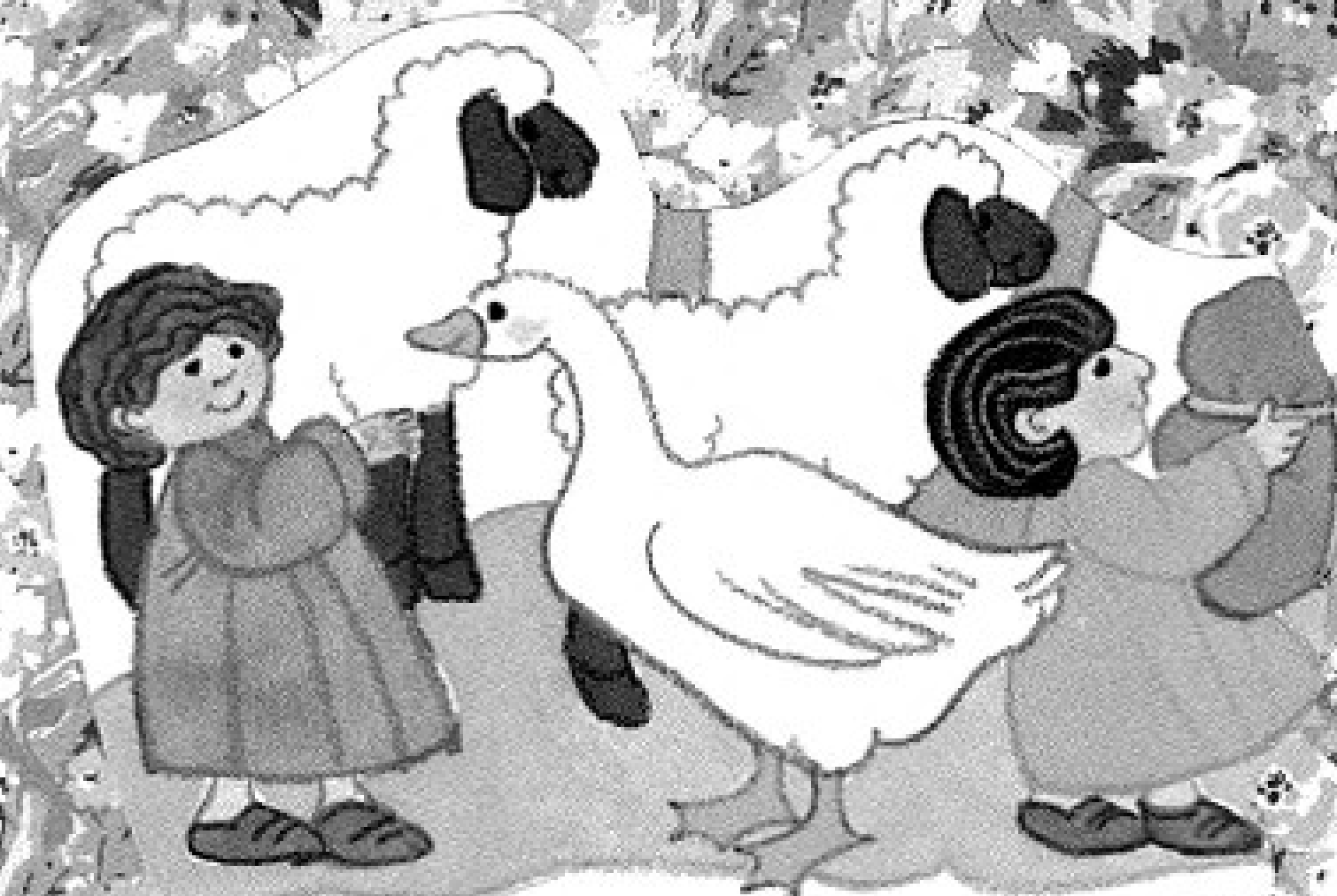


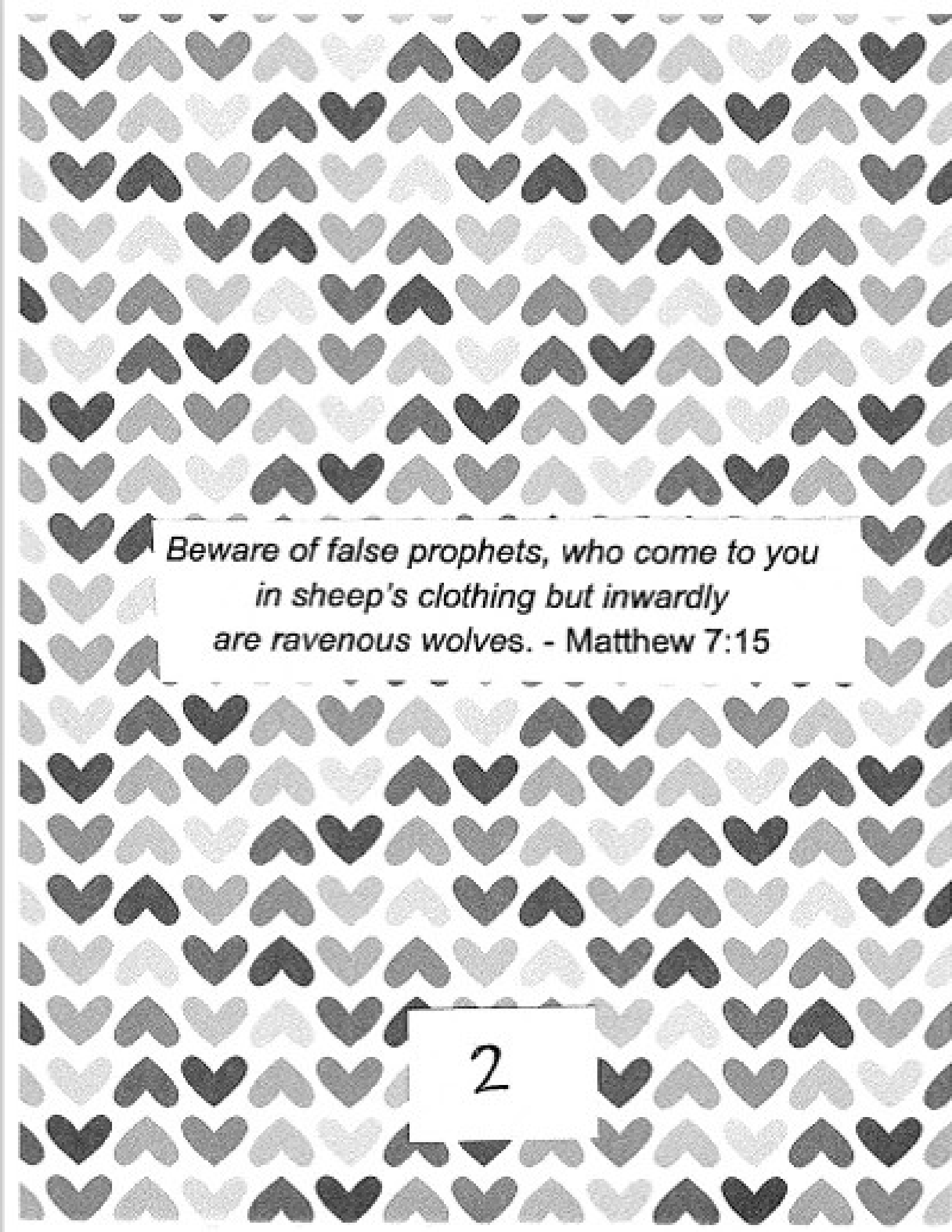
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HOW TO SPOT

