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In this issue, I will touch on the attack on Roe v. Wade, the 28th Amendment, and the anti-LGBTQ legislation that is emerging.

I confess to be “on the fence” concerning abortion. I believe that abortion should be allowed in some circumstances (rape, incest, or when the unborn faces life threatening illness if born), but I do not agree that a woman should be able to be irresponsible and allowed to “dispose of” the consequences. However, I acknowledge the importance of Roe v. Wade, which is in danger of being overturned by the SCOTUS. Already states have total abortion bans, which is a severe hardship for women. The right-wingers and fundamentalists are to blame. What gives them the right to impose their beliefs on everyone? Whatever happened to democracy? Sadly, we live within a totalitarian regime backed by corrupt politicians.

We desperately need the Equal Rights Amendment or the 28th Amendment. Women do not have equal rights by any means. Patriarchy is very much alive. If you're not white, male and rich, then you do not receive equality. Sad, but true.

Finally, there are the myriad of anti-LGBTQ bills being passed. As a trans woman, this is alarming. Legislation has been passed that criminalizes gender affirming healthcare for trans minors and that ban youth from playing in sports that match their gender identity. I don't think I need to mention the “restroom bills” that have been popping up for the past 15 or so years. Trans people are being legislated out of existence. How many more trans individuals need to commit suicide until Amerikkka wakes up? I am outraged at all of this. We as a society are regressing to Middle Ages-like politics. We make advancements in science, healthcare and other areas of social wellness, but we are far from being where we need to be. Society is being destroyed by capitalism, but we continue on the road we are on, and will until we destroy ourselves. Wake up, people, and smell the roses.

Welcome! In this issue I will review the movies 'The Day After Tomorrow' and '2012'. Both films, which were huge hits, focus on the environmental crisis. Catastrophic weather places the world in another ice age. While these movies are entertaining, they mirror the reality of what's going on right now, and what will happen in the future unless drastic steps are taken to save our environment now.

The hurricanes and tropical storms are worse and worse each year. Ida devastated the south and northeast. Tsunamis, earthquakes and tornadoes occur each year, killing thousands. The ice caps are melting, creating a rise in sea levels. Great Barrier Reefs are dying. Oil pollutes waters every year. Co2 emissions deplete the ozone. These are just a few examples of the building crisis that humanity has caused, and continues to cause. We continue to rape and plunder the earth of natural resources, and Mother Nature is fighting back with a vengeance!

Space exploration has opened up doors for possible colonization of Mars. Even if we did achieve that goal, how long will it take to destroy that planet? Our society is based on a get more, more, more mentality that fuels the need to speed up the process of obtaining natural resources, like gas and oil. This is sad. I'm 38, and the way things are going, I just may be alive to see the movies 'The Day After Tomorrow' and '2012' be reality.

We need to take action now for climate change. Switching to sustainable energy may scare us. Completely electric cars and elimination of paper products is another avenue which we must take! Our planet may be saved if we act NOW!

Until next time,

In struggle,

Comrade Harlequin