

Twitter Thread by Puff the Magic Hater



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My birthday is on Friday and I am inviting you all to celebrate with me by donating to Truthout, my workplace and the home of my podcast, Movement Memos. If you believe in our work as much as I do, and would like to contribute, you can do that here: <https://t.co/fCEVom4GFL>

If you would like to donate, but don't use facebook, you can also donate here: <https://t.co/oluAf5WXRm>

Truthout is an indy abolitionist publication and we are 89% reader funded. That's why we are still here, on a corporate news landscape, where independent news is largely dying. Our work is sustained because the people who read (and listen to) our content believe in what we do.

People also donate out of respect for how TO treats its workers. When the pandemic began, we all got a "preparation day" off and a \$200 stipend to fill our freezers. We also have unlimited sick leave. Keep in mind, we're an indy, reader-funded publication. <https://t.co/o3hl1VrXMU>

We also have the most generous parental leave plan in the industry, unlimited bereavement, and unlimited days off for staff grappling with climate catastrophes. <https://t.co/o3hl1VamnU>

I am happy to work at a place that drives home that things CAN BE this way. Also of note: Truthout has not laid anyone off during the pandemic, which is exceptional. <https://t.co/o3hl1VrXMU>

Years ago, Truthout hired me as a paid intern. I was then offered a fellowship, which eventually led to a full time staff position. Most publications do not offer that kind of trajectory, and they definitely don't offer it for people like me. <https://t.co/o3hl1VrXMU>

TO has also always accommodated my access needs as a disabled person, which should not be special or unusual, but we all know it is. <https://t.co/o3hl1VrXMU>

We are an abolitionist publication with a growing audience in a carceral society. We dismiss the lie of objectivity in favor of the truth: that we need transformative change to survive. <https://t.co/o3hl1VrXMU>

We deliver news and analysis that helps activists and organizers fuel change. With my show Movement Memos, I have tried to take that connection between our journalism and the work that's happening to another level.

This month I will turn 40 and the podcast will complete its first year on the air. I am excited about both of these milestones. I am also hopeful and grateful. Many thanks to everyone who has supported me and the show, and Truthout. ♥■

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