A DOGWHISTLE





*Beware of false prophets, who come to you  
in sheep's clothing but inwardly  
are ravenous wolves. - Matthew 7:15*

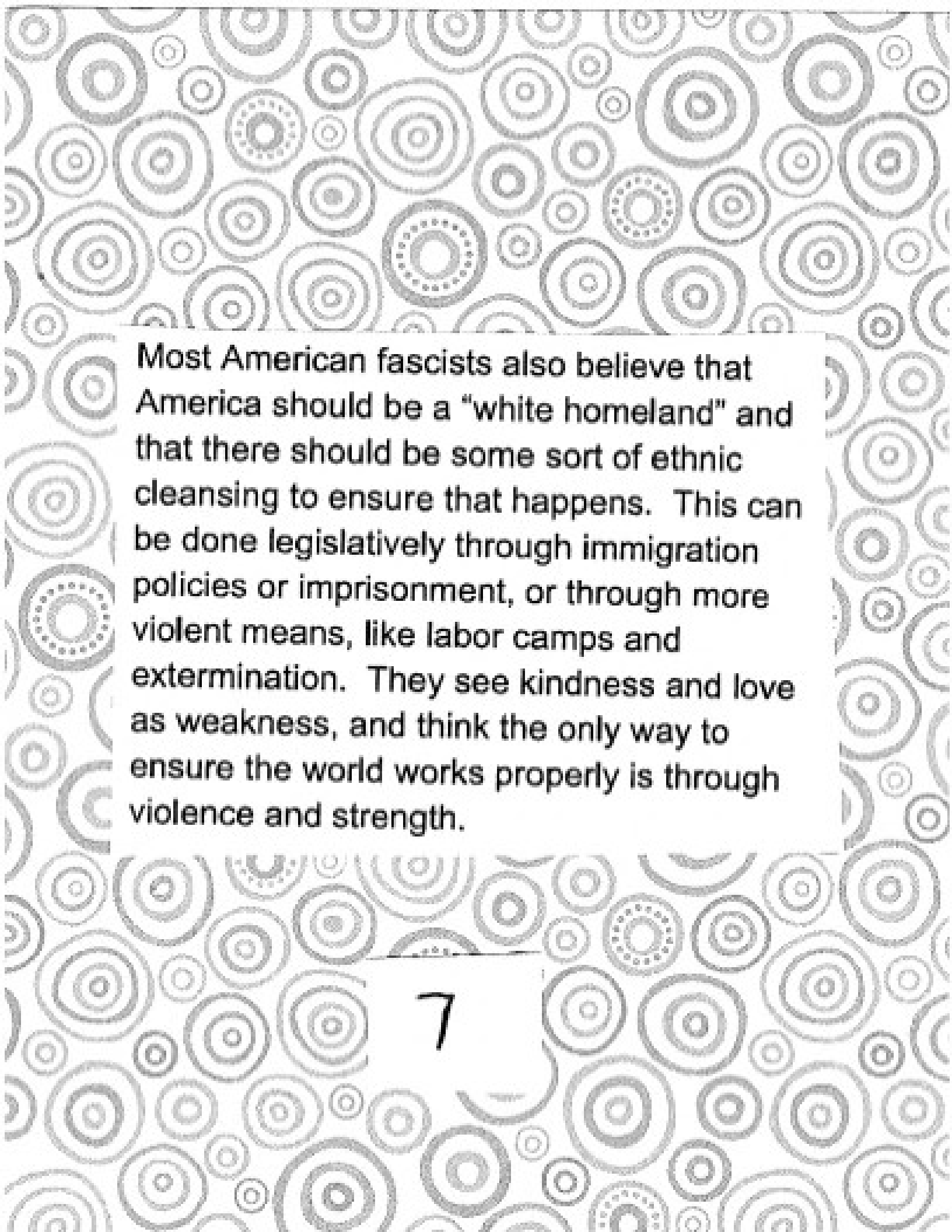
Jesus teaches us that we are to be wary of those who use his name to invoke violence upon others and who hide behind hidden meanings to trick people into doing harm, and there are few people more violent and harmful than a fascist. But fascists rarely SAY they are fascists, as fascism is not very popular. Instead they choose to hide behind coded language to signal to other fascists and make their viewpoints seem reasonable to the average person. They often use words or symbols that seem innocuous to others, or which have other meanings. The swastika was a buddhist symbol before the nazis claimed it as their own.

