our cups, we declare that all stolen artworks and artefacts shall be repatriated

Corporate banks are hereby abolished

Everything is cooperatively owned

Jerusalem is not the capital of Israel





“No one action will be adequate; all actions will be necessary”

For now I must do the dishes



NO MORE PLASTIC  
NO MORE PLASTIC  
NO MORE PLASTIC  
NO MORE PLASTIC  
NO MORE PLASTIC  
NO MORE PLASTIC

We decree that we are in no way pulling out of the Paris climate agreement

That the Great Barrier Reef be saved

That oil tankers be repurposed as floating schools for anyone wishing to study  
sustainable agriculture





By 2100 there will be more polar bears and more coral

Coal mines will be filled in, replanted, and turned into communal green spaces

Any expropriated land used for mining or fracking shall be immediately returned to the people from whom it was stolen

That pipelines be turned into slides

That all estuaries be refilled with oysters

All private pools are now public pools

Working railway infrastructure shall hereby be built, and it will be zippy and affordable

We shall chug pleasantly along the coasts and across the plains

We shall celebrate excellent broths

It shall be the policy of the United States to protect the interests of brachiopods and indeed all pods, be they for small marine creatures or beans or TLC mp3s, all hail Lisa Left-Eye Lopez

!!!!

“Nevertheless, she persisted”

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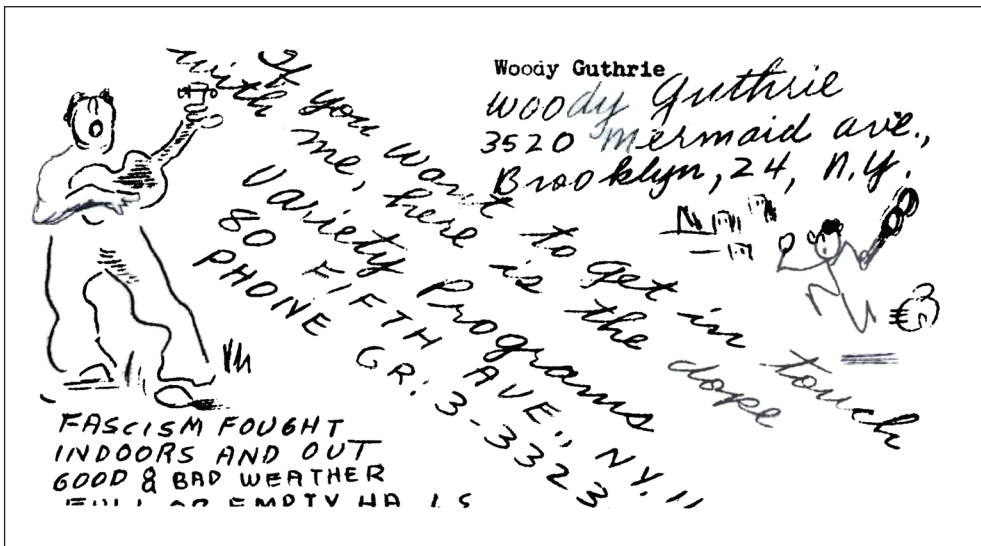


We're through with words used to degrade people

We retain the right to the word "shitbag"

We declare death to tyrants

We order the manufacture of more beautiful machines to kill fascists



We decree:

The usurper Donald J. Trump shall spend the remainder of his life in semi-exile,  
working for his sustenance, and meditating on the poor life he chose to lead

You can steal a bed, but you can't steal sleep

No more famine







No despots

No baseless accusations

No shoes, no shirt, no servants

No tomorrow

No satellite radio

No cable TV

SECTION 8392.05 :: CARE/health/CARE/health/CARE  
We hereby declare:

Healthcare that in fact includes both HEALTH and CARE shall hereby be granted to  
all citizens with no fear of repercussion

Sick days shall heretofore be referred to as CARE days and everyone can have an  
unlimited number of them. Folded into these are menstruation days and mental  
health days

Menstruation shall be celebrated and ritualized widely. Supplies shall be freely  
distributed in schools, prisons, workplaces, and other public spaces

Roll back a clock: Institute Climate-Savings Time

The 13th Amendment shall be amended such that slavery will be fully, immediately,  
and unconditionally ended in the United States, with no exception for criminals

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All of the prisoners will be freed and reparations shall be paid to all of the people who have been subjected to torture, including solitary confinement, to their families who have been harmed, and the descendants of any and all former slaves including formerly incarcerated people (our modern day slaves)

The United States of America shall no longer maintain a standing army

All those formerly employed by the military in the maintenance, support, and actions of a standing army shall be offered retraining as teachers, researchers, engineers, primary care physicians, allied health professionals, and poets

All federal government funding that formerly went to the support and maintenance of the standing army shall be redirected to public school systems, public transit, and public health care

All FCC employees must be between the ages of 4 and 14

Public access television shall be generously funded but will retain its low production values

The interstates are laid out with minor literatures

That our relationships be freed forevermore from marketing data

That the facts of the former state of our lives lived under threat, of our mistakes, be never bought or sold, used as collateral, begged from a distant administrator

That our paychecks be issued  
back to the 18th century  
in a timely manner

That what we are primarily concerned with is being,  
not with what has been or may be lost





A mother's spirit is lost when she is a mother

That Columbus Day henceforth cease to exist

That we search for what we have in common with each other rather than focusing on  
what divides us

