

[#surdistsmakeartnotwar](#) will be the activism challenge hashtag, starting on Sunday August 20 and ends till 26.

HT Patti Durr

not sure if folks have time or interest but it might be good for the soul if we have a challenge that relates to resisting racism within the Deaf world or towards Deaf POC, Deaf Jewish people, Deaf LGBTQIA folks, Deaf disabled people. Nazi targeted the disabled first - it was one of the first laws they passed (The Law for the Prevention of Hereditary Diseased Offsprings 1933) Deaf people were on the list - 17,000 Deaf people were sterilized - ~300,000 disabled people were sterilized. Later the T4 program was set up to euthanize (starve, smoother, gas) disabled people and then the program migrated to the final solution (to annihilate Jewish people). White supremacists and KKK folks are also anti-disabled people so perhaps we can have a challenge to do some visual representation resisting persecution of disabled folks (specifically Deaf or general) especially those of color or who experience other intersectionality

create your own.





Title: "The Elephant" **SHAWN ELFRINK**

Inspired by a Deaf vlogger, Ella Mae Lentz "Elephant in the room":

<https://youtu.be/KDEFYt2VFWI>

I got this art influenced by an hearing artist 🗣️👤 #DavidPlunkert

Go see the photo down inside the comment boxes 📦📦



Day 1 #surdistsmakeartnotwar

And then they came for ....

## **PDurr**

Pencil drawing w a bit of paint

Response to an article I read about The only synagogue in Charoletteville va having to smuggle out the torahs because Neo Nazi fascists were marching past their door chanting blood and soil and Sieg Heil w hitler salutes and swastika and confederate flags

Congregation Beth Israel is in the center of the drawing. Trumpbis in the top right corner referring to the terrorists as very fine people. Moshe Aron spielman is next to him. A Deaf mute Polish man who was killed during the Shoah torches Neo Nazi screaming hate things marches during Hitler's salute confederate flag swasika flag front of the March - person with large sieg Heil reaching up at the synagogue and shouting down to a child to do the same stairs trees glass atrium then two small figures carrying toraha out to sneak into a van to drive away the safe rear possession. This is not a test. It's real and it's happening here on US soil where terrorists are calling for a race war and blood



Plaque Madonna

8x10inch oil on canvas

The mother holds a Deaf baby, on the back of the painting is the yellow canary is dead. The canary warned cultural genocide is happening today. There is a hidden message, a plague doctor holds a Deaf baby.

**Nancy Rourke**



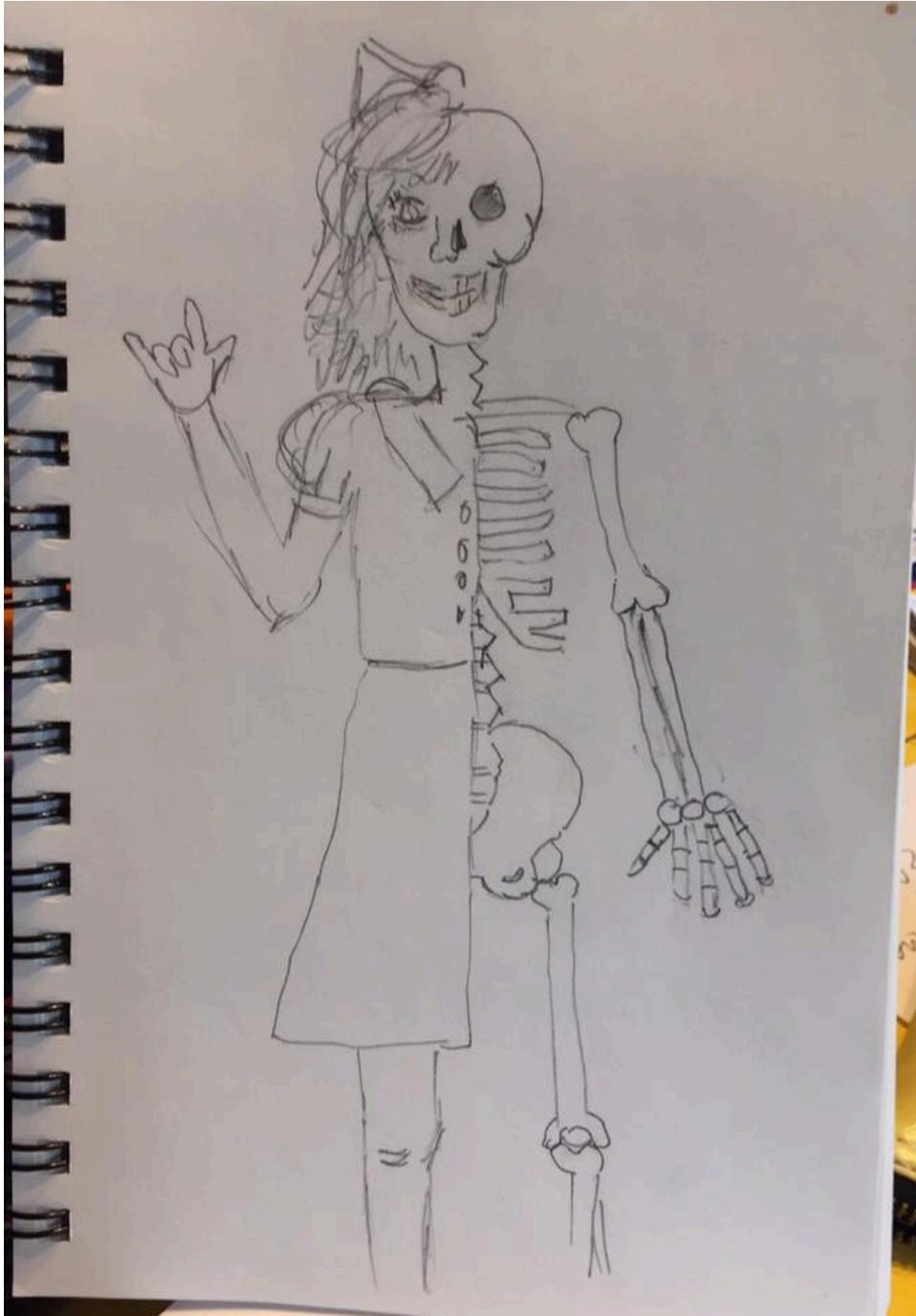
Day 2

Wanted do affirmation art for today since last night drawing were horrible sad.

"Graffiti on AGB building"

Pencil, marker and crayon

**Laurie Rose Monahan**



"Girl being stripped to Bones"

Sketch, 9"x6", Pencil

### **Bonnie Sandy**

I never forget what I saw a display at Holocaust Museum in DC. It sticks in my mind ever since then. A male dwarf with cursive back bone was stripped to bones. I can imagine kids, deaf, going thru the same. I would like to see people getting disgusted at it and it should not happen again.

Our Fearless Leader = OY



Day 2

#Surdismmakeartnotwar

"Resident of the United States leading the way - not"

**Patti Durr**



**SHAWN ELFRINK**

Title: "KKK shape" or "Brainwash US "KKK" Speech Practice"?

#surdistsmakeartnotwarchallengeday2 (part one of two)