Here's the thing, you might be someone who has noticed there is something wrong in society. Wages are low. The rich keep getting richer and the poor keep getting poorer. Groceries and gas are outrageously expensive. It's getting harder and harder for working class people to make ends meet and care for their families. And you are right to think this. Because it is true. What fascists want to do is make good, hard working people like yourself believe that other good, hard working people are making your life worse. This is called "scapegoating", and is actually a reference to the biblical practice in which one of a pair of kid goats are released into the wilderness, taking with it all sins and impurities, while the other is sacrificed.

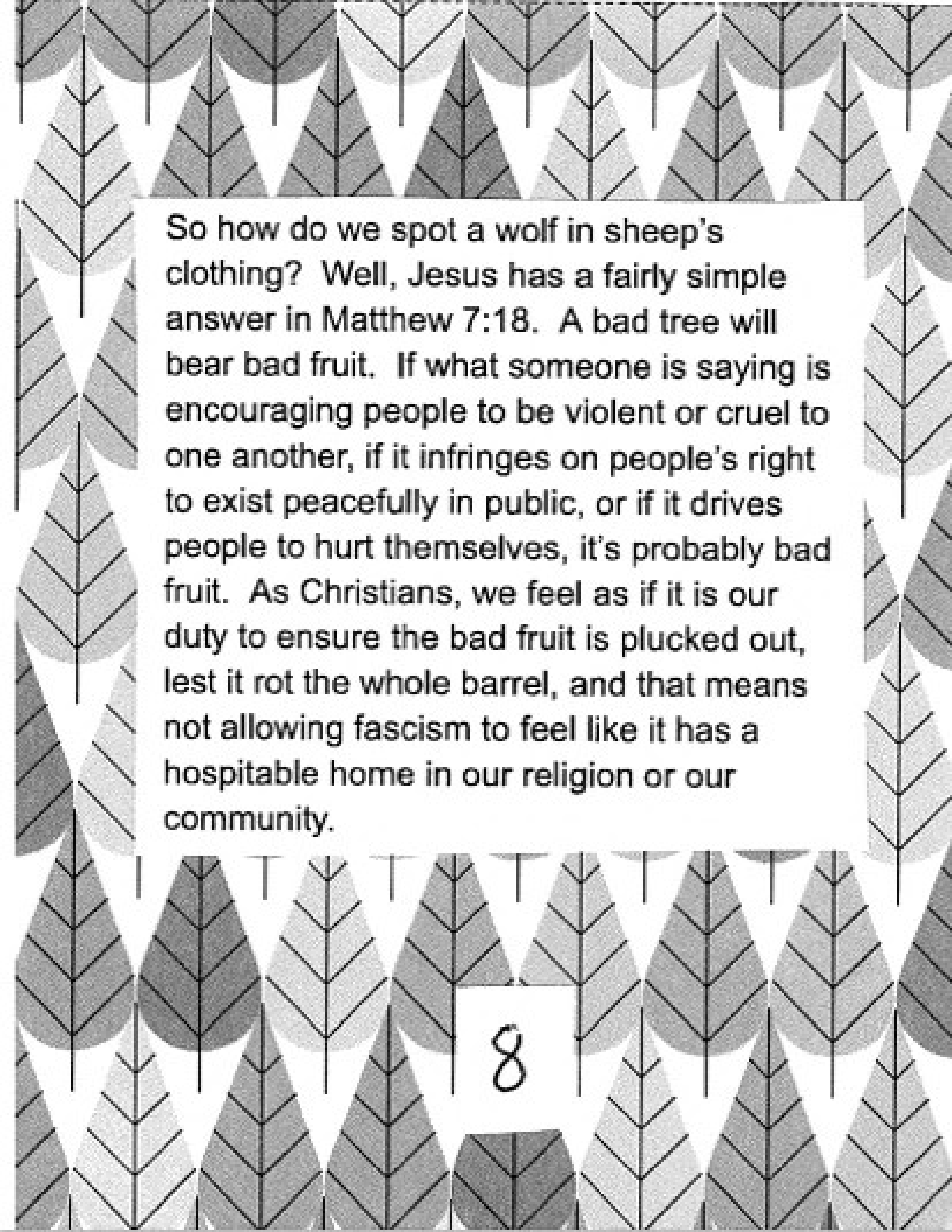
So before we get into the secret symbols of fascists, it's important to know what a fascist even is. Many people tend to use "Fascist" and "authoritarian" interchangeably, but they simply aren't the same thing.

Authoritarianism can arise on both the left and right sides of the political spectrum, and can, in most cases, be very dangerous. Authoritarianism often deprives people of their God given right to freedom, independence and religious and personal expression. And you deserve to have all those things!

Fascism, however, is distinctly right wing in nature. It is nationalistic and characterized by a "strong man" political leader, and militaristic in nature. It relies on a belief in natural hierarchy and a mythic past where "everything was better for everyone". They believe in subordination of people's right to express themselves openly and often believe in an "other" that is the source of all problems in the nation. Usually a racial, ethnic, gender or religious minority.