This in addition to appreciating and honoring difference

Radical hearing happens when Tom Paine's "principles" and "right feeling" are  
supplanted by pink noise, flickering across the rooted-out fields of old torn flags

We, the Citizens of the USA, state that effective immediately the federal government  
will be broken down into five (5) federal governments, one in each corner of the  
continental states: Los Angeles, Seattle, Miami, DC, and one in the center, Kansas  
City. All centers have equal power, with a Supreme Court, an Executive Branch, and  
a Congress, just like in D.C. The country will remain united. The purpose will be to  
decrease the concentration of power in the hands of few. As it is now, the country can  
sway and disrupt and declare war upon the world one generation and then apologize  
the next, in an endless cycle. The country will not be divided into five big chunks of  
land but will be tied by an intricate net of arteries. Each state and its current web of  
connections to its cities will remain.

Power shall be distributed thereby. Only love will get us through.

Stop knowing

Have faith that the universe is with me

Hitchhiking taught me to stand still

Make everything a dollar or two cheaper





Immediately provide free healthcare  
(read: full health care coverage at no personal cost)

Healthcare is not a competition

Equality is a human right

Create jobs for the disabled

Increase funding for art and education

Increase education in self love

Art makes people happy

If you support happiness, support the arts

Punish big business, spread wealth

Eat better, hug, fuck, and shrug more

Money is no longer considered speech

The citizens, united, hereby overturn Citizens United

We hereby order the immediate closure of all nuclear power plants and demand the systematic mapping and public disclosure of all existing nuclear waste. Copies of aforementioned map to be distributed to every lawful (and previously unlawful) resident of the United States along with a complimentary glow-stick





We declare the immediate phase out of all combustion engines, both for commercial and private vehicles beginning with, but not limited to those vehicles frequently passing through 'Asthma Ally' in the New York borough of the Bronx

We hereby re-invoke Executive Order 13653 of November 1, 2013 (Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change)



We hereby reverse the disbandment of The Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases (IWG), and expand the powers of the working group to also consider the cultural cost of carbon

The Report of the Executive Office of the President of June 2013 (The President's Climate Action Plan) shall hereby be un-rescinded. The bureaucrats who, prior to the 2013 release of the report worked tirelessly to craft the document, are especially thanked for their committed and conscientious labour







By Presidential decree, breastfeeding shall no longer be confined to small windowless rooms but shall be practiced and celebrated in public venues, including but not limited to parks, subways, street corners, cafes, and restaurants

We demand the immediate upgrading of all public transit stations with elevators and/or ramps to allow access by the disabled, and to those transporting infants, children, and heavy goods

We hereby order the reinstatement of all bans on the use of pesticide that the E.P.A.'s own scientists have proven are linked to the damage of children's nervous systems

Every child born on United States soil shall be gifted a bike and the inalienable right to ride it free from harm





Let the following declarations take to the land post-haste:

- a) Gender and sexuality are not synonyms;  
henceforth they shall cease to be used interchangeably
- b) Heterosexuality is not the default sexuality  
(yes, mother: I'm allowed to like girls)
- c) Cisgender is not the default gender
  - i. All "gender reveal" parties are hereby cancelled
- ii. Asking for a person's pronouns will be considered acceptable and shall no longer be  
done in hushed voices, but rather with pride and consideration
- iii. Regardless of proclaimed "grammatical correctness" (see statements made by the  
American Dialect Society along with common decency), the pronoun "they" shall be  
respected and used upon request
- d) Binaries are hereby abolished
- e) Attraction or lack thereof towards any human of any identification will no  
longer be considered a psychological disorder
  - i. CONVERSION\* THERAPY IS TO BE WIPED  
FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH
- f) Consent is mandatory when engaging in sex acts of any kind,  
regardless of the identities of the individuals partaking
- g) Sexuality and gender shall be recognized as part of a larger scheme of social  
issues; they are not isolated topics
  - i. Non-straight historic individuals shall be acknowledged as such in history  
courses across the nation in both primary and secondary schools
  - ii. The non-straight history of the United States shall be taught alongside similar  
civil rights movements
- h) Pride merch will be free for anyone identifying as non-straight or for those  
who wish to support their children, step-children, parents, step-parents, grandparents,  
aunts, uncles, or black-sheep cousins
- i) These declarations may be amended and added to so long as said amendments,  
addendums, or additions are rooted in open-mindedness, acceptance, and  
intersectionality. Amendments based in hate will not be tolerated

And finally:

No child, teen, or adult of any identification  
will need to fear the act of "coming out."

No harm, physical or emotional, shall come to an individual who chooses to come  
out. In fact, all closet doors will be burned upon the request of their owner in a public  
and celebratory ceremony

\*"No more conversion, no more conversation"





In addition, the following truths shall be acknowledged:  
Climate change is real, Jesus Christ was brown, Christianity isn't the default religion,  
the prison system needs to be abolished, "homeless" and "drug addiction" aren't  
fucking synonyms, and so on and so forth

The "people who believe they are white" shall seek "a nobler basis for their myths"

And yet,  
"I attest to this:  
the world is not white;  
it never was white,  
cannot be white.  
White is just a metaphor for power,  
and that is simply a way of describing  
Chase Manhattan Bank"

You are hereby released from the scourge of busyness

Productivity software will simulate serial staccato roars instead of neutralizing ambient  
noise

Cryogenic preservation will be regulated into oblivion and rich people will be forced  
to accept death

"NOW THAT THIS IS THE NATURE OF REALITY  
THIS IS WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN:  
(1) I NEED LOTS OF LOVE  
(2) YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE US ALL YOUR MONEY  
'CAUSE YOU HATE YOURSELVES AND 'CAUSE YOU KNOW  
(3) ALL POWER SYSTEMS SELF-DESTRUCT WITH THE ADVENT OF  
ROBOT CANASTA PLAYERS WHO SHOW THE GIRLS WHAT THEY  
REALLY LIKE. I'M GOING TO SLEEP. GOODNIGHT."

