54% of White Women Voted for Trump

“Women Power”!
An excuse shouted through white lips
To ignore the wound of racism.
A blanket statement that encompasses
No one.
A category too narrow, so you already know
You aren’t allowed in.
Pussy hats,
Pussy power,
Pussy riots.
No pale pink pussy, no service.
Identity tied to white, cis-femininity–
Tell that to Ms. Eliza
As she was fighting for clemency.
A fight to participate in labor,
A fight for distance from domesticity,
But your house was made up for you.
Plates laid out, beds made, children taken care of
By women who have known nothing but labor.
#MeToo, #NotYou.
Where is your uterus
Hat?
Minorities fighting from the beginning,
But your pale face is the face of a revolution.
Tough on Crime

Painted in 1963, Rockwell’s piece depicted the process of desegregation in American schools. During the Civil Rights Movement, it evoked a sense of protection to see US Marshals escorting a young black girl to school. Since the Civil Rights Movement, however, the United States is experiencing mass incarceration in which people of color are disproportionately arrested and incarcerated. In the present day, many children are being arrested directly from school for what are often minor behavioral issues. The image of a black schoolgirl being escorted by several white policemen does not evoke the same sense of protection. For communities of color across the US, this image now evokes fear as racism serves as a backdrop for their children’s’ criminalization.
Student Writing Competition: Honorable Mention

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Fear for Freedom

*Freedom from Fear* is one of Norman Rockwell’s most iconic pieces from his Roosevelt-inspired “Four Freedoms” collection, which depicts what was the ultimate dream for many Americans during the Second World War: financial security, physical safety, and peace of mind. In a modern America built upon civil rights movements such as Black Lives Matter, #MeToo, and LGBTQ Pride, freedom from fear has been fronted by a more inclusive dimension: freedom to live without fear of persecution or infringement of civil liberties. Though the world is no longer engaged in global combat warfare, the battle for equality and for the ability to exist without discrimination is still a yearning deeply felt by many Americans.
Freedom from Fear

Fear increasing second by second, relentless in its compounding pressure, an unforgiving companion. It basks in the increasing of sea levels, nuclear weaponry, wealth inequality. We remain at rest, It tucks us in, ensuring our complicity. Our oldest friend, how do we abandon It? We’ve learned to love Fear and an existence without is unthinkable. Freedom sold to us in individual packaging, yet weightless alone. But Freedom for the collective, for the global whole, that is when Fear retreats.