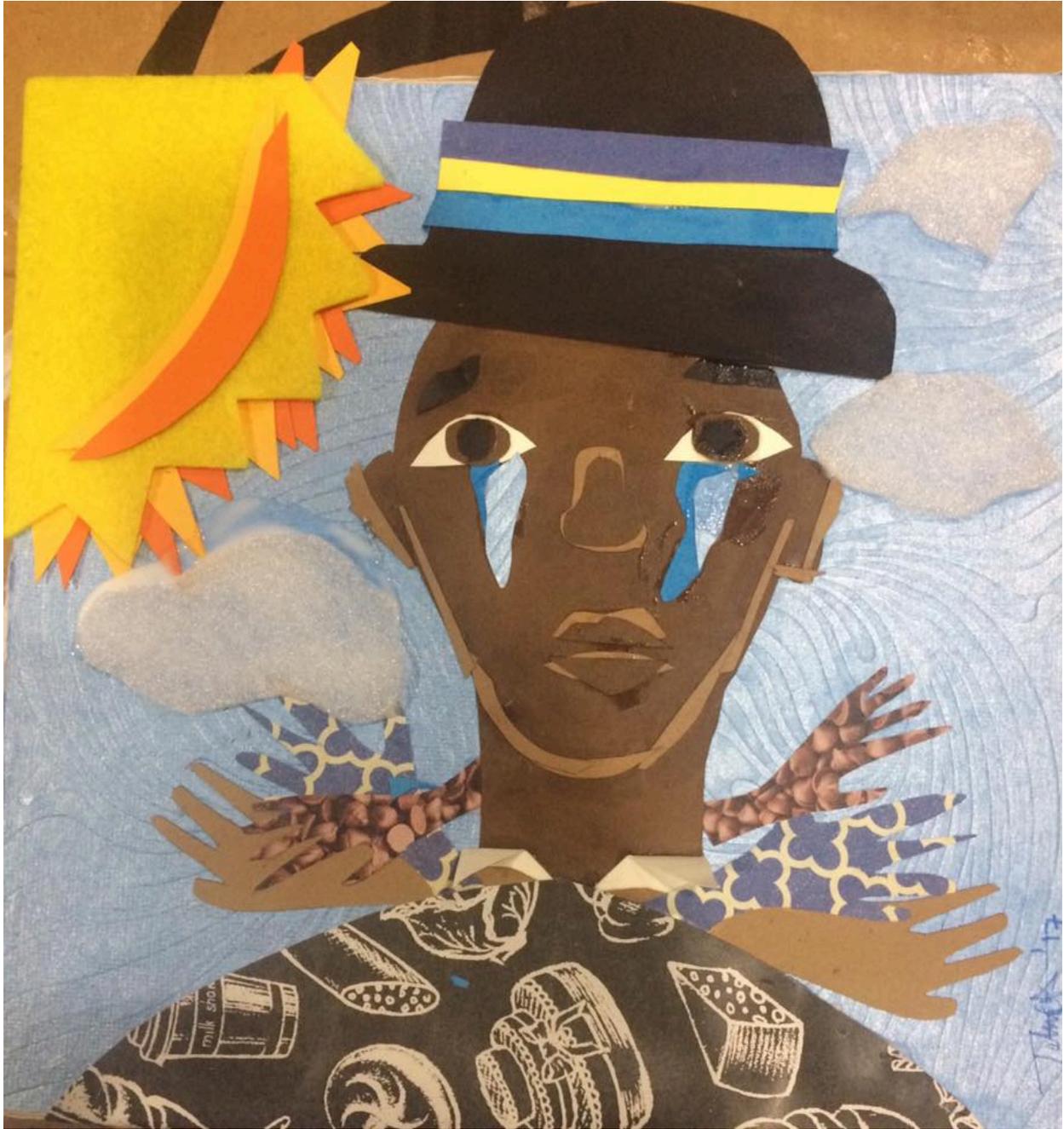
I got face palm on this kissing couples inside the KKK kite:

<http://mashable.com/2016/02/10/alexander-graham-bell-kites/>

Bell's KKK monument? <http://www.alamy.com/stock-photo-canada-nova-scotia-cape-breton-island-baddeck-alexander-graham-bell-24057078.html>

Bell's Exhibition KKK Hall? <http://www.alamy.com/stock-photo-exhibit-hall-at-alexander-graham-bell-museum-and-national-historic-35827020.html>

Bell's KKK kites project: <http://latteier.com/kite/>



## **TAKIYAH HARRIS**

day 1 part one

size 8 by 8

medium: collage art

"Am I safe in the reality world?"

Description: During 21 th century, the colored man has lot of mixed feeling when he sees many incidents from outside, work, social media, adverting magazines, newspapers and etc. The colored man felt he is going back to the reality from 1950's. He wears his "Surdism hat" to protect him from the horror incidents.



**TAKIYAH HARRIS**

day 1 part two

size 8 by 8

medium: collage art

"Why I am not learning American Sign Language from school and home?"

Description: The colored student uses "Gesture Sign Language and was struggling to express the appropriate words. The colored student becomes agitation and vents his feeling on the wall on the street with a paint spray after the school. The colored student started to sign "Why?".

Note: There are many lack of Deaf Educations in New Jersey.



First they came.... Past and Present

**BRIDGET KLEIN**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8UT3gHYdLA&feature=youtu.be>

Translated work of Martin Niemöller's poem.

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

Today

First they came for the Mexicans, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Mexican.

Then they came for the Gays, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Gay.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the Blacks, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Black.

Then they came for the Muslims, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Muslim.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.



## **TAKIYAH HARRIS**

day 3 part 0ne

size 8 by 8

medium: collage art

"Lead-K is standing up"

Description: The deaf colored woman showed up at Boston Commons and wanted to stand up about Lead-K. There was a peaceful protest rally in Boston. The deaf colored woman was a very relief and continued to giving an empower to the community about Lead-K.

Inspired by Boston Protest Rally



**TAKIYAH HARRIS**

day 2 part two

size 8 by 8

medium: collage

" Abandoned colored deaf girl"

Description: The deaf colored girl arrived home from the school. Something happened to her immigrant family. Her parents were upset that they have to deport from America to returning their country. They were arguing about their deaf daughter who is U.S. citizen and were not allow her enter to DCFS/DCF system.



## TAKIYAH HARRIS

day 2 part one

size 8 by 8

medium: collage

" Eyes/Hands Soul"

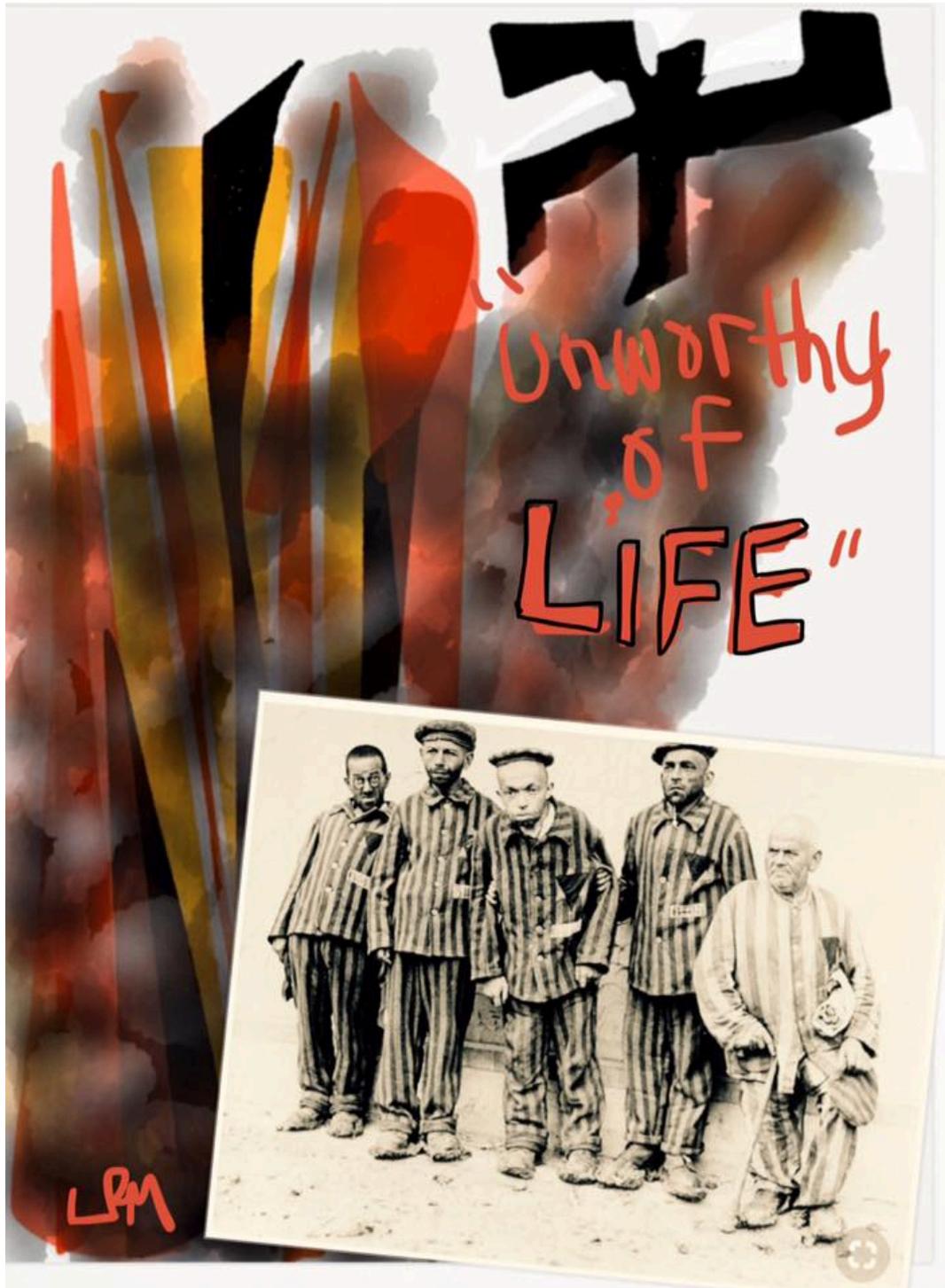
Description: The elder colored man became blind-deaf when he was a young. He had a communication barrier and tried to find a journey. He was a survivor mode and was fear from the protest incidents in the areas. The elder colored man had many visions to see the eyeballs with hands. The eyeballs walked to the window to see the the rainbow hands. It reminded to be peaceful.