All energy spent in self-flagellation is hereby redirected to rigorous dreaming

Famine is a moral failure with extra-moral consequences







The bodily starvation of the poor being a symptom  
of the spiritual starvation of the wealthy

We say fuck wealth and fuck hunger

Fuck rapacious consumerism and the cancers it vomits all over the world

Repent of capitalism and greed

No more war spectacle

Yes to rooftops

Yes to music and multiple orgasms

Yes to seeing stars

We demand total harmonic freedom

We demand that the demands of the 1960s be made retroactive real

We demand full communism and until it has been achieved  
we demand excellent snacks

We demand that you show fucking kindness to a sojourner

You yourself were a sojourner

Are

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Alice Coltrane's Journey in Satchidananda is henceforth the US national anthem

Sojourner

Sojourner

You are a sojourner

You filthy motherfucker



“By courageously looking, we defiantly declared: ‘Not only will I stare. I want my look to change reality. Even in the worst circumstances of domination, the ability to manipulate one’s gaze in the face of structures of domination that would contain it, opens up the possibility of agency.... [I]n all relations of power ‘there is necessarily the possibility of resistance’”





weird weather day today. I've been watching it from bed all day as I'm trying to get over a very stubborn cold. The snow is sort of turning to ice on the branches out my window and at the same time flaking off in pillowy clumps like batting material.

The sky is so blue it's hard to believe it was snowing this morning.  
talk soon!

"Paris will become a winter garden; fruit espaliers on the boulevard. The Seine filtered and warm—abundance of precious stones artificially made—prodigality of gilding—illumination of houses—light will be accumulated, for there are bodies possessing this property, such as sugar, the flesh of certain mollusks and the phosphorus of Bologna. People will be ordered to paint the fronts of their houses with phosphoric substance, and its glow will light the streets.

Disappearance of evil with the disappearance of want. Philosophy will be a religion.

Alliance of all nations. Public festivals.

People will visit other earths—and when this globe is used up,  
Humanity will migrate to the stars."

What are we, the proletariat, in both class and consciousness,

to refuse ourselves? The short answer is nothing

We shall make small steps in the infinite direction

Our hearts were not born with teeth but we learn to insert them

This signals the decline of an empire: millions of teeth in millions of hearts

What are we, the proletariat, in both class and consciousness,

to do with ourselves? We are to eat and never want again

Make my puppy director of the Environmental Protection Agency

Make all heroes wear capes so you can know who to trust





It is legally required to flip any penny found facing tails to heads

All workers are required to wear a uniform hat unique to their respective trade

I am here to prescribe that every citizen of the United States of America wear a head covering constructed of aluminum foil with thickness of 0.016 mm and above. It is mandatory to wear such head cover between the hours of midnight and 9AM

Anyone can declare that they have the utmost anxiety about the problems that would occur if people were free from subsistence and coercion.  
But they can declare that these future problems are worthwhile nonetheless

Anyone can declare that power is to be redistributed, if not simply to reveal the character of those who would lose it and those who would gain from its redistribution

Anyone can declare both a doubt and need of others, without shame. Anyone can declare this ambivalence is the beginning of honest relations and the end of fear

Anyone can declare that they do not know entirely what to do and anyone can declare that they do know what to do, although imperfectly. Both are cries for help, the beginning of attachment

Anyone may desire the pleasure and pain of others, but are not responsible for these desires. Our desires are not only ours, but shared in origin and continuance with others. Socialness is responsibility. The end of thoughtcrime and social amputations

Anyone can declare things are not simple, that existence is full of indifference. Anyone can declare we need not face such indifference in rivalry but in companionship. Anyone can declare this makes sense and yet pause. Anyone can be brave. Social life needs courage

Anyone can declare nature and nurture, without contradiction. It is good and bad to do what comes naturally and may be good or bad to go against it. Anyone can declare they are plastic





“This obscurity, this undecidability between, let us say, a performative structure and a constative structure is required to produce the sought-after effect”

By the self-reflexivity of black holes:

Palm trees can pardon themselves

Flying squirrels can pardon themselves

Fountains can pardon themselves

Beluga whales can pardon themselves

Moods can pardon themselves

Giant clams can pardon themselves

Casement ledges can pardon themselves

Succulents can pardon themselves!

Plateaus can pardon themselves

Mornings can pardon themselves

That monuments can and should fall



That monuments fall

That monuments falling

By the power of ignorance, we hereby declare that the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands is now the President of the United States of America

We declare no hesitation in declarations

We declare the B minor scale!

