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THIS ASSIMILATION UNDERCUTS THE RADICAL POTENTIAL OF

from a corporate and capitalist standpoint. To let the very systems that **tie us down** profit from us; essentially, is

We are capable of more

Boring.

queerness by transforming resistance into respectability and social comfort. Queer liberation can not die down or be domesticated. If justice is wanted, we must push for a structural and systemic change, and refuse to let identities be sanitized for easy consumption, especially

We fought to be here and that fight is not going anywhere, arguably it is stronger now than in a VERY long time.

Without challenging what society labels the foundations of power is to settle. Real liberation calls for more than assimilation; it calls for confrontation always. To claim narrow recognition like legal rights in most places or acceptance while ignoring the broader violence of normative structures is to settle for crumbs. O'Shaughnessy argues in Homonationalism and the Death of the radical Queer 4, mainstream queer advocacy often opts for assimilation: inclusion in capitalist frameworks instead of disrupting them.

that radical presence is being aesthetically neutralized. Queer presence is increasingly curated, **sanitized, and commodified, stripping** it of and danger that still defined it. This zine acts as ive of counter-visuality, tracing the shift al-dr iven practices to a version ofativism "safe" ion, and reminding us that **art and res** inseparable, as well as more justified now more

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QUEENS: The Radical Potential of Queer Politics? by Cathy J. Cohen (Cohen 1997) 3, she argues that the radical possibility of queer politics comes when we reject assimilationist impulses and instead commit to transforming structures of power, not just gaining inclusion or rights. I feel that there has been a shift in this idea societally that causes erasure of the fight for queer rights. As if queer history is being swept under the rug.