**LAURIE ROSE MONAHAN**

"Which one is deaf or not?"

Digital art



Digital art

**LAURIE ROSE MONAHAN**

I did researched about Holocaust and found the picture. That was what Hilter said about disabled humans including deaf an "unworthy of life".



**Laurie Rose Monahan**

"Make Art can be powerful RESISTANCE "

Digital art

I saw the video of artists covered up the graffiti of swastika symbol. They made it beautiful instead of hate.



"PROTEST"  
DIGITAL collage  
Nancy Rourke



While watching tonight's #Phoenixrally and this is how I am feeling right now.

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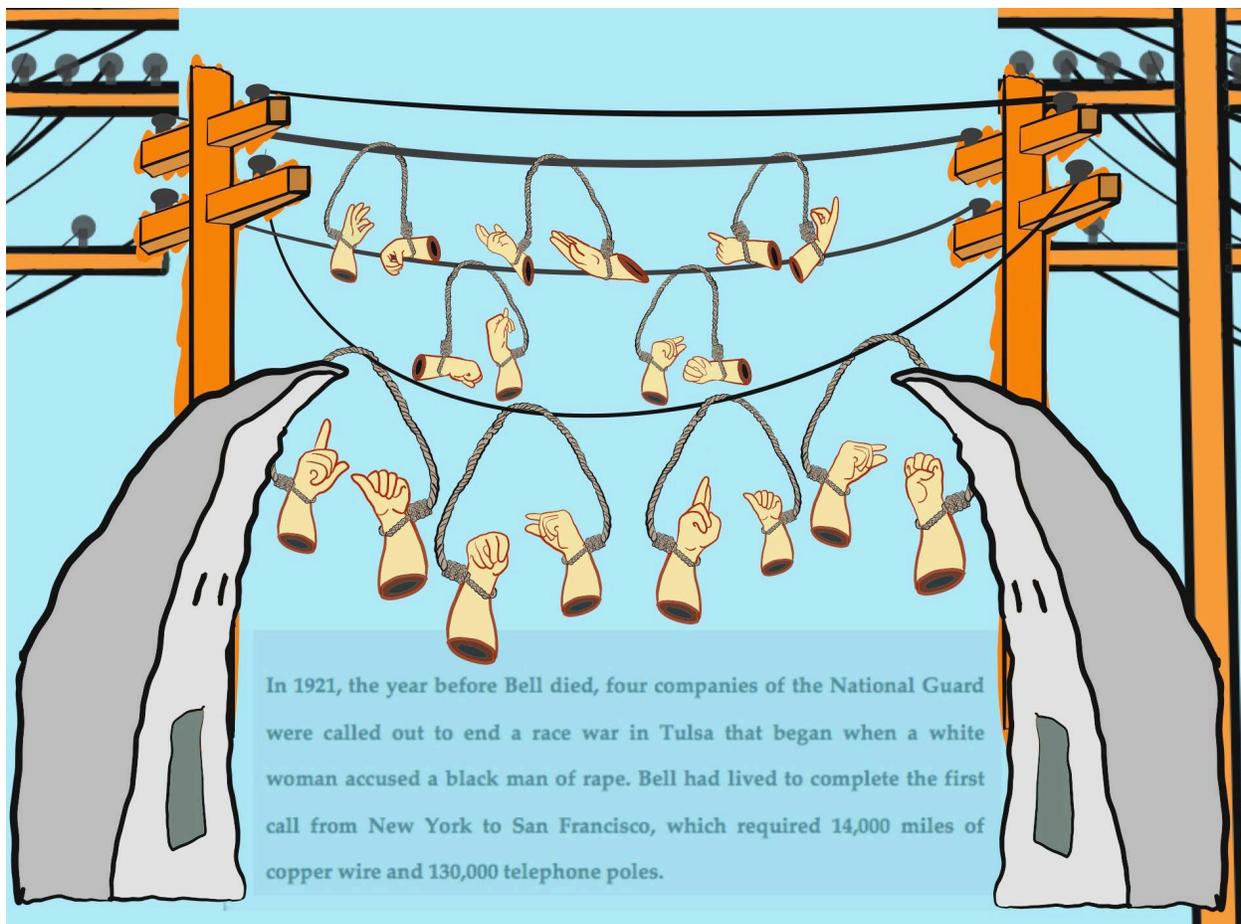
"Phoenix Rally 2017 : Reichstag Revisited"

by **Amy Cohen Efron** 2017

Speedball India Ink and Foundation calligraphy pen

Multimedia paper 9"x7"

This captured my feelings at this moment. I am so aghast what I am watching on TV about Donald's off the script speech. It is HORRIBLE!



Title: "We Paid Sign Language Lynching on Bell's Telephone Bills?"

**SHAWN ELFRINK**

[#surdistsmakeartnotwarchallenge2](#) (part two of two)

Inspired the truth story from [Ruthie Jordan](#) 's FB post.

19 fingerspelling hard work inspired by [Nancy Rourke](#) 's "hands cut off" art motif.

Lynching on telephone poles : <https://desperadophilosophy.net/tag/lynch-souvenir-postcards/>



## **TAKIYAH HARRIS**

day 4 part One

size 9 by 10

medium: collage art

"Hope about Lead-K"

Description: Surdism Black Deaf woman with the wings is carrying her dream "Lead-K". She refuses to give her hope because people were involved in the various parades related to Deaf Education, Accessibility, Lead-K, Disability rights from the prison and others. Surdism Black Deaf woman has a bug heart to doing in the deaf community.



