

Call for Papers

WTF?!?

Oppression, Freedom, and Self
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Direct questions and submissions to the editor, Kristin Staroba kristin.staroba@gmail.com. See Submission Guidelines on the AAP website: www.aapweb.com.

In the age of Trumpocracy, White nationalism, #metoo, pussy hats, anti-immigration, xenophobia, the wall, fake news, diversity training, sexual harassment training, LGBTQ awareness--many of us are spinning. A sometimes-nauseating whirl of every-flavored politics, social turmoil, and a never-still news cycle permeates our day.

What's going on? Has our world changed, or is an ignored raw edge becoming more visible? What changes seem growthful or healing, which damage and diminish? What does this look like in our offices, with clients swimming in the same soup as us? How does working in an altered environment affect you and your patients? As a healing community, is it ethical to maintain our supposed neutrality? Can we help the individual—or the larger society—make sense of this experience?

Even as what seems a bullying atmosphere tears at the societal and relational fabric of our lives and work, perhaps there is a process at hand. In therapy, we know that difficult work brings insight, relief, and change; it's a process in which we discover our self-imposed oppression and seek more freedom to be our true selves. Is it possible that our current mess is a bigger version of a similar process? At the public level, can we engage with the "other" in a way that leads us to something better?

We seek a true self (or a manageable national identity) as we grapple with oppression and strive for freedom—*whatever* your perspective is—at the local, national and global level or in our and our clients' personal work. For this issue of *Voices*, consider what that means in your life and practice.

Voices welcomes submissions in the form of personal essay, research- and case-based inquiry, poetry, art, cartoons and photography.