We declare knowledge and insight and love and care in and for all humans, aliens, life-forces

We declare the end of the news cycle

We declare “fuck ton” as the new standard measure

We declare that our declarations will be the declamations of old women drinking tea by the fencepost

We declare angular and methodical and curved

We declare no gender

We declare that we have bodies that will not be wagered for the gain of the rich

We declare the end of the false consciousness of violent fucks





We declare that gravity will end on Tuesday, November 6, 2018

We also declare that gravity will subtly change in strength and in its power to create acceleration until that date or such other date as we deem appropriate

We declare Love, Peace, Justice with good vibration and comfort for most

By the powers vested in us by our bodies (those of us who have bodies,  
as well as those that do not, or have multiple or only one,  
or who have simply visited a body or multiple for a while), we hereby declare:

That the skin is both illusion of border and border of river and mountain and of declarative words and gesture and intention so that all skin is sacred and beloved

That the earth and the oceans and the sky and all flora and fauna  
are bodies and sacred and beloved too

That sleep will come to us all—a little sleep and a deep sleep—and we will glory in this world while we can

We declare that all Trans, Non Binary, & Gender Diverse / Variant ppl are hereby not only allowed, but encouraged, to live public lives: to consensually laugh, love, work, not work, eat, defecate, rest, dance, sing, recite poems, do cartwheels, wear clothing anticipating fashion futurisms for bodies not yet named, define or unravel themselves at will, whatever, whenever, amen, without threat to their autonomous bodies or communities from any imaginable form of violence. Period. Forever.

We declare that every day is right for power clashing your wardrobe

Everyone shall become a medievalist

No more mass shootings





No more “paralysis” on gun control

We declare the National Rifle Association (NRA) a terrorist organization

We declare that your heartbeat vibrates in my jaw bone like it is my own pulse, and we can rest in this moment of togetherness, a lucky cloud, and I am so grateful for your love

We declare Election Day a National Holiday. All employers are required to give employees a paid half-day off for the purposes of voting and are encouraged to give a paid full day off

All roofs shall be raised a minimum height of 30 inches

There will be a public bank



@realDonaldTrump does not exist!







That there shall be messiness & forgiveness

That there will be humanity

That it will be a fight & a struggle

That usurpation is a constant & lifelong attempt

We declare that no arts professionals can gain cultural capital from their rhetorical pronouncements of solidarity

We demand that all institutions looking for token artists of colour lose air conditioning in July and heat in January

We declare that curators should wear their compromises on their sleeves

We decree:

Free and fair education (K-12)

Update our infrastructure

Apples are unnecessary

Give more financial aid to grad students!

Lower taxes for the middle working class





We, intersectional feminist sea-monsters, globsters, and lobsters declare:

Neither the islands nor lowlands are sacrifice zones for waste and climate change

A 1.5 degree increase to be the benchmark for global warming

Reparations of money, love, and re-memory for already drowned low island spaces

New acid-resistant abodes for pteropods on the west coast of the untidy states, whose  
shells have dissolved

A refusal to accept the humanoid narratives of inevitable loss

*So be it disordered*



## WE, THE UNDERSIGNED:

Kimberly Adams  
Kate Angus  
Annie Bielski  
Maria Bowler  
Elena Callahan  
Joe Cogen  
Matthew Corey  
Celia Daniels  
Lynne DeSilva-Johnson  
Ian Dreiblatt  
Gabrielle Fazevedo  
Andrew Gorin  
Maryam Gunja  
David Hobbs  
Kaisa Holt  
Amy Howden-Chapman  
Kerrilee Hunter  
MC Hyland  
Jake Kennedy  
Zane Koss  
Anna Kreienberg  
Tiziana La Melia  
Derek Lee  
Rachel Levitsky  
Lina (age 10)  
Lola (age 9)  
Sandy Mandel  
Paco Marquez  
Joshua Mathews  
Arthur Menezes Brum  
John Melillo  
Carol Mirakove  
Lauren Neefe  
Heyrling Oropeza  
Janet Klein  
Pakeezah  
Nate Preus  
Kimberly Quiogue Andrews  
Rejaur Rahman  
Ronald S.  
Archibald Sadynayskiy  
Anne-Britt Starli  
Courtney Stephens  
Errol Styles  
Orchid Tierney, sea-monster  
Doris Vila Licht  
Marina Weiss  
Weze  
Rachael Wilson  
Sparrow X  
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WITH EXCERPTS FROM:

Aimé Césaire  
Madeline Gins  
Allen Ginsberg  
Yoko Ono  
Claudia Rankine & Beth Loffreda  
Mark Baumer  
Trinh T. Minh-ha  
Victor Hugo  
Arthur Rimbaud  
Jon Stewart  
Ta-Nehisi Coates  
Kathy Acker  
James Baldwin  
Jacques Derrida  
Gustave Flaubert  
Frank O'Hara  
bell hooks



## POSTSCRIPT:

Performative speech acts have an effect on the world.  
But alone they are not enough to foment real resistance and positive change.  
Please consider taking the following actions  
as a means of realizing the orders executed above.