## **TAKIYAH HARRIS**

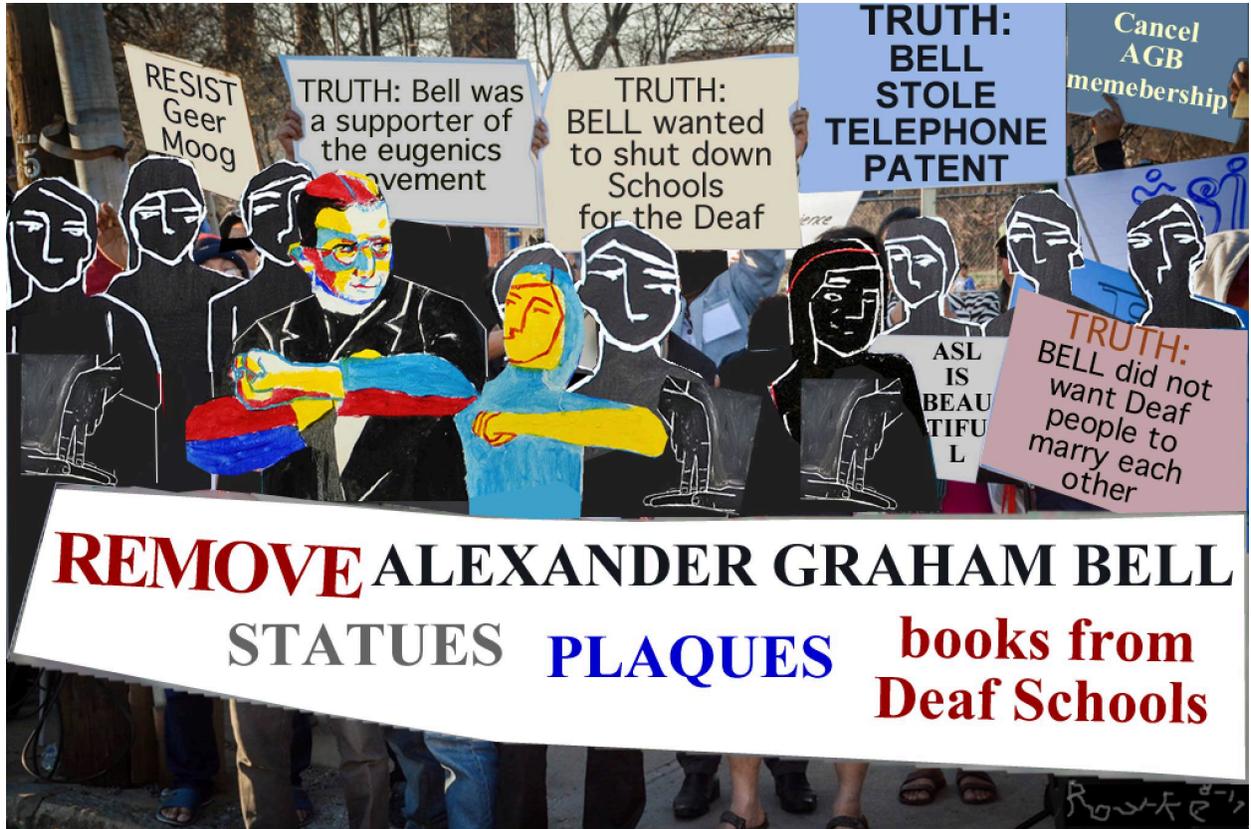
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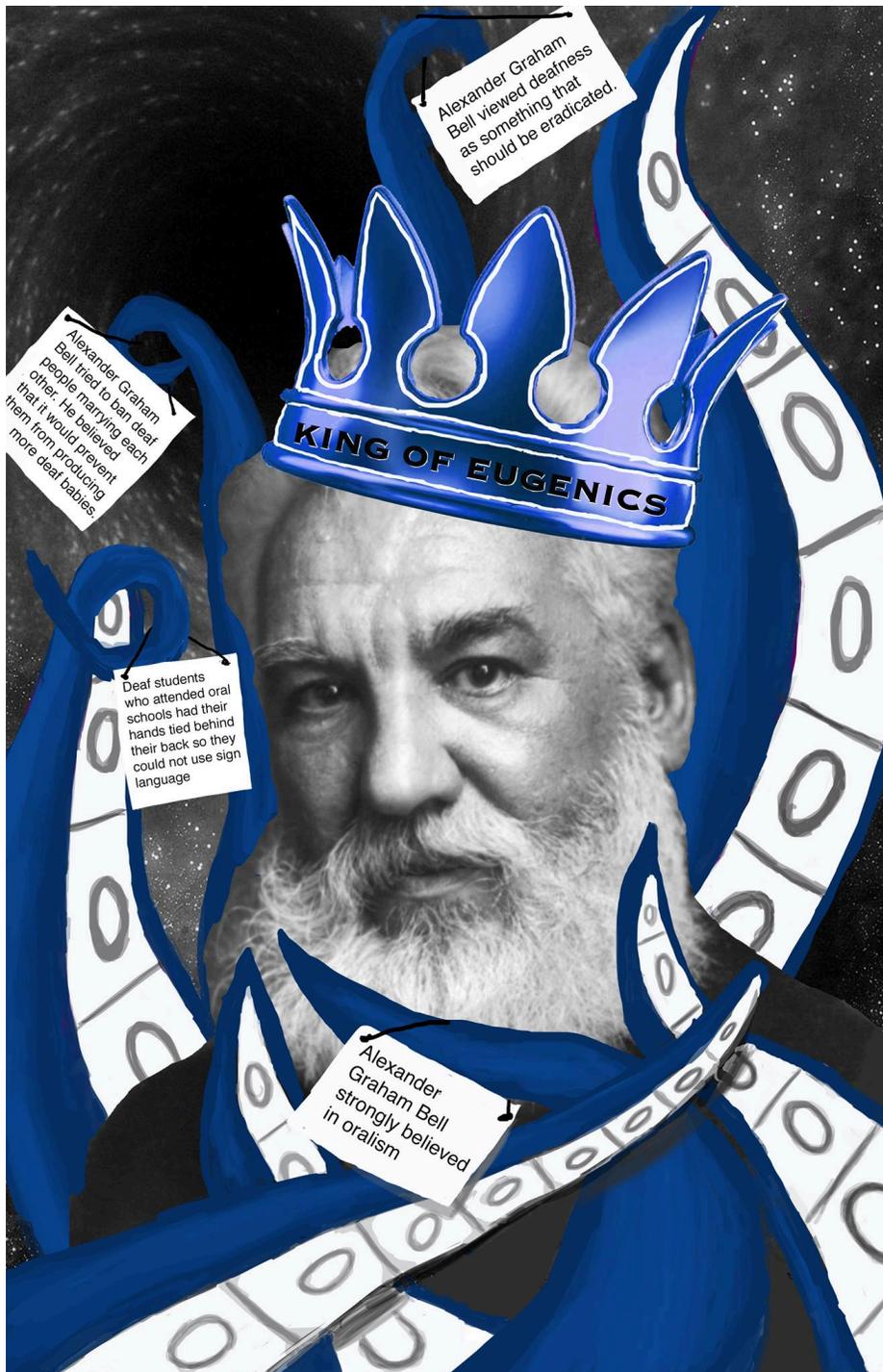
medium: collage art

"Keep Deaf school open"

Description: Deaf Black student wore his favorite hoodie with an eye symbol. He decided to come to the school and he got the message that the deaf school was going to close due the state budget was going to cut. Deaf Black student was leader and made decision to providing the rally to the students and staffs. "Deaf" is a part of a spray graffiti on the brick building.



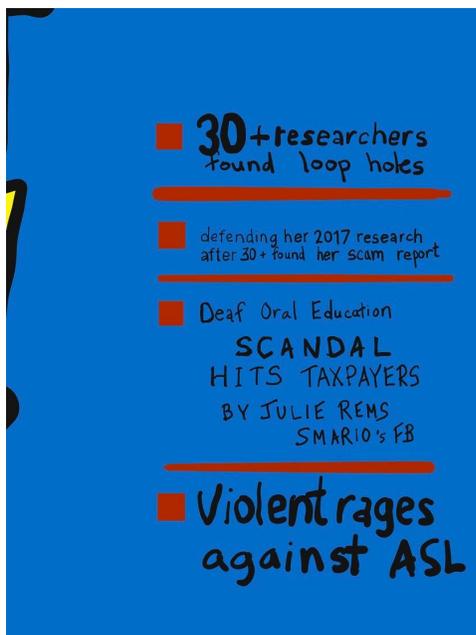
AGB PROTEST  
Day 4  
Nancy Rourke



Media: mixed digital art

I created this a few years ago - I created one without the signs for my project for my history of graphic design class. Since my teacher and classmates are hearing and does not understand why we, Deaf people, hate AGB I had to make signs for why we don't like him. To help the hearing people understand why we don't like him. All of my classmates and teacher were surprised to learn the dark side of AGB beyond the fact that he "invented" telephone.

**ROSEMARY EDWARDS**



Title: "Former CID Director got BUSTED with FAKE report about Deaf Oral Education"

Discription: go follow [Julie Rems Smario](#), and go support LEAD-K for Deaf babies and Deaf children.

SHAWN ELFRINK



Mein Krumpf! Graphite 2017 **David Call.**  
Goose stepping Krumpf with Hitler hairstyle. The title of this artwork is based on Hitler's book "Mein Kampf".



Our Super-D-man!

7"x10", sketch, colored pencils

Affirmation

Since my big toe got fractured and I couldn't walk around much, thanks to Nancy Rourke's suggestion. I felt like a little girl sighing at a hero so I just sketched it. Shall there be the Day our Super-D-man saves our Deaf Humans and Animals!