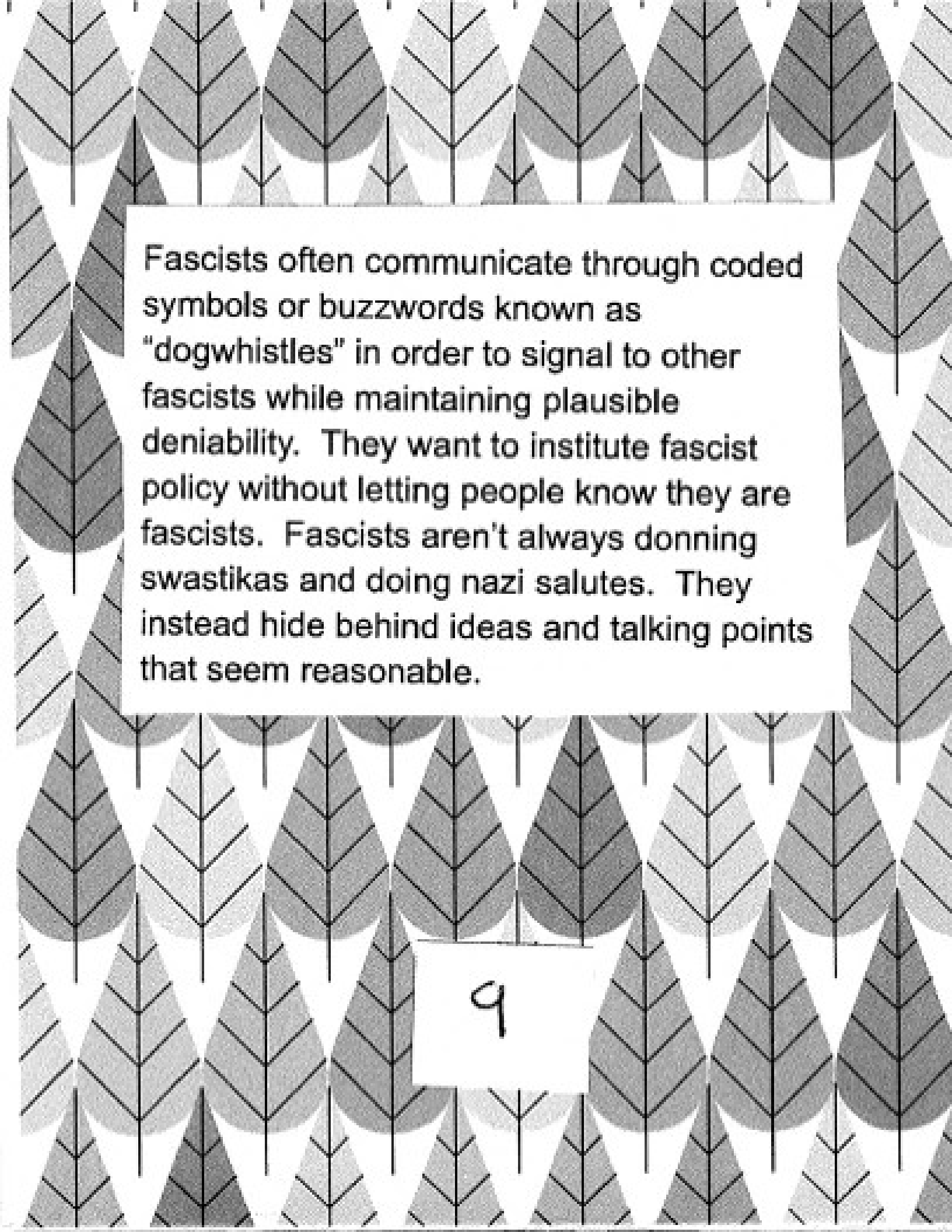


Most American fascists also believe that America should be a “white homeland” and that there should be some sort of ethnic cleansing to ensure that happens. This can be done legislatively through immigration policies or imprisonment, or through more violent means, like labor camps and extermination. They see kindness and love as weakness, and think the only way to ensure the world works properly is through violence and strength.



So how do we spot a wolf in sheep's clothing? Well, Jesus has a fairly simple answer in Matthew 7:18. A bad tree will bear bad fruit. If what someone is saying is encouraging people to be violent or cruel to one another, if it infringes on people's right to exist peacefully in public, or if it drives people to hurt themselves, it's probably bad fruit. As Christians, we feel as if it is our duty to ensure the bad fruit is plucked out, lest it rot the whole barrel, and that means not allowing fascism to feel like it has a hospitable home in our religion or our community.

