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In the 1972 summer, I would work for a Congressman from Arkansas. On the weekend, time was spent walking D.C. in effort to understand what forces were shaping humanity. The Man on the Steps at the U.S. Post Office would be placed in my college yearbook. Ironically, I would visit the Post Office site again while completing the MFA through the School of Art Institute in Chicago last year. But now the site is owned by President Trump.

To revisit and explore the insights distilled through Hannah Arendt [For Hannah Arendt, Totalitarianism Is Rooted in Loneliness - Mad In America](#)

	<p>For Hannah Arendt, Totalitarianism Is Rooted in Loneliness - Mad In America</p>
	<p>From Aeon: "What prepares men for totalitarian domination in the non-totalitarian world is the fact that loneliness, once a borderline experience usually suffered in certain marginal social conditions like old age, has become an</p>
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and then trace out recent presentation by Samantha Rose Hill's virtual presentation about Thinking Itself is Dangerous [Video — Samantha Rose Hill](#) is important to hear and be present to.

To try and understand the design and gifts by which LIFE is affirmed or destroyed is an incredible challenge to not just Louisville, but also our State(s), Nations and Global sense of what is just in an ethical and moral sense of creating laws that uplift while understanding the impacts. Dis-ability is an issue that I have advocated for over my life, but even more so in the past 30 years of being in Louisville.

Last Sunday, while at Carmichael's the incredible story of Ruby Bridge's "This Is Your Time" was acquired. I was also reminded of the impact of being escorted to school as a child by viewing the story through LFPL's Kanopy of Simon Wisenthal, "I Have Never Forgotten You" whose daughter told a similar story. The hatred, the social barriers to commerce, expression, healing the wounds that seemingly have surfaced are important if we are to move forward.

The last 35 minutes shows where the Romans (the Gypsies) and Homosexuals captured in photographs would be exterminated in the camps. But also, those who were homeless or laying around on the streets would be misled into the "Red Cross Van" where they would be exterminated.

Essentially, "Social Abortion" was occurring, in that through government, people were being destroyed in response to policies driven by hate, if for no other reason. By comparison, in the world of modern psychiatry, the issues of treatment are questionable. The faces in historic photographs are covered and protected, then and now through Hippa.

The case of Prozac and the pharma industry is documented in www.madinamerica.com. See the Youtube story : Robert Whitaker: Scientific Censorship in Psychiatry, March, 2019 . The story of Prozac and what is suppressed along with the impacts of pharma in Louisville are within the incredible story of what would happen in our community and how individuals began to not speak about tragic outcomes. For me, the costs to have moved here, attempted to live here and have a career and heal fail with words, as well as justice.

	<p>Mad in America - Science, Psychiatry and Social Justice</p>
	<p>Mad in America's mission is to serve as a catalyst for rethinking psychiatric care in the United States (and abroad). We believe that the current drug-based paradigm of care has failed our society, and that scientific research, as well as the lived experience of those who have been diagnosed with a psychiatric</p> <p>www.madinamerica.com</p>

So, I ask for 4 actions.

- To realize the context is "Our Time" of the We, the people"
- Forgiveness, for while I can forgive, I do not forget. To think that people, even schooled in Law , or the civil servants can manipulate rights while destroying life and LIVES remains an injustice.
- Healing through creative expressions that affirms life, but to shape the space where

economies are created needs to be established.

- Education is not a game; rather an opportunity to realize profound learning by which the deepest longings, hopes and dreams can be realized through the realization of the content of character development. The Arts and Sciences will provide the necessary lift.

These are four simple actions, that need attention such that the operation of our community's economic space can be improved for not just citizens with disabilities, but all citizens since we are linked together in our journeys.

Thank You For Your Time.

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