**BONNIE SANDY**



Day 4 #surdismmakeartnotwar activism challenge

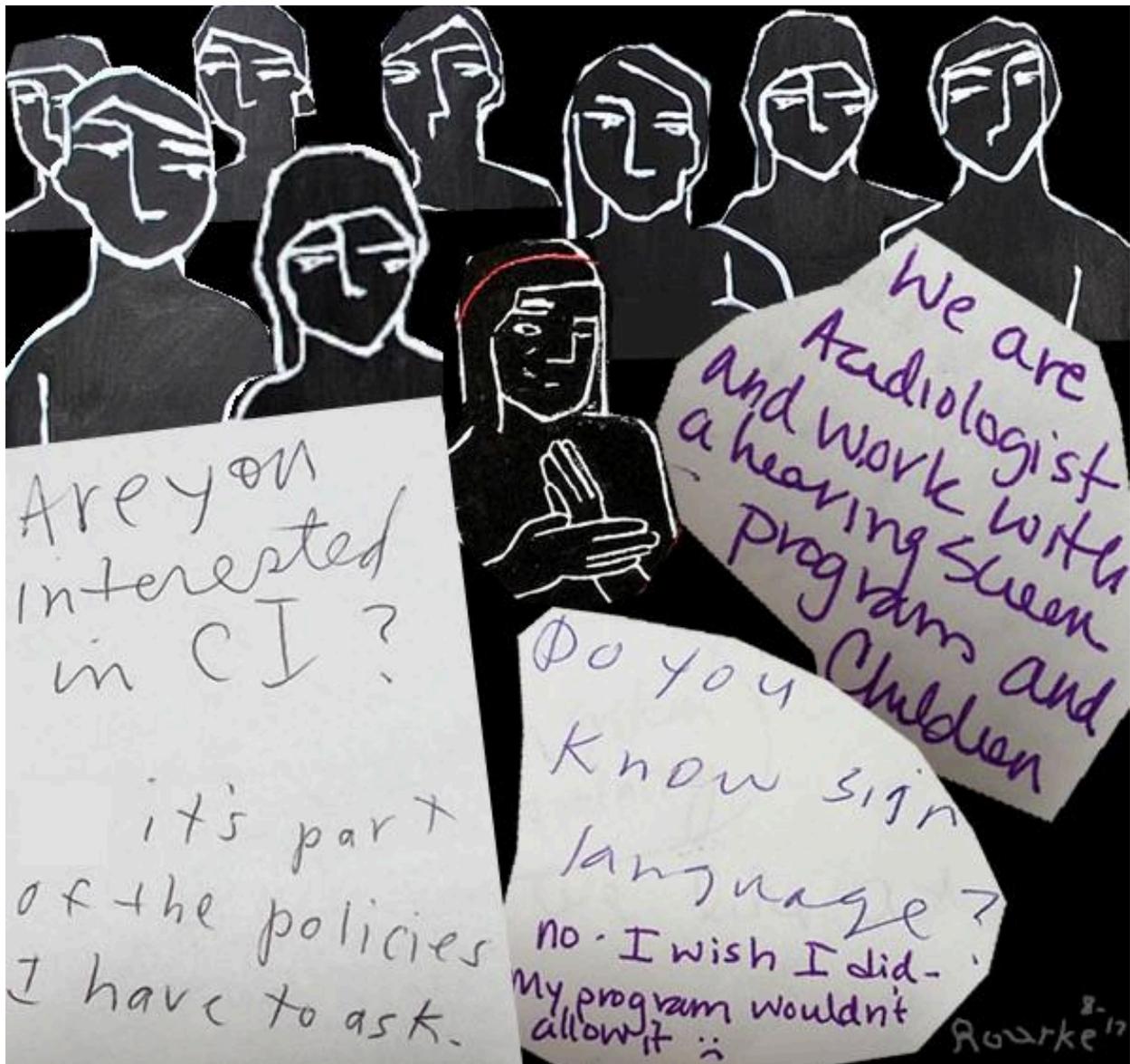
Title: "Boo! Jean Moog is Not Retired yet?"

Thank to Julie Rems Smario for letting me and Paul Kiel know

description : we the Deaf ASL supporters were disgusted with Jean Moog's ugly insulting quote: "ASL is NOT American culture".

We will soon find out when the exactly date that she did made this public video.

**SHAWN ELFRINK**



Day 3

Unfair

from own witness.

**Nancy Rourke**

transcript: Deaf people in background with one signed "STOP" Notes are written: "Are you interested in CI? It's part of the policies I have to ask." "We are Audiologist and work with a hearing screen program and children." "Do you know sign language? No - I

wish I did - My program wouldn't allow it. 😞 :-("



**Ivanka Trump** @IvankaTrump · Aug 20

Just amazing...a beautiful reminder to take nothing for granted!

Ivanka - inspiration porn is not cool.



**Daniel Hannan** @DanielJHanna

Ableist Attitudes

This is so beautiful: moments when deaf people hear for the first time. Truly, we live in an age of wonders.

#Surdistsmakeartnotwar

Haaaaa!!!  
First time!!! total BS. They had a Texas accent at the time of activation which means: 1. they could hear and speak before that magical moment.



1.3K



2.9K



13K

Dear Ivanka - [#inspirationpornsucks](#)

[#surdistsmakeartnotwar](#)

**PATTI DURR**



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**Nancy Rourke**

@nancyrourke

Replying to @IvankaTrump

# STOP Sharing Those Feel Good Cochlear Implant Videos



TWITTER



## **TAKIYAH HARRIS**

day 5 part One

size 8 by 8

medium: collage art

"Sorrow eye"

Description: We are suffering our pain from our sorrow hearts after we saw many crisis or incidents in America. We need our strongest unity and show our faith to others.

"SECOND AMENDMENT PEOPLE" "RIGGED ELECTION" "VOTER FRAUD"  
"AMERICANISM, NOT GLOBALISM" "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN" "MAGA"  
"BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA" "THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE AWAY OUR CULTURE.  
THEY ARE TRYING TO TAKE AWAY OUR HISTORY." "FAKE NEWS" "LEAKS"  
"MEDIA DON'T LIKE OUR COUNTRY." "ALT-LEFT" "SOME VERY FINE PEOPLE"  
"MANY SIDES" "I THINK THERE IS BLAME...ON BOTH SIDES."  
"AMERICA FIRST" "ALTERNATIVE FACTS"  
"TRAVEL BAN" "BUILD BEAUTIFUL  
BORDER WALL NOW"



*AEfron 2017*

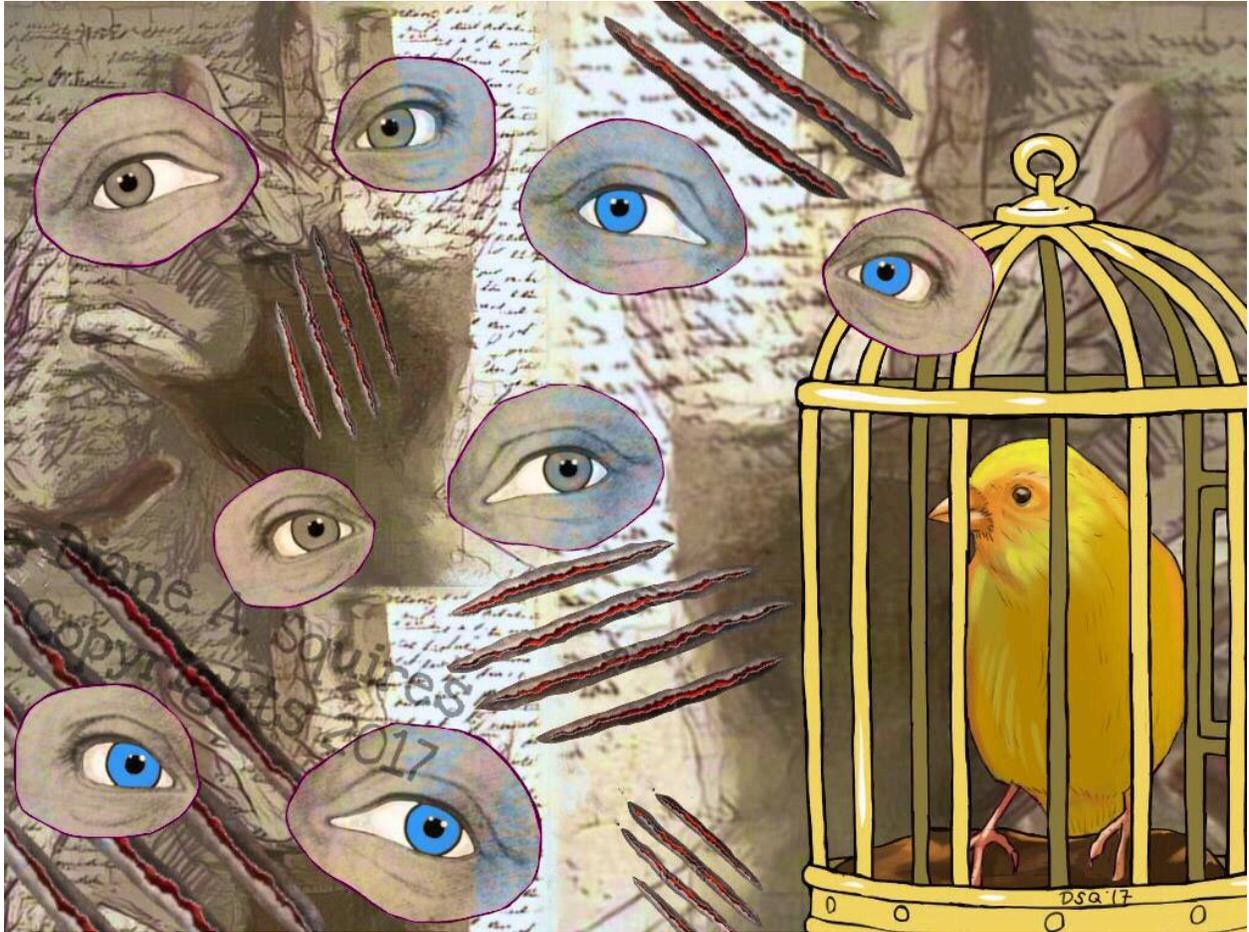
"Dog Whistling"

by **Amy Cohen Efron** 2017

Adobe Illustrator 8"x10"