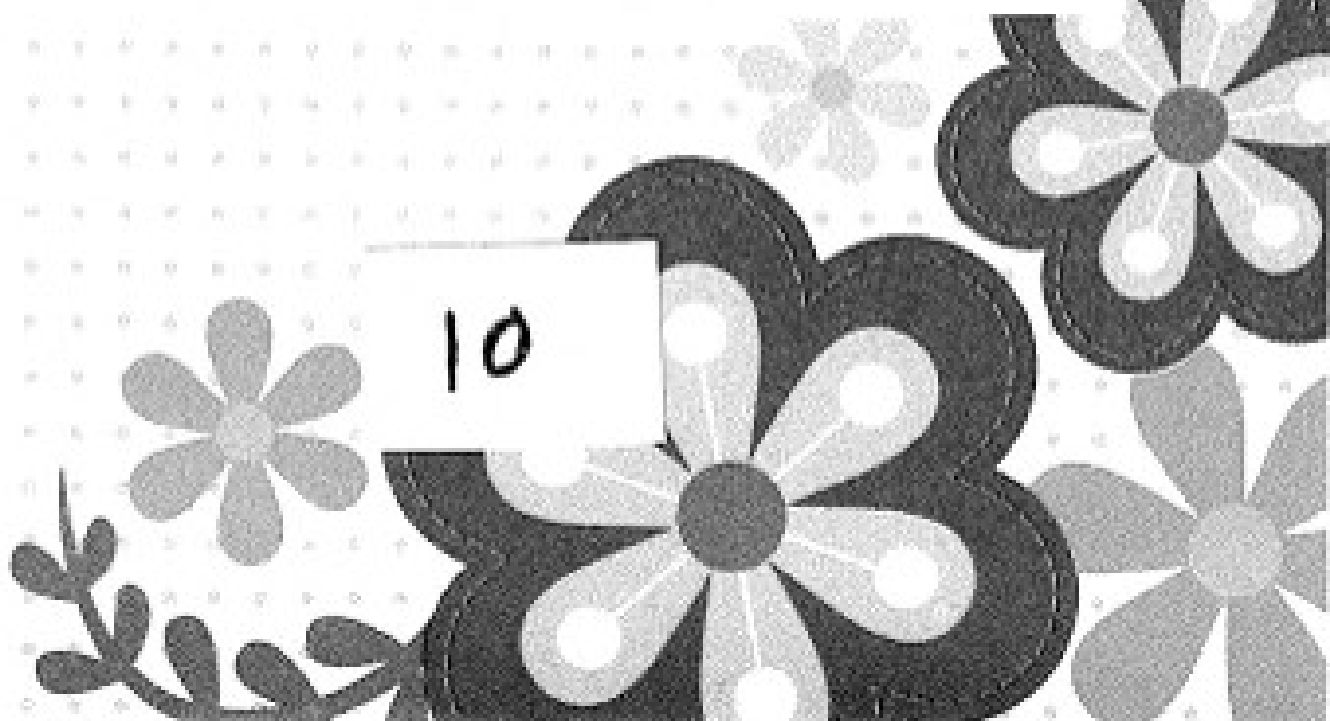


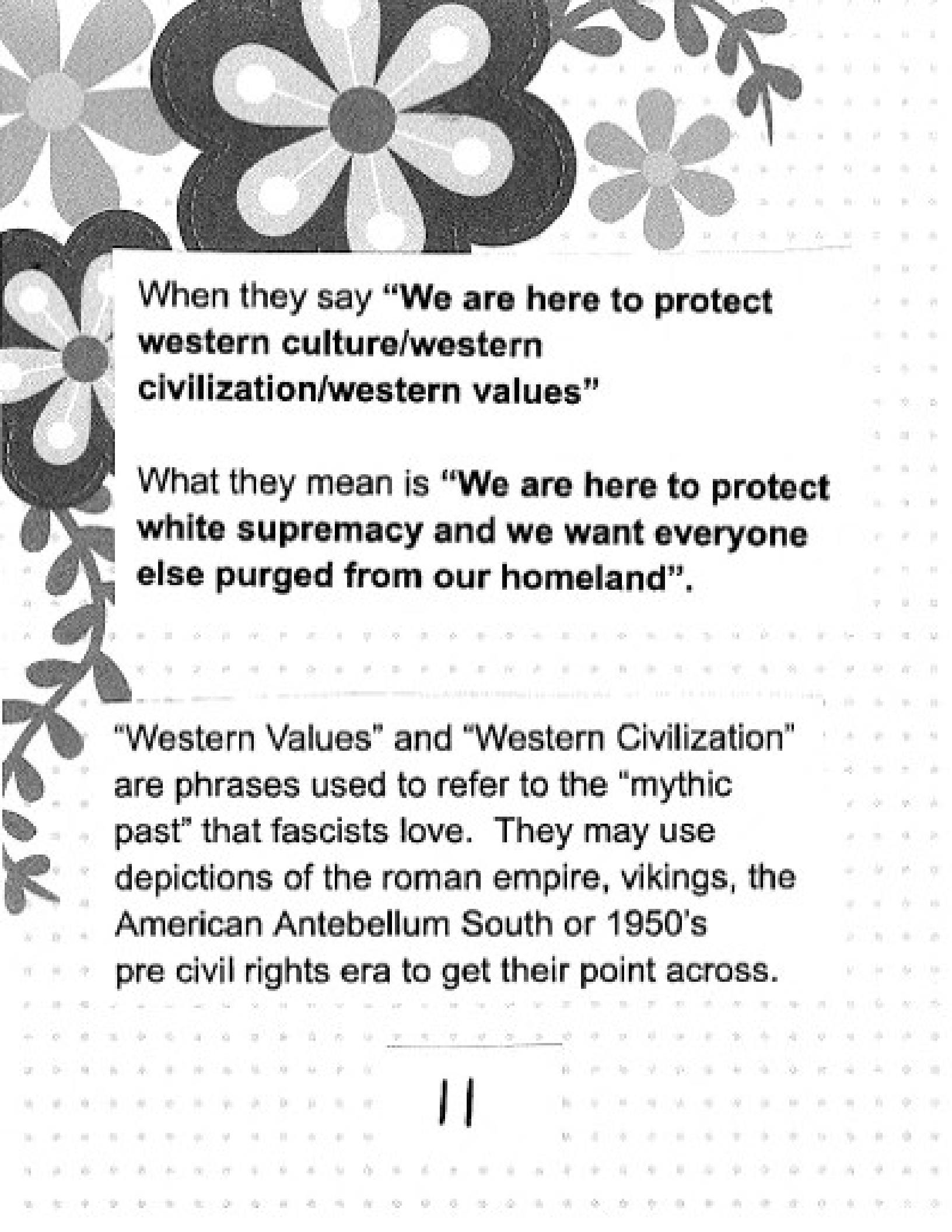


Fascists often communicate through coded symbols or buzzwords known as "dogwhistles" in order to signal to other fascists while maintaining plausible deniability. They want to institute fascist policy without letting people know they are fascists. Fascists aren't always donning swastikas and doing nazi salutes. They instead hide behind ideas and talking points that seem reasonable.

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When they are called out on this coded language, they claim the opposition is just being paranoid or that they were just joking. It makes anyone opposing them seem like a reactionary killjoy. These symbols often have other, completely non fascist meanings as well, which make them difficult to spot and can lead to misunderstanding, creating even more plausible deniability for the fascist. These symbols also change frequently, so people who oppose fascists are constantly forced to keep up with the new code, but here are some that many have been using for a long time.





**When they say “We are here to protect western culture/western civilization/western values”**

**What they mean is “We are here to protect white supremacy and we want everyone else purged from our homeland”.**

“Western Values” and “Western Civilization” are phrases used to refer to the “mythic past” that fascists love. They may use depictions of the roman empire, vikings, the American Antebellum South or 1950's pre civil rights era to get their point across.

