

# Rants and Ravings

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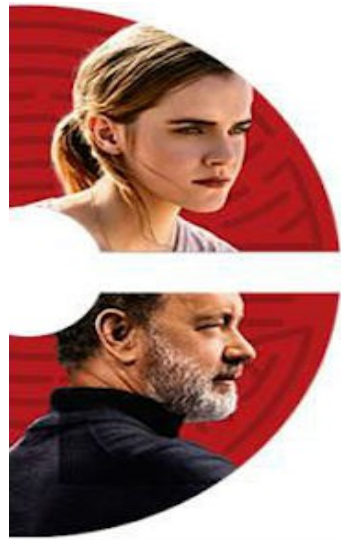
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Revolutionary greetings! In this issue, I will talk about Covid-19, vaccines, the Capitol Hill Riot investigations, and Hurricane Ida.

First off, Covid-19 and vaccines are widely being made a political issue. It began with Trump and his cronies, and it still continues. When are our governmental leaders going to realize and acknowledge that the pandemic is not a political platform and take this seriously? Governor DeSantis and other state governors are prohibiting mask and vaccine mandates, putting their citizens at further risk. The fact that masks and vaccines are crucial to saving lives doesn't seem to matter to these people. Currently, the unvaccinated adults and children are dying and ICU beds are full. It's high time that our leaders take this pandemic seriously and take action to curb the infection rate!

And what's up with the Republicans scrambling to cover up the actions at the Capitol Hill riot? We have a Republican senator, who's not to be named, threatening companies with legal action if they cooperate with investigators and turn over documents relating to the riot. I have to wonder, what are they afraid of? What do they stand to lose



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**THE CIRCLE**

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if everything comes to the light? Why not just let the truth come out?

Finally, we have the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida. All through the South and Northeast massive destruction was caused by Ida. At least 52 people died, and massive flooding took place in New Orleans, Philadelphia, New York City and elsewhere. Ida was a Category 4, just one step away from being the worst there could be. And yet politicians are divided about climate change and are reluctant to take necessary steps toward making changes to our care of the environment. Drastic action needs to take place, and NOW! We cannot afford to continue to procrastinate and wait. The next hurricane or other natural disaster may just be the end of humanity. We are living in the midst of a ticking time bomb. NOW is the time to act!

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# Radical Review Zine

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Revolutionary greetings! In this issue, I will review the movie 'The Circle', which is based off a hit novel by the same name. The movie/novel is about a huge tech company which introduces total transparency of social media. In short, any kind of privacy is all but eliminated, and all have instant total access to individual lives.

This is concerning because we, as humans, expect a measure of privacy in our lives. It is expected to have privacy in our sex lives and also in our health, to name just a couple of areas. We all have our individual private lives. For others, even for some of those close to us, it is offensive when boundaries are breached. Privacy to one degree or another, is crucial to our individual well being.

The fact is, technology is evolving to a degree that we lose privacy. We have advancing Artificial Intelligence, or "AI" technology. Remember, Siri and Alexa are always listening, standing by to be of assistance. Gaming devices such as Playstation and

Xbox are equipped with capabilities mirroring Siri and Alexa. Even cable television is accessible by voicing commands into a remote to access what you want to watch.

Fairly recent court decisions have made "evidence" captured on one of these devices permissible in any criminal or civil proceeding. We are losing privacy when we purchase these services. I know, for me, this makes me extremely uncomfortable. 'The Circle' is what I like to call "prophetic", as the events depicted are actually happening. How many of us can honestly say we can live without modern and ever-evolving technology where everything we dream of is accessible at a voice command or click of a computer mouse? Even those of us who really truly desire to live "off the grid" meets significant challenges to do so in our modern world.

We are living in dangerous times, and it is only going to get worse. It's time society "washes up" and faces reality.