#surdistsmakeartnotwarday4

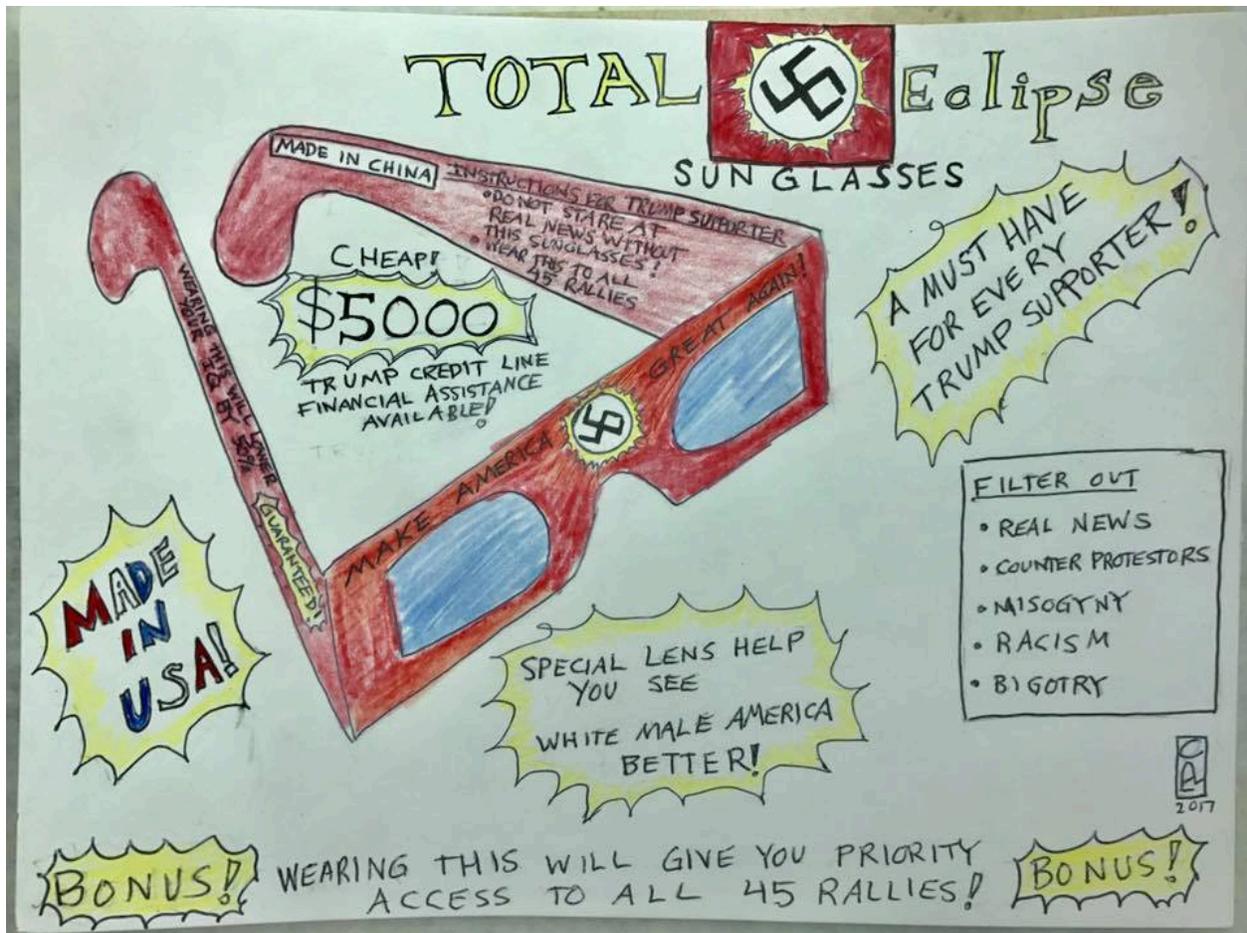
Donald spent a lot of time tweeting and ranting without using the teleprompter in front of his adoring albeit small audience. All of the phrases he used, are considered as dog whistling. They are coded phrases specifically to motivate his specific base to act on something. It is highly "veiled" as a hate speech, which is racist with white supremacy undertones. Please be mindful to what Donald has to say. Stay awake!



"Feeling Trapped at AGB Camp"

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ArtRage and Dreamscape.



Total 45 Eclipse Sunglasses for sale!! Ink/color pencil.  
David Call 2017 copyright.



me share this 2012 artwork, i cd not get away from my mural project planning.. someday me create makeartnotwar someday!!! you all rocks with artworks.

**ELLEN MANSFIELD**



Wanting to be a part of the artwork! Forgive my jumping in and out 😊

**HEIDI STORME**



**Diane A. Squires** Copyright2017

"Humpty Dumpty .... Oops"

ArtRage



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhWs-YCGRWI>

"I condemn"  
3D Artwork using cups

by **Amy Cohen Efron** 2017



**I must learn how to speak and hear from schools.**

**Instead of daily interaction with Sign Language.**

**This is what teachers says I must do.**

**And I have no choice but to obey.**

**Deaf Children were beaten if they spoke their hands.**

**Deaf Children were forced to wear hearing aids.**

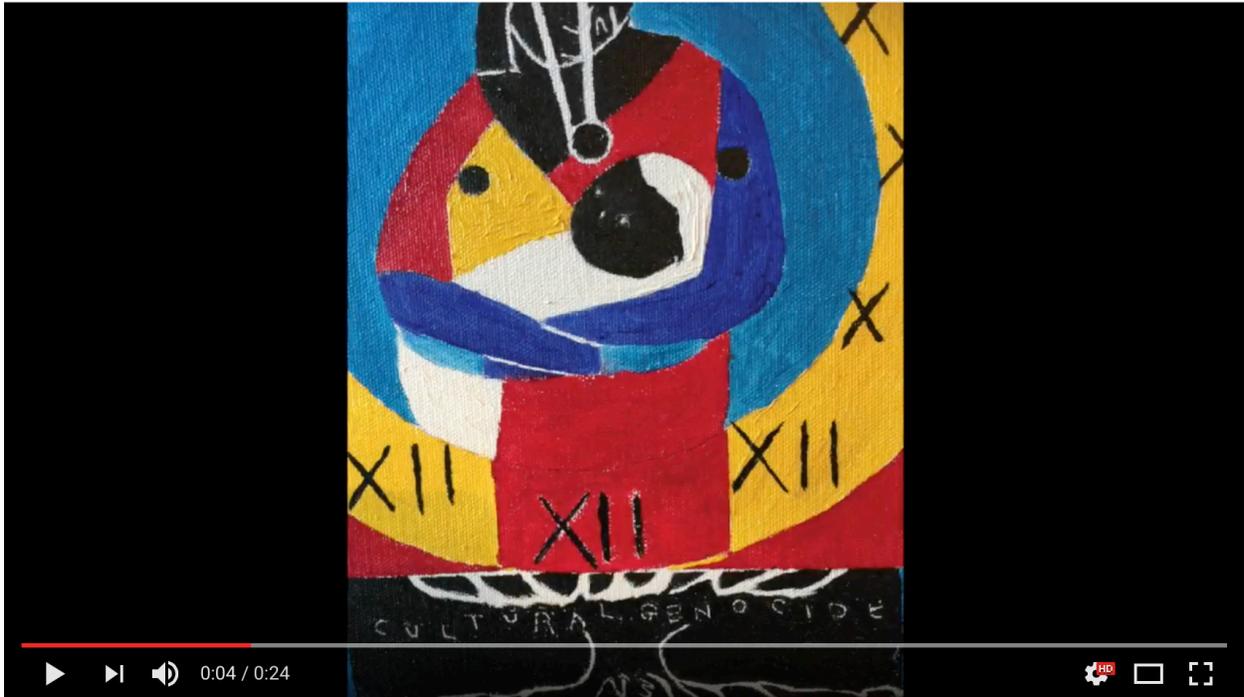
**Some got their heads and hands smashed on desks.**

**Most did not learn education through reading lips.**



ah here i am with quick [#makeartnotwar](#). i better get off from facebook. enjoy friday!

