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The Fight Continues

As long as the oppression of women has existed, so too has there been resistance and struggle. Our movement is diverse with strong fighters of all nationalities and genders – and that diversity makes our movement stronger. We can and will defend against the attacks on LGBTQ rights and will continue the fight against the reactionary attacks on Trans people.

The fight for a better world is what's important. Mao Zedong famously said that "women hold up half the sky," and anybody who's ever been active in a trade union, student activist group, or social justice movement will tell you that women often hold up more than half.

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