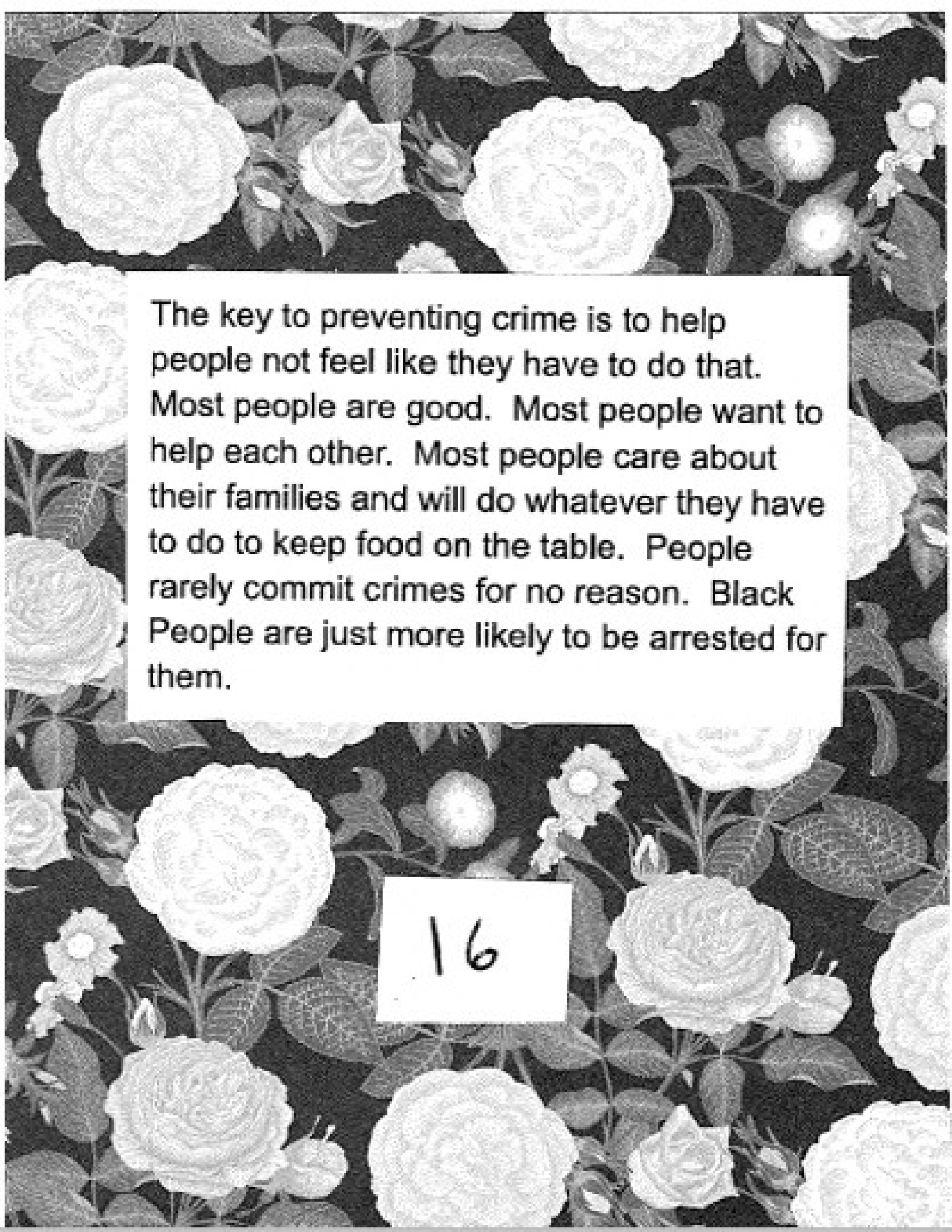
There is nothing wrong with liking roman architecture or vikings or southern heritage or 1950's diners that serve milkshakes. All those things are very fun and cool and interesting. But fascists aren't bringing these things up because they want to protect your right to listen to Johnny Cash or study Roman Architecture. They do it because they want to bring back all the worst parts of those cultures. They don't want to eat country fried steak with you, they want to bring back lynching. And they are exploiting the things you love about your culture and heritage to do that.

**When they say “We need to talk about urban crime rates/black on black crime”**

**What they mean is “We think Black People are inherently more violent and less civilized”**

When this talking point is used, the people talking about it are generally not too concerned with the safety and well being of people living in the inner city. They just want to paint people living in the city (usually black people) as violent and dangerous and about to take over your small town Dairy Queen. This is simply not the case. Crime rates are very high in any impoverished or depressed area.

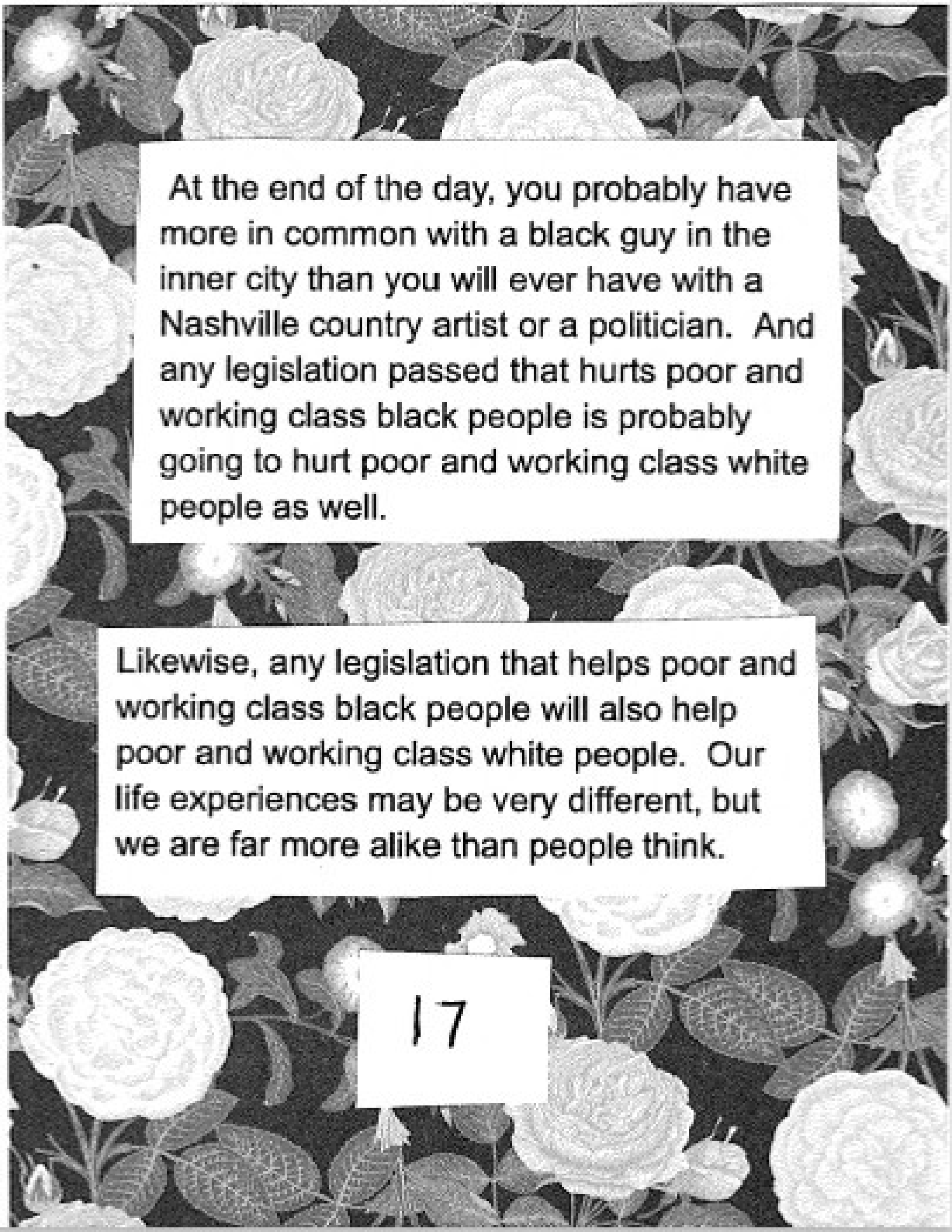
Because poverty creates desperate people and desperate people commit crimes like drug dealing and theft in order to make ends meet. This is true in impoverished areas like (mostly white) Appalachia as well. Rural crime happens just as often it's just not as highly publicized and it often goes unnoticed because there's not as much of a police presence. We all know some guy who keeps stealing copper wire or catalytic converters.



