



We Won't Die Quietly

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Last night, I rewatched How to Survive a Plague, the powerful documentary by Peter Staley. I've shared it many times over the years so others can understand the history of how brave gay men, women, and their allies fought relentlessly for their lives while a negligent government let a generation die in silence. Watching it again last night reminded me: maybe this was no coincidence.

Because here we are again.

Another cruel, monstrous bill is threatening to take healthcare away from millions of us including myself. Medicaid, Medicare, and programs that help children, disabled people, elderly citizens, survivors of domestic violence, and so many others are at risk - all to give billionaires yet another tax break.

How can those in power sleep at night knowing what this will cause? How can anyone watch their fellow humans suffer, families going without medicine, elders being pushed out of nursing homes, children with special needs left without care, and still call this justice?

This isn't about policy.

This is an attack on life itself.

We've seen this before. And like the brave members of ACT UP, I believe we must rise again. We must fight back again and again until we physically can't anymore.

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Jesus himself was poor. He lived humbly, walked with the marginalized, healed the sick - not for profit, but out of love. Those who push this deadly agenda and call themselves "Christian" have forgotten the very essence of what they preach.

If aliens exist, and I believe they might, I wouldn't blame them for leaving this planet behind. Sometimes I wish I could too. Because this world, this system, is broken. But even in my devastation, I know I was born to fight. I have fought to stay alive and I will continue!!!!

Because healthcare is not a privilege. It is a human right. WTF

We won't stay silent.

We won't back down.

We won't let our people die without a fight.

Much love and light

And all the fire of those who came before me.

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