**ELLEN MANSFIELD**



Day 6

In the Trump Era

#surdistsmakeartnotwar

**Nancy Rourke**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDRJHACTG-E>

from the article

<http://somatosphere.net/2017/08/teaching-disability-studies-in-the-era-of-trump.html>

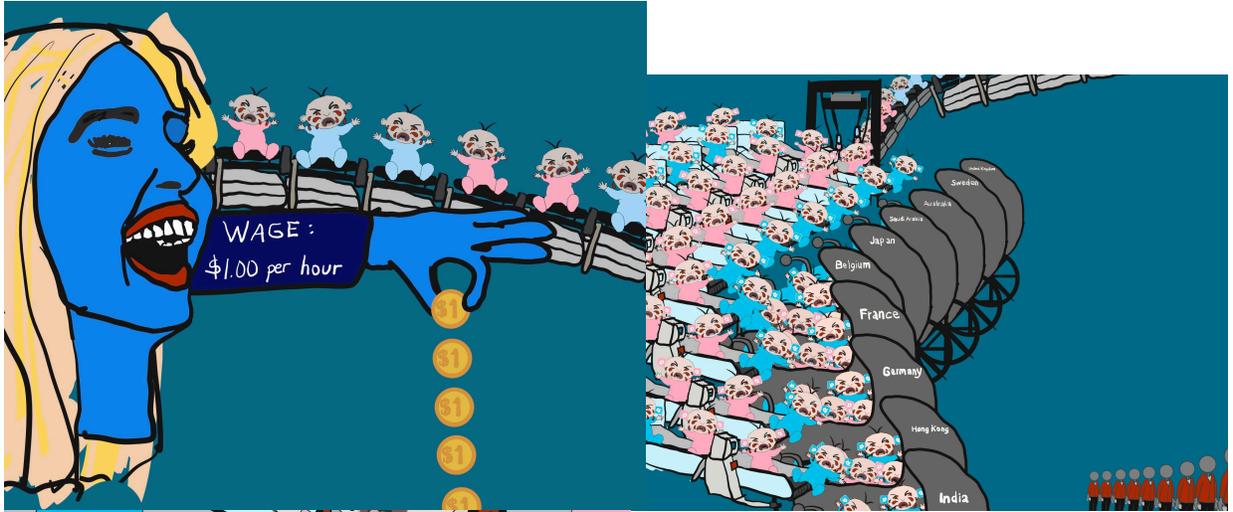


#3 -- "Dandelions Resist" (or "Deaf Resist")

**Diane A. Squires**

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ArtRage



**SHAWN ELFRINK** Day 5 title: unknown description:

<http://www.scarymommy.com/here-are-some-photos-of-the-chin.../>

Ivanka twitter did made made statement about CI :

<https://twitter.com/ivankatrump/status/899428210215182336>



**NANCY ROURKE** Day 5

STOP Sharing Those Feel Good Cochlear Implant Videos postcards

This is a postcard to be printed and to send to companies who share videos on social media, television shows, etc., etc.



### [Maria Dollhopf](#)

Yesterday at 6:55am

When Deaf babies who are not exposed to signed language and don't have a fully developed voice box get sick, they can't communicate. They get frustrated and continue crying without sign language. With cochlear implants, there is still a delay in language acquisition until he/she learns to listen and imitate sounds and speak with their growing voice box.



"The Week Had Eclipsed"

**Amy Cohen Efron** 8/25/17

Caran D'Ache Neocolor II

India Ink, Colored Markers, and White Gel Pen

9"x7"

#impeachtrump #solareclipse2017 #southkorea #hurricaneharvey  
#surdistsmakeartnotwar

# COCHLEAR IMPLANT COMPANIES



## STOP AUDISM



**Stop exploiting our parents and harm us, Deaf children  
Stop using our bodies for your profiteering and fraudulent business**



Deaf survivors and ally stood front of Cochlea America how it keep profit from Deaf people's ears. End Audism! We send a message "Get a life, Cochlear Implant companies" Created by Eyepoetic

No offended - this is for our toxic system who exploits on our families of Deaf children.

**RUTHIE JORDAN**



**ELLEN MANSFIELD**



**David Call**

August 25 at 1:52pm

Russian Thug Wannabe. Graphite. 2017. David Call. Copyright.



Titled "Trump Tweets"

**ROSEMARY EDWARDS**

Sometimes I wonder does he sit on toilet every time he tweets because it comes out at odd hours or so... people can't just seem to take his blackberry away from him so he hides in bathroom to tweet.



"Why Me?"

Digital art

**LAURIE ROSE MONAHAN**

When I was young, I asked that question myself many times. Later in my adolescence, I wondered if I deserved be suffered with audism and oppression. Also, I had to dealt with severe depression since 13 years old. Today I am survivor and warrior!

**KAREN CHRISTIE**

What's Left

It's time

It's time  
To open your eyes  
And rise

It's time  
To open your eyes  
To rise  
and put feet  
in the streets

It's time  
to open your eyes  
to rise  
to put feet  
in the streets  
to follow  
raised Black fists

It's time

In truth  
Its way past time  
But

It's time  
For me  
For this body  
Deaf, postmenopausal  
and white  
To stand

Its time  
For me  
For this body  
Deaf, postmenopausal  
and white  
To stand  
And be  
Only what is left to be

Its time  
To open eyes  
To rise  
To put feet  
On the streets  
To follow  
To stand  
For me to be  
Only what is left to be ---  
a shield.



**TAKIYAH HARRIS**

day 6 part One

size 8 by 8

medium: collage art

"Restriction on Food stamps"

Description: Deaf Black woman didn't want to surrender to fight for the children's right. She was exhausted and became a very frustration easily because she was struggling to get more food stamps to support her children from the housing project.



day 7 part one

size 8 by 8

medium: collage art

"Are we allow to signing in the reality world?"

Description: Some parents don't want to learn the sign language and have their limited communication to their Deaf child(ren). Some Deaf or Hard of Hearing children appeared to have their language deprivation and feel more painful to sharing.