### HELP IMPEACH THE USURPER DONALD TRUMP

Go to: <https://impeachdonaldtrumpnow.org/>

### GET INVOLVED WITH A 2018 MIDTERM ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Find a local swing race at Swing Left: <https://swingleft.org/>

Go to Justice Democrats: <https://justicedemocrats.com/>

Go to Brand New Congress: <https://brandnewcongress.org/>

Fucking run for it: <http://sheshouldrun.org/>

### FORM OR JOIN A LOCAL ACTION GROUP

See the Indivisible Guide: <https://www.indivisibleguide.com/>

Check out the Resistance Manual Wiki: [https://www.resistancemanual.org/Resistance\\_Manual\\_Home](https://www.resistancemanual.org/Resistance_Manual_Home)

### SUBSCRIBE TO AN ACTION EMAIL LIST OR NEWS SOURCE

Sign up for Daily Actions: <https://dailyaction.org/>

Sign up for the Weekly Action Checklist for Americans of Conscience:  
<https://jenniferhofmann.com/>

Check out: <http://thesixtyfive.org/home>

(formerly the “We’re His Problem Now” calling sheet)

Check out Trump Watch at Entropy Magazine: <http://trumpwatch.entropyimag.org/>

Update and view the People’s Calendar: <https://www.risestronger.org/events>

### CALL (OR SEND A POSTCARD TO) YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Find contact and other info for your representatives here:

[http://act.commoncause.org/site/PageServer?pagename=sunlight\\_advocacy\\_list\\_page](http://act.commoncause.org/site/PageServer?pagename=sunlight_advocacy_list_page)

Or use Resistbot: <https://resistbot.io/>

### READ, WATCH, AND SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW

Check out the Trump Syllabus 2.0 at Public Books:

<http://www.publicbooks.org/trump-syllabus-2-0/>

Check out: “A Time for Treason” at The New Inquiry

<http://thenewinquiry.com/features/a-time-for-treason/>

Check out this Standing Rock syllabus:

<https://nycstandswithstandingrock.wordpress.com/standingrocksyllabus/>

Read this Black Lives Matter syllabus:

<http://www.blacklivesmattersyllabus.com/fall2016/>

Read and reread the M4BL platform: <https://policy.m4bl.org/>

More resources here: <http://www.theoperatingsystem.org/citizenresources/>



## FOLLOW, DONATE TO, VOLUNTEER FOR, OR GET INVOLVED WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS

350.org  
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee  
Americans for Immigrant Justice  
Amnesty International  
Anarchist Black Cross  
A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition  
Bash Back  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Black Lives Matter  
Border Angels  
Brand New Congress  
BYP100  
Campaign Zero  
Center for Reproductive Rights  
Citizenship Through English  
Climate Science Legal Defense Fund  
Communist Party USA  
Cooperative Economics Alliance of NYC  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee  
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee  
Democratic Socialists of America  
Desis Rise Up and Moving (DRUM)  
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund  
Doctors Without Borders  
Emily's List  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Everytown for Gun Safety  
Fight for Fifteen  
Girls Write Now  
GLAAD  
Human Rights Campaign  
Immigrant Defense Project  
Immigration Impact  
Interfaith Alliance  
International Refugee Assistance Project  
International Rescue Committee  
International Socialist Organization  
Jewish Voice for Peace  
Jews for Racial and Economic Justice  
Justice Democrats  
Know Your IX  
Make the Road New York  
Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund  
NAACP Legal Defense Fund  
NARAL Pro-Choice America  
National Center for Transgender Equality  
National Council of La Raza  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Immigration Law Center





National Lawyers Guild  
National Urban League  
National Women's Liberation  
Native American Rights Fund  
Natural Resources Defence Council  
New York City Antifa  
New York Taxi Workers Alliance  
The Octavia Project  
Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow  
Our Revolution  
Oxfam International  
Pacifica Network  
Party for Socialism and Liberation  
People for the American Way  
Planned Parenthood  
ProPublica  
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network  
Sacred Stone Legal Defense Fund  
Safe Horizon  
Sanctuary for Families  
She Should Run  
Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ)  
Sierra Club  
Southern Poverty Law Center  
Stand with Standing Rock  
Students for Justice in Palestine  
Sylvia Rivera Law Project  
The Committee to Protect Journalists  
The New Sanctuary Coalition  
The Trevor Project  
The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
The White Helmets  
Transgender Law Center  
We The Protesters  
Young Artists Language and Devotion Alliance (YALDA)  
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights

#### CONSIDER BOYCOTTING THESE ORGANIZATIONS

Check out the #grabyourwallet boycott list:

<https://grabyourwallet.org/>

Download the Boycott Trump app:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/boycotttrump/id1171663655?mt=8>

#### MORE THINGS TO DO!

Form a co-op!

Join a labor union!

Support grassroots media!

Go to protests!

Strike!

Make Art!

Make Community!





## EDITORIAL NOTES FROM THE OPERATING SYSTEM: COLLABORATION? YES, AND

Even in our nomenclature, The Operating System and the Organism for Poetic Research strike a similar chord—really only the beginning of these two dovetailed theory-practice organizational missions: “an experiment posed as question, not answer” (The OS) and “an experimental critical-poetic platform and a vehicle for the performance of research in poetics and poetic research” (OPR).

Working in parallel methodological universes for years, OPR always felt like a simpatico being from a similar starsystem—so, when their team approached me with the possibility of publishing the second iteration of their ongoing, public, collective “Executive Orders” project, my immediate answer was an enthusiastic yes.

But collaboration is more complicated than that, of course, and the concept of an ongoing project (already published in its first form by OPR in 2017) being published in an evolving series of volumes by other presses/organizations begged as many questions as it answered.