The key to preventing crime is to help people not feel like they have to do that. Most people are good. Most people want to help each other. Most people care about their families and will do whatever they have to do to keep food on the table. People rarely commit crimes for no reason. Black People are just more likely to be arrested for them.

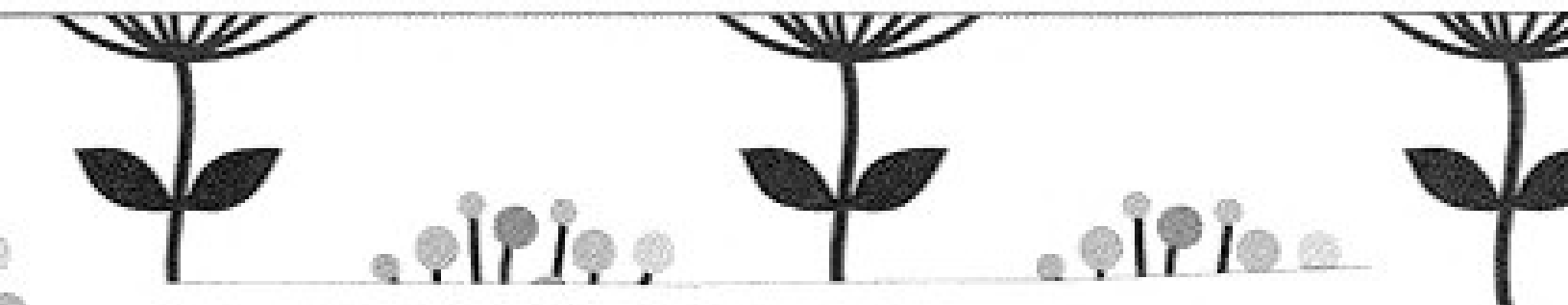
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At the end of the day, you probably have more in common with a black guy in the inner city than you will ever have with a Nashville country artist or a politician. And any legislation passed that hurts poor and working class black people is probably going to hurt poor and working class white people as well.

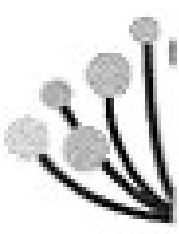
Likewise, any legislation that helps poor and working class black people will also help poor and working class white people. Our life experiences may be very different, but we are far more alike than people think.



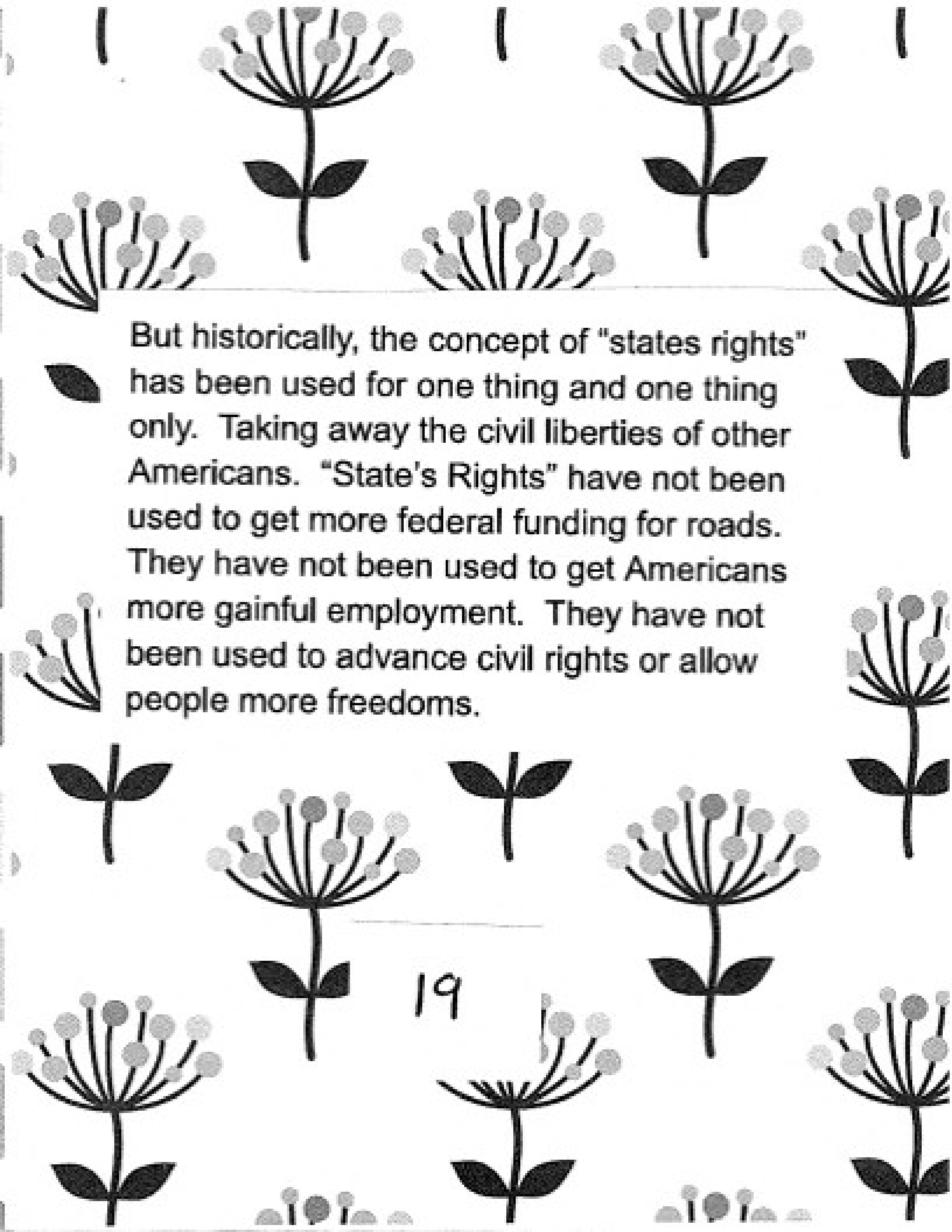
When they say **“We just care about State’s Rights”**



