



# FOR FUCK'S SAKE

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## GENDER OUTLAWS TAKE CONTROL

By Ronan Porter

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of November was a night of decisive victories for the US Democrats, winning a series of smaller elections across the country in what feels like the final turning of the tide in the utter shitstorm that has been the past year or so.

Most notably, transgender woman and Democratic candidate Danica Roem won a decisive victory against Republican Bob Marshall AKA the asshole who first introduced the "Bathroom Bill" AKA a man who referred to HIMSELF as the states "Chief Homophobe". I mean WHAT THE ACTUAL FUCK.

For those of you who don't know, the "Bathroom Bill" was a transphobic piece of shit bill that meant that transgender individuals had to use the bathroom that corresponded with the sex on their birth certificate. Apparently, Marshall assumed all transgender people were perverts, what an asshole right? Well the state of Virginia decided to send him a big "FUCK YOU".

As we end this year's Transgender Awareness Week it does us good to think of this victory and use it to inspire further change.

Ms. Roem was not the only victor of the night, Andrea Jenkins, a transgender woman of color, won her city council seat in

you set your mind to it. If that racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, despicable human being can be "leader of the free world" then anyone can.

But returning to more positive thoughts, it wasn't only transgender people who were victorious. Ravinder Bhalla was

elected mayor, the first Sikh mayor of Hoboken, New Jersey, despite facing a horrifically racist campaign that called him a terrorist. Wilmot Collins, who fled the Liberian civil war in 1989, was elected Montana's first black mayor defeating his opponent Jim Smith who was an anti-refugee alt-right supporting fucknut. Hala Alaya and Elizabeth Guzman are two Latina women who are the first such to be elected to Virginia's

general assembly, and they are joined by Kathy Tran an Asian-American woman.

Maybe the tides are turning, maybe this is just a blip, but either way it was a night to celebrate because guess what – the world isn't completely shit and it's small elections where change like this can start.



ART BY RONAN PORTER

Minneapolis. It's almost as if people are starting to realize that being transgender doesn't make you abnormal, you are equally as capable of running for government.

I mean the one teeny inspiring thing I can gather from the fucking Cheeto man being President of the United States is that you really can be anything if

# THE RITZ – A WELL KNOWN PRISON FOR THE FUCKING RICH

By Katie Bowdery

I'll tell you what takes the piss, when the poor are imprisoned or punished for anything, it is (sometimes quite rightly) an actual punishment. But when the rich are being punished, house arrest means lounging around in mansions with acres of land, and being 'imprisoned' is being kept in the luxury of the Ritz hotel. I mean, for fuck's sake, this makes no sense.

Saudi Arabian authorities have arrested hundreds of people in connection with corruption and fraud, suggesting that at least \$100 billion has been embezzled or misused. These are some of the richest businessmen and princes in the country, with their net worth estimated from \$110 MILLION to \$16.8 BILLION. Although the official report is of corruptions there have been murmurs of a conspiracy that this is not the only reason for the arrests. It is rumored that their way to escape these AWFUL CONDITIONS of the Ritz and other

five star hotels, is through bribes. You pay, you leave.

This is all so warped, because obviously if you've illegally gained and maintained a very large amount of money, money is the only way to escape? And the amount of money corresponds with how well you are taken care of while punished?!

What a shining example of how differently the rich are treated. What a fuck up.

## TROUBLE IN PARADISE

By Kira Aguilar

Last week 13.4 million leaked documents, exposing the complex ways in which the rich and powerful avoid paying their taxes, were published. These so-called "Paradise Papers" have revealed a whole bunch of people responsible for hiding their money in zero-tax remote islands or foreign countries, and the list includes a host of familiar politicians, movie stars, successful athletes, *and yes*, the Queen.

This isn't the first time this kind of information has leaked, and it won't stop here, but what makes this situation particularly interesting is that these documents don't explicitly prove any incriminating actions.

That's where this gets interesting; the outrage caused by this ordeal is based off moral and ethical obligations, rather than questions over its legality. It's true that some of the leaked information has led to investigations into the companies managing these transactions, but the main concern still lies in the question: Is this fair? If there is nothing illegal about moving one's money to a haven to avoid high taxes, then can we even be mad that these people are taking advantage of the opportunity to do so?

### DEFINITION OF THE WEEK

#### FASCISM

Dictatorial control of the government and forcibly suppressing the opposition.

### TRUMP OR NOT?

"I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters, okay? It's, like, incredible."

#### DID HE SAY THIS?

FIND OUT THE ANSWER IN OUR NEXT ISSUE OUT DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

LAST ISSUE: YES, HE DID SAY THAT

The answer is no, it's not fair. Taxes are in place for a reason, and if you don't believe in paying them, fine, then move to some uncharted jungle and live in a tree where the taxman can't reach you, instead of taking advantage of our civilized system and its people.

Due to the ambiguous nature of the situation, is there anything the government could do to prevent tax evasion of this kind? Probably not, if the wealthy don't want to pay their share of taxes, it's unlikely they'll let anything or anyone make them do otherwise.