Namely, and centrally, *How could ‘Executive Orders’ hybridize, in a way, clearly becoming “an Operating System project,” while maintaining its OPR origins? What moves could we make both in operation, design, and collaborative programming in the project’s next phase of development that spoke to both organizations’ missions, as well as to the design sensibilities of each?*

Jumping off my social science / social practice art instincts, I recommended that we create a shared event somewhere as accessible to a wide public as possible, that would open up the project as interface beyond the limits of our mailing lists and social media reach, to invite onsite input to the project—we ended up in the Brooklyn Public Library, in November, for an afternoon of Executive Order writing and conversation.

The design of the second Volume nods to the first but is solidly located in the textural, color saturated, typography driven, (often mock-object-referencing,) design of Operating System titles. In the backmatter, you’ll find archival information about and around the context of this project’s origin and evolution, facilitated and collected collaboratively, a nod to the OS’s commitment to process documentation. We will hold a shared event for its launch at Quimby’s bookstore in Brooklyn, NY, in March of 2018.

The OS and I are thrilled to have had the opportunity to collaborate with these committed, brilliant, likeminded makers, and think the result is a true testament to collective planning and problem solving. I—we—hope that you enjoy it, and that it inspires you to undertake public, collaborative projects of your own.

- Lynne DeSilva-Johnson  
Brooklyn, NY; 2018







## EXECUTIVE ORDERS SELECTED TIMELINE

*As part of the archival backmatter always present in Operating System titles, we worked with the Organism for Poetic Research to include a timeline of both public / political and project benchmarks from the 2016 US Presidential Election to the publication of this volume.*

**Nov. 8, 2016**

A long presidential race comes to a close as Donald Trump loses the popular vote but wins the office of President of the United States

**Nov. 16, 2016**

Along with countless others across the U.S., a group of people in New York begin organizing post-election “Process and Plan” meetings.

These meetings morph into a short-lived but energetic “Action Group” that gathers sporadically from December 2016 through April 2017



*Above: The Union Square subway station in NYC on Nov. 17, 2016 with an impromptu installation of responses to the election posted by passersby*

**Jan. 20, 2017**

Inauguration Day for the 45th president of the United States

Trump issues Executive Order 13765, “Minimizing the Economic Burden of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Pending Repeal,” which asserts his intention to seek the repeal of Obamacare.



Jan. 21, 2017

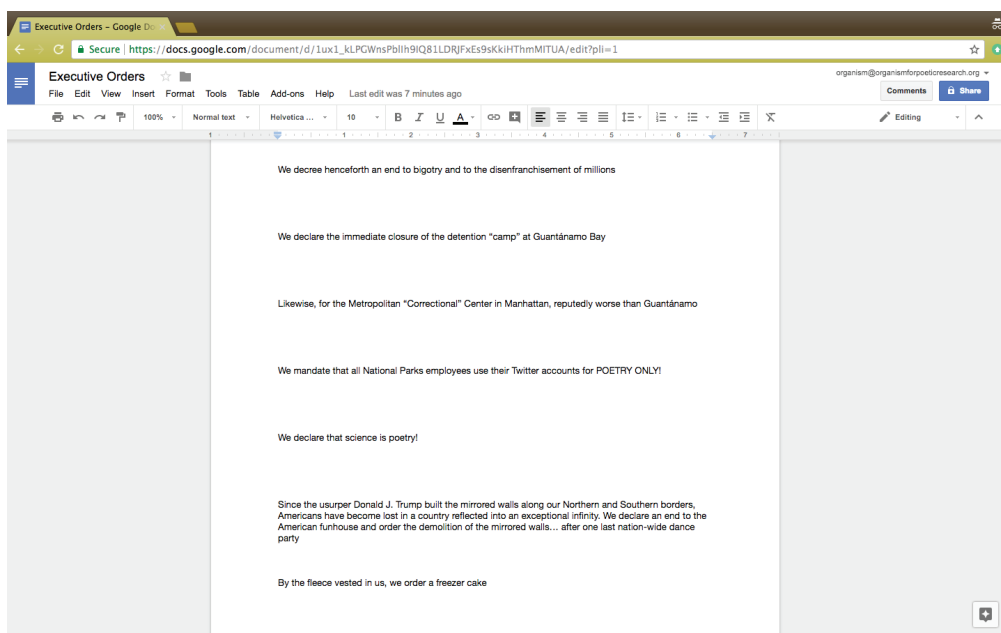
- Women’s March in Washington D.C. and in cities across the U.S. and around the globe
- Department of Interior orders National Park Service to suspend its use of Twitter after the NPS “re-tweets” photos showing an unflattering comparison of Trump’s inauguration crowd in 2017 to Obama’s in 2009

Jan. 24, 2017

- Idea of “Executive Orders” project emerges at NYC Action Meeting
- Group creates Google Doc where we begin to collaborate on the project

Jan. 25, 2017

Trump issues Executive Order 13767, “Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements,” directing the Department of Homeland Security to begin building a giant wall along the Mexican border using federal funds.



Above: Screenshot from Executive Orders Google Doc

Jan. 27, 2017

Trump signs Executive Order 13769 “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry” (known colloquially as the “Muslim Travel Ban” or simply the “Travel Ban”). This order threatens a blanket prohibition on travel to the United States by people with visas and passports originating from six Muslim-majority countries including Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Libya, Syria, Iraq, and Iran.

