

This Is What Our Ruling Class Has Decided Will be “The New Normal”. Caitlin Johnstone

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US airman Aaron Bushnell [said the words](#) “This is what our ruling class has decided will be normal” before self-immolating in protest of the genocide in Gaza. That simple line has been reverberating throughout our collective consciousness ever since.

It seems like every day now we’re learning some horrible new fact about the US-centralized power alliance and the empire managers who carry out its malignant will for our world, because that’s just what our rulers have decided will be the norm for our species going forward.

Reports that Israel [tortured UN workers](#) to extract false testimony against Gaza’s primary humanitarian aid agency.

[Images surfacing](#) of airstrikes on Gaza occurring at the same time and location as airdrops of aid.

Gazan children beginning to [drop dead from hunger](#) in a [deliberately-engineered famine](#) that is causing sweeping starvation [at breakneck speed](#).

The IDF kettling the population of Gaza further and further south with a [horrifically destructive onslaught](#) and then [setting up an attack](#) on the enclave’s densely-packed southernmost point.

"This is what our ruling class has decided will be normal."
~ Aaron Bushnell <https://t.co/CWTQGRaSm6>

Israeli “demonstrators” bringing [cotton candy machines and bouncy castles](#) to create a fun, family-friendly atmosphere for their blockades to stop aid trucks from getting into Gaza.

The US president [waxing poetically](#) about how “heartbreaking” all the death and destruction in Gaza is when he himself is directly responsible for that death and destruction.

People in the world’s most powerful nation being told they have to choose between two candidates who both support this genocide.

A journalist [locked away in a maximum-security prison](#) for factual reporting on the same empire which claims to support free speech and a free press.

The biosphere we depend on for survival being fed into a soulless profit-generating death machine because everything on our planet has been turned into a commodity.

The leaders of nuclear-armed states brandishing armageddon weapons at each other because a few manipulators in Washington DC and Virginia have decided that the US must maintain global hegemony at all cost.

A mind-controlled dystopia in which ordinary people are propagandized into accepting all this as perfectly fine.

This is what our ruling class has decided will be normal.

This madness will continue until we come together and resolutely decide the opposite.

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