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“It’s been a horrendous year for victims of abuse,” Nicole Jacobs, the designated 1st domestic abuse commissioner for England & Wales. As England goes into new lockdown, the horrendous will continue. I made this in May ■ @rerutled



66%: The increase in the number of calls to the National Domestic Abuse helpline in March-May 2020 reported by Refuge
40%: The increase in the number of calls to the Women’s Aid chat line service in first two weeks of lockdown in March 2020
https://t.co/W4wDuFuqUD

On Tuesday, the domestic abuse bill, which includes creation of Jacobs’ role, goes to the House of Lords. The bill for 1st time will create a statutory definition of domestic abuse that encompasses emotional, coercive or controlling,and economic abuse as well as physical violence

14 women were recorded by Counting Dead Women as killed by men in 1st 3 weeks of lockdown in UK: highest rate for 11yrs.
Where’s the vaccine vs patriarchy?

Women, children, queer people are being terrorized at home. Home is where the hurt is

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As England goes into 3rd lockdown, escaping domestic abuse was listed as a reason to break lockdown. In just about every country across the world, there has been a spike in domestic abuse during lockdown. what fucking world is this where such violence is a given?

People will be allowed to leave their homes for limited reasons like shopping for essentials, exercise, and medical assistance. Johnson also said people could still leave home "to escape domestic abuse" -- an issue that arose earlier during the pandemic, as isolation and lockdown conditions exacerbated barriers to escape for victims of domestic violence.

What fucking world is this where men still beat & kill us even during pandemic?

-How long must we wait until men stop beating & murdering us?

Why was this Australian TV episode banned when I asked those questions?



Remember:
- not everyone can call the police.
- not everyone wants to call the police.
- police don’t protect everyone: ask Indigenous women, Black women, women of colour, marginalized women, sex workers, etc
- I don’t want to be protected. I want to be free of violence

And that is why I don’t want to go back to “normal.” Fuck normal.

-I cut my hair off to cut up my return ticket to “normal.”
-There is no “going back to normal” after a pandemic.
-Refuse to return to the ABNORMAL

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The #COVID19 pandemic is a disaster for women around the world - increase in violence in lockdown & it exacerbates already exiting inequalities.I launched FEMINIST GIANT to highlight feminist resistance to global patriarchal fuckery https://t.co/kUstIqd9F5


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