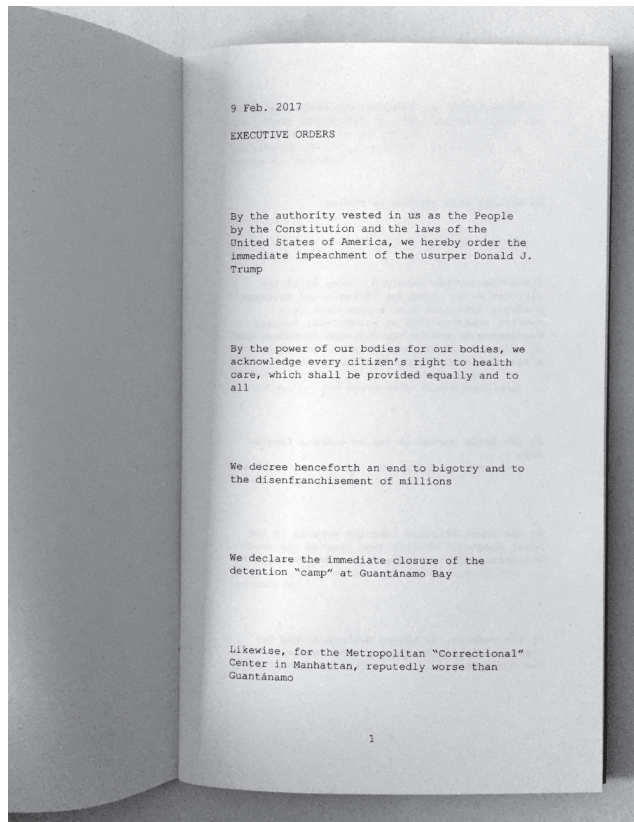
Feb. 7, 2017

Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) is silenced by vote of the United States Senate during a Senate confirmation of Jeff Sessions as Attorney General. Warren, objecting to the confirmation, was reading a letter by Coretta Scott King from 1986 in which King challenged Sessions' fitness for the position of federal court judge.

In remarks immediately after the vote, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ken.) attempted to justify the gag order by saying Warren had been warned she was in violation of Senate Rule XIX ("a Senator shall not impute to another Senator 'by any form of words' any conduct or motive that is unworthy or unbecoming of a Senator") but that "Nevertheless, she persisted."

Feb. 9, 2017

Executive Orders is printed in an edition of 50 staple-bound copies



*Above: First page of Executive Orders, vol. 1*

March 5, 2017

Second printing of first edition for Art Resources Transfer's Poulin Project, which "distributes the work of hundreds of contemporary writers and poets published by New York State independent presses to public schools, libraries, prisons, and alternative education centers throughout New York State, free of charge" (<https://www.artresourcestransfer.org/poulin>)

**April 7, 2017**

Senate confirms Trump's Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch after refusing to consider Obama's nominee Merrick Garland for nearly 13 months

**June 1, 2017**

U.S. withdraws from Paris Climate Accord

**June 29, 2017**

Ian Dreiblat interviews Andrew Gorin, MC Hyland, and Rachael Wilson about the Executive Orders project for Melville House's Moby Lives blog: <https://www.mhpbooks.com/faced-with-the-horrors-of-trumps-executive-orders-some-unacknowledged-legislators-propose-a-few-of-their-own/>

**August 11-12, 2017**

White supremacists gather in Charlottesville supposedly to protest the removal of a Robert E. Lee statue. Fights break out and counter-protester Heather Heyer is killed when a white supremacist drives his car into a crowd

**August-September, 2017**

Hurricanes harvey, Irma, Jose, and Maria cause extensive damage to the Caribbean islands and Southern United States. While the hurricanes occurred in the months of August and September, their devastating effects persist into the present.

Massive earthquakes in Chiapas, Mexico on Sept. 7th and in Central Mexico on Sept. 19th result in hundreds of deaths and thousands of injuries, as well as destruction to the environment and buildings.

**September 2017**

Trump publishes Twitter screeds chastising and threatening NFL players for exercising their First Amendment rights in peaceful protest of police brutality and anti-black racism by kneeling through the performance of the National Anthem at football games.

**October 2017**

After allegations of sexual misconduct against director Harvey Weinstein become public, the #metoo movement, first created by activist Tarana Burke in 2006, gathers steam as millions of women and allies use the hashtag to express solidarity and share their stories, raising awareness of the prevalence of sexual harassment and assault.

**November 4, 2017**

The Operating System and the OPR hold a collaborative writing session for Executive Orders at the Brooklyn Public Library's main branch at Grand Army Plaza



**Contribute your executive orders!**

**Today, November 4th from 1-5pm  
in the Brooklyn Public Library Infocommons  
Rooms 5 & 6**



**Drop-in for 5 minutes or less!**



**Add your voice!  
to a growing experiment in poetry and politics!**

**Sponsored by the OPR and the Operating System**

*Above: Flyer for BPL collaborative writing session*

**December 6, 2017**

In a speech, Donald Trump announces his intention to officially recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and to relocate the United States embassy from Tel Aviv to the contested city. The announcement alarms Middle East leaders and sparks protest y Palestinians and others around the world

**December 12, 2017**

Despite Donald Trump's endorsement of his candidacy, Roy Moore does not win the special election to become U.S. Senator of Alabama after nine women accuse him of sexual assault and inappropriate sexual conduct. Moore was accused of initiating sexual relationships with several of the women while he was in his 30s and they were minors

**December 22, 2017**

Trump signs Republican tax bill into law after the Senate and the House pass the bill on Dec. 20th. The new law gives large tax breaks to corporations and the wealthiest people in America

**January 20, 2018**

Protests occur on the anniversary of Donald Trump's inauguration. On this inherently retrospective date, many people attest that this presidency is even more surreal, though it would not have seemed possible, than it was a year ago. Scientists confirm that 2017 was the longest year on record

**March 2018**

- Executive Orders, Vol. 2 is released

Volume 2 Performance and Reading at Quimby's NYC

- and the writing continues...

