## This Is for the GHDs

It's that time again, the time when the powers that be want the people to choose between Twiddly-Dum and Twiddly Dee.

This year, one can vote for an old white guy and oh yeah--another old white guy.

Your social media has started buzzing. Lines have been drawn and there's even cussing!

The GHDs (the Good-Hearted Democrats) say, "Biden is a better human being, let's make sure he wins that day."

But yo GHDs, listen to me, better human beings don't lick ice cream on TV, while talking about genocide, can't you see? Where was your handler that day Joe?

Did they guit because of GAZA? A handler maybe that felt for some raza?

Don't cringe y'all, that's really happening in DC right now! Sadly, it took Aaron Bushnell to make them feel shame somehow.

I'm not gonna talk about supporters for Trump, not today Pendejos? White supremacists? Los dos I say!

And the GHDs—will respond in fear: "We can't let Trump win; he will destroy democracy, you hear?"

But listen to me, because this is the truth: you say democracy, but that's a farce, it's not for all. Ask the ones in solitary prison, can't you hear their call?

An oil company has more rights than you and me, that's your kind of democracy?

Musk can launch Space X and continue to pollute Ruin the RGV, he doesn't give a hoot

And what about Harris when in Mexico she said "just don't come" to migrants and refugees? This injustice bought me to my fucking knees.

And why after such a long fight, do we still have to struggle for every damn right?

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Yet the image in our heads of George Floyd will always last.

But I digress.

Yes, it is a worry if Trump gets in. It's fascism, I don't want it to win. But democrats, listen above the din.

You haven't stopped Trumpism, in or out. You haven't stopped Abbott, you don't have the clout.

Something simple and basic like DACA, you couldn't get done. Oh, but a young one can still buy a gun!

So what should be done in 2024? This is what I am for.

I stand with the youth and the students whose schools they occupy. I stand with the voters who cry uncommitted!

GHD, please say you get it! Its genocide on the ballot, not Biden or Trump It's war in the Middle East we must dump



Uncommitted is a righteous call, opened by Arab people in Michigan y'all.

GHD's if you want to win in the fall, this you must do. Call for a ceasefire, nothing else will do.

If you don't, no matter how good your heart may be: You stood with Israel as they bombed, amputated, destroyed You stood with genocide, no matter what you say. it was politics not dead babies that swayed.

Biden could do it, if he had the political will But in your democracy, it's the oil companies etc. who pay the bill.

All those liberals who have money and a good heart Come to our side and we will build a big ark

In lead, will be people of color and the poor And it is us who will kick the fascist door

Because it is our unity that can win, it is us with the power I'm counting each day and each hour.

—Teresa Gutiérrez

## The War

I am not to blame for the production of bullets or the destruction of high-rise buildings. I own no missile factories or armored tank farms.

I train no fighter pilots or drone operators, nor do I control the mission. I have no hidden airfields, top-secret documents,

double agents, or rent a soldier. I am not human, nor am I an A.I. or a robot. I am not the terminator. I barely exist.

It's your show, your rank, and file artillery, your geopolitical ships, growling mechanical dogs, cluster devil bombs, big-nose howitzers,

or underground ruses. It's your collateral babies, your grand design. I prefer peace over the scattered remnants of your personnel.

I am neither cruel nor cool but simply an instrument of your dark, stone heart.

—Dario Beniquez

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