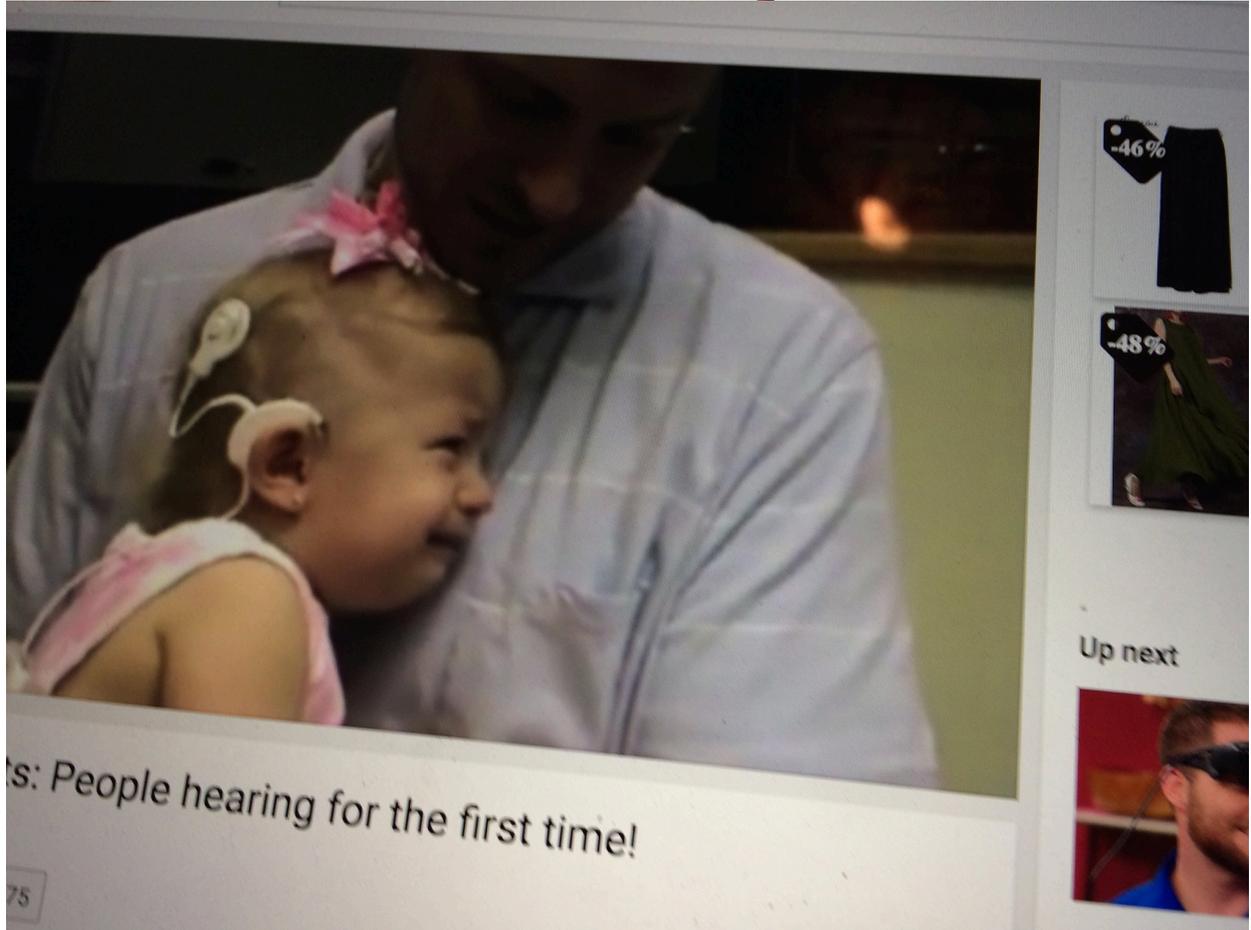
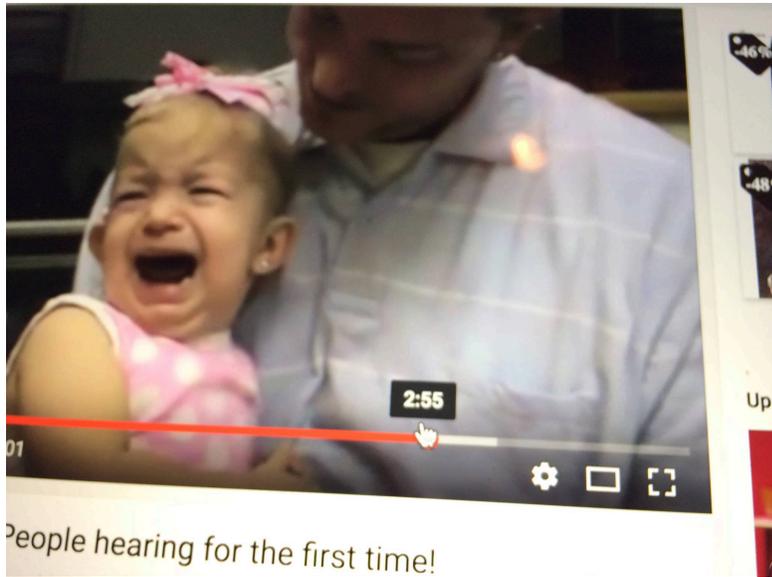
TAKIYAH HARRIS



day 6 part two  
size 8 by 8  
medium: collage art  
"No access from the prison"

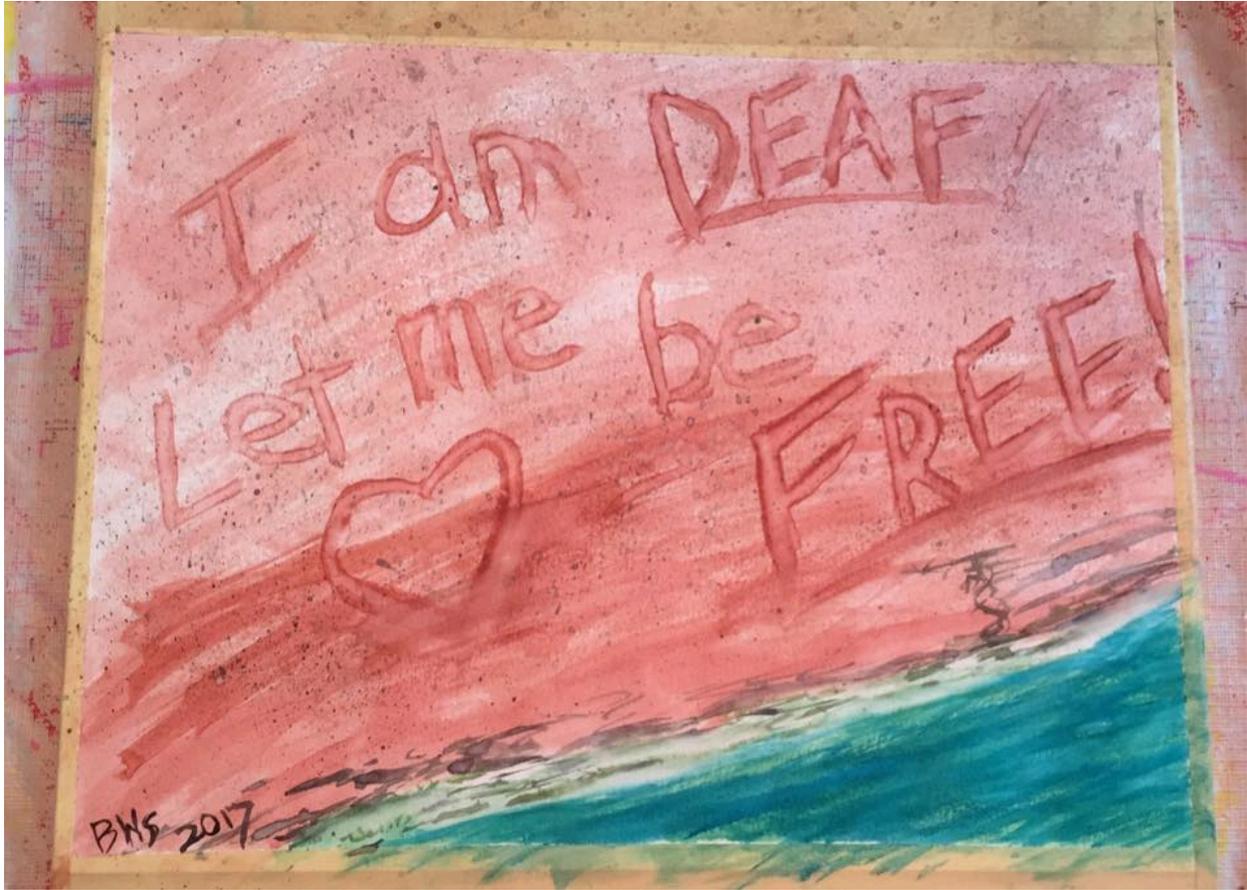
Description: Diverse Deaf Prisoner felt isolation from the reality since he was not allowed to contact his family members through either the videophone or relay service on TDD.

**TAKIYAH HARRIS**



Not all tears are joyful - CI activation

PATTI DURR



Day 7

## BONNIE SANDY

Shout out on the Beach

12"x9" watercolor

Scribbling in the sand shouting out that "I am DEAF! Let me be FREE!" while water ashore attempting to wash away. I challenged myself back again to do the watercolor since I took a community class in spring 2016. I thought I did a pretty good but I know I need more practice.



day 7

"Hands and Eyes of Peace Rise Up Over the Opposition" by Dawah 2017

Oil and Metallic Sharpies on 12"x18" black paper

White opposition hands surrounded by Chakra colors, peace signs, hand birds and eyes.

Namaste

**JERRY GRANT**



"The Bug"

By **Amy Cohen Efron**

Watercolor, ink, and white paint.

8"x10"

[#surdistsmakeartnotwar](#) Challenge Day 7

Two hidden messages in this picture.

I know it is not what you expect from me. I am pushing my creativity and trying to do something really odd.