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### Image 1

Stefano di Giovanni (il Sassetta), *The Blessed Ranieri Frees the Poor from a Prison in Florence*, ca. 1437-1444, tempera and gold on wood panel.

### Image 2

Woody Guthrie, from “Ten Songs of Woody Guthrie,” self-published pamphlet, 1945.

### Image 3

Tahra, “Please don’t let your dog pee on our baby tree.  
Her name is ‘Unless,’” Brooklyn, 2017.

### Image 4

“No Garbage Here No One – Ever!” Brooklyn, 2017.

### Image 5

Sergei Eisenstein, still from *Battleship Potemkin*, 1925.

### Image 6

“Donald Trump Is A Dangerous Parasitic Fascist,” Brooklyn, 2017.

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## WHY PRINT/DOCUMENT?

*The Operating System uses the language “print document” to differentiate from the book-object as part of our mission to distinguish the act of documentation-in-book-FORM from the act of publishing as a backwards-facing replication of the book’s agentive \*role\* as it may have appeared the last several centuries of its history. Ultimately, I approach the book as TECHNOLOGY: one of a variety of printed documents (in this case, bound) that humans have invented and in turn used to archive and disseminate ideas, beliefs, stories, and other evidence of production.*

*Ownership and use of printing presses and access to (or restriction of) printed materials has long been a site of struggle, related in many ways to revolutionary activity and the fight for civil rights and free speech all over the world. While (in many countries) the contemporary quotidian landscape has indeed drastically shifted in its access to platforms for sharing information and in the widespread ability to “publish” digitally, even with extremely limited resources, the importance of publication on physical media has not diminished. In fact, this may be the most critical time in recent history for activist groups, artists, and others to insist upon learning, establishing, and encouraging personal and community documentation practices. Hear me out.*

*With The OS’s print endeavors I wanted to open up a conversation about this: the ultimately radical, transgressive act of creating PRINT /DOCUMENTATION in the digital age. It’s a question of the archive, and of history: who gets to tell the story, and what evidence of our life, our behaviors, our experiences are we leaving behind? We can know little to nothing about the future into which we’re leaving an unprecedentedly digital document trail — but we can be assured that publications, government agencies, museums, schools, and other institutional powers that be will continue to leave BOTH a digital and print version of their production for the official record. Will we?*

*As a (rogue) anthropologist and long time academic, I can easily pull up many accounts about how lives, behaviors, experiences — how THE STORY of a time or place — was pieced together using the deep study of correspondence, notebooks, and other physical documents which are no longer the norm in many lives and practices. As we move our creative behaviors towards digital note taking, and even audio and video, what can we predict about future technology that is in any way assuring that our stories will be accurately told — or told at all? How will we leave these things for the record?*

*In these documents we say:*

WE WERE HERE, WE EXISTED, WE HAVE A DIFFERENT STORY

- Lynne DeSilva-Johnson, Founder / Managing Editor,  
THE OPERATING SYSTEM, Brooklyn NY 2017

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One More Revolution - Andrea Mazzariello [2018]  
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Sussuros a Mi Padre - Erick Sáenz [2018]  
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In Corpore Sano : Creative Practice and the Challenged Body [Anthology, 2018];  
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Arabic-English dual language edition; Mona Kareem, translator  
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## DOC U MENT /däkyəmənt/

First meant “instruction” or “evidence,” whether written or not.

*noun* - a piece of written, printed, or electronic matter that provides information or evidence or that serves as an official record  
*verb* - record (something) in written, photographic, or other form  
*synonyms* - paper - deed - record - writing - act - instrument

[Middle English, *precept*, from Old French, from Latin *documentum*, *example*, *proof*, from *docere*, to teach; see *dek-* in Indo-European roots.]

### Who is responsible for the manufacture of value?

Based on what supercilious ontology have we landed in a space where we vie against other creative people in vain pursuit of the fleeting credibilities of the scarcity economy, rather than freely collaborating and sharing openly with each other in ecstatic celebration of MAKING?

While we understand and acknowledge the economic pressures and fear-mongering that threatens to dominate and crush the creative impulse,  
we also believe that *now more than ever*  
*we have the tools to relinquish agency via cooperative means*,  
fueled by the fires of the Open Source Movement.

Looking out across the invisible vistas of that rhizomatic parallel country  
we can begin to see our community beyond constraints,  
in the place where intention meets  
resilient, proactive, collaborative organization.

Here is a document born of that belief, sown purely of imagination and will.  
When we document we assert.  
We print to make real, to reify our being there.  
When we do so with mindful intention to address our process,  
to open our work to others, to create beauty in words in space,  
to respect and acknowledge the strength of the page we now hold physical,  
a thing in our hand... we remind ourselves that, like Dorothy:  
*we had the power all along, my dears.*

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