

Protest Colouring Book

Many well-known children's stories, such as Sleeping Beauty and Snow White convey immoral beliefs onto children: a prince who kisses a princess awake without asking permission, or the romanticization of colonialism in the story of Pocahontas. To engage with this issue the Protest Supplies Store designed a coloring book with 19 A3 coloring images that touch upon a wide range of contemporary issues aimed at children between 8 and 12 years old



€12,95

"The narratives that we are brought into contact with as children produce many of the relationships we occupy towards the world throughout our lives. to change the narratives is to change the world."
- Eef Veldkamp, 2021

Burn-a-Flag

The flag is a symbol of national pride. Burning one therefore conveys a very powerful message. Yet, burning a real flag can be dangerous: often it is even illegal. In nations where it is not illegal, there are laws in place that prescribe that flags must be made of fire retardant materials, hence the flag does not burn anymore. These flag-shaped candles make the flag burn once more.

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"Contemplate the demise of your favorite nation state with your loved ones at home through Burn-a-Flag!"
- Eef Veldkamp, 2018



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Articles

The Protest Supplies Store regularly writes articles on topics close to the discourse of protest, delving for example into the role of public space and the risks and gains of humour in protest. Go to www.protestsuppliesstore.co.uk to read all of these articles.



About

The Protest Supplies Store (PSS) is an artist-run non-profit organization, working on a growing range of items you can use to protest (at home, too!). You can show your discontent by lighting a candle, make your nipples more 'manly', and let your children draw copyrighted materials. No need to be outside in the pouring rain to let the government or big capital know you're upset. If you want to do this anyway, definitely use our reusable protest sign – currently in development – or by sowing your own protest lawn in your backyard. You will find more information about all these items and more in this folder.

The team

Artist Eef Veldkamp – founder of the PSS – collaborates with a new team every year to work on selected topics for the Protest Supplies Store. In 2021 the PSS team focused on algorithmic feminism and questions where digital censorship is applied to female and not to male bodies. 2022's PSS-team will be focusing on longevity and sustainability in protests, highlighting the importance of successful change both socially and ecologically. Read more on the collective on the PSS website: www.protestsuppliesstore.co.uk

"I think that in a sense everyone is an activist. Everyone is worried or angry at something. Only that anger is not always converted into action. The trick is to put batteries in that feeling and get it moving."
- Eef Veldkamp, 2020



The PSS-team of 2020-2021 at their weekend trip to a protest.

Our take at protest

A protest typically looks like a group of people with cardboard sheets marching the streets and delivering a message that somewhat resembles a summary of multiple individual opinions. Even though this almost exclusively takes place in the public space, ideas regarding protest and politics are birthed in the private sphere: in conversation with family, friends and peers.

The objects in the *Protest Supplies Store* focus on this intimate and individual side of protest, which addresses the very contemporary issue that we as individuals and our opinions easily get diffused in a group for example during protests, even though it are these personal motives that give rise to the necessity of protest. How do you build a collective, without degenerating the people it consists of? We believe that it is important to mobilize political engagement in a way that it becomes just as self-evident as drinking water; like breathing. Protest can of course be a one-time thing; it can be occasional, but we strongly advocate for it being imbedded into our daily lives, like lighting a candle (*Burn-a-flag*) or drawing (*Protest Kleurboek voor Kinderen*). We like to think of the products we develop with the PSS of assisting people on all these aspects.

"Our colleagues, peers and allies seem to understand, finally, that it's the mundane, the daily, and the ongoing work that will serve to dismantle unearned, inequitable power and privilege."

– Jennifer Rittner on BLM and digital design regarding protests, 2020

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The PSS pop-up store named 'Rell Sell' at RUIS in Nijmegen, The Netherlands in the depressing summer of 2020.



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"Female nipples aren't censored because they are nipples but because they are female (or because they're interpreted as such)"

– Madeleijn van den Nieuwenhuizen, 2020

Borrow-a-Nip

On social media most female nipples are censored, but most men's are not. This is an issue. Since men's nipples are allowed, the Protest Supplies Store now offers them as nipple stickers. Apply these stickers onto your nipples, so you can take and post your nudes without any worries. Of course, these do remain stand-ins, until the female nipple is freed of censorship.



€7,95

"When something takes place on the Malieveld, it is taken seriously. I wonder how other places, perhaps closer to home, could also amplify the impact of protest. [...] Above all, it is important that we do not wait until the weather allows it; protest is not something to be postponed."

– Willem de Haan, 2020

MalieveldGras®

The Malieveld is the most famous lawn in the Netherlands. With about 70,000 m2, the green plain in The Hague normally offers ample space for large numbers of demonstrators. The field is a stone's throw from the Dutch parliament and therefore the go-to protest location. The Protest Supplies Store now offers MalieveldGras® which are seeds cultivated from the real Malieveld. You can now grow your own piece of real protest lawn at home.



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