What they mean is **“We want the right to discriminate and take away people’s civil liberties in our state”**



On the surface, state’s rights seem very reasonable, don’t they? After all, the further away from the voices of a people a government entity is, the harder it is for them to hear individual voices. We want our government to work for us and take care of the people.



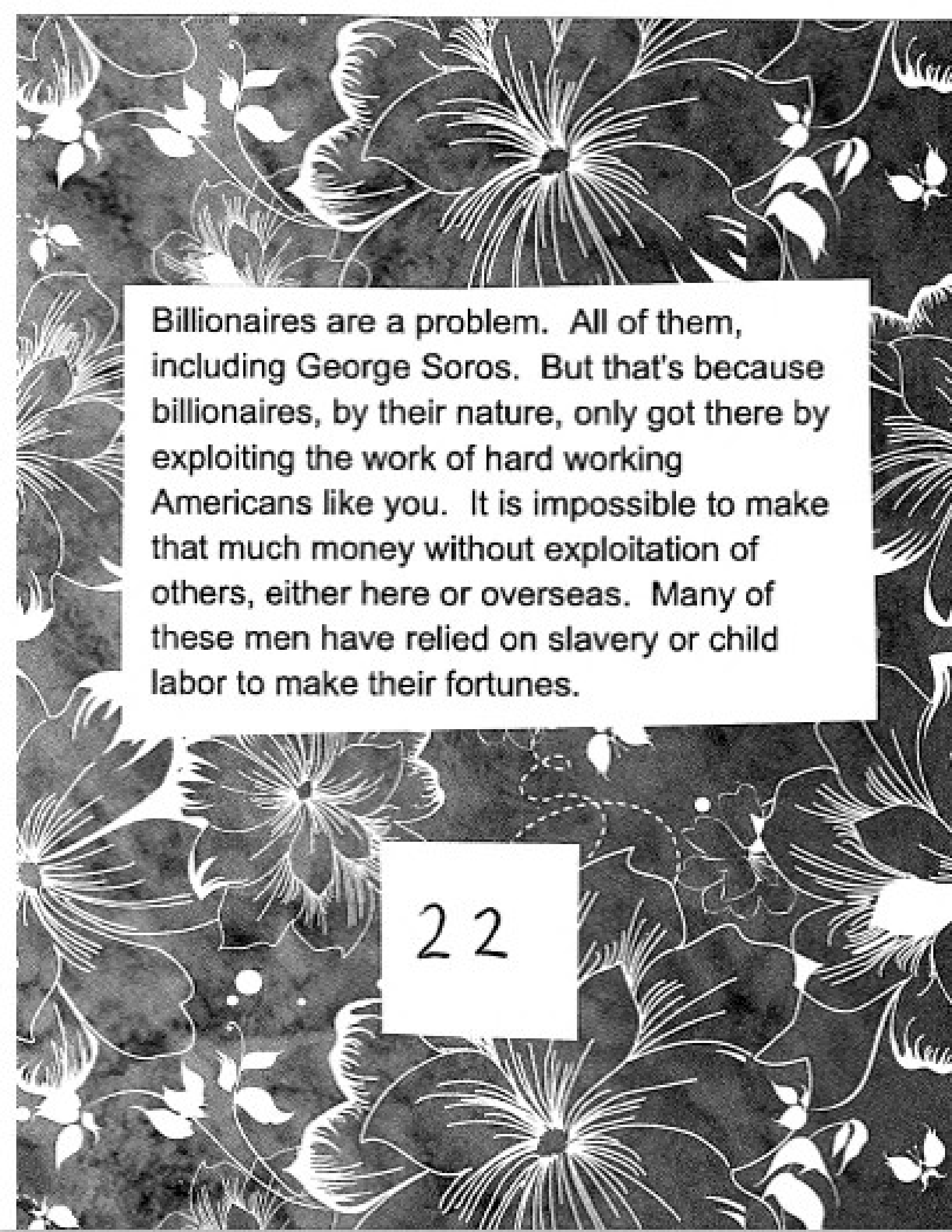
But historically, the concept of "states rights" has been used for one thing and one thing only. Taking away the civil liberties of other Americans. "State's Rights" have not been used to get more federal funding for roads. They have not been used to get Americans more gainful employment. They have not been used to advance civil rights or allow people more freedoms.

**When they say "This country is under siege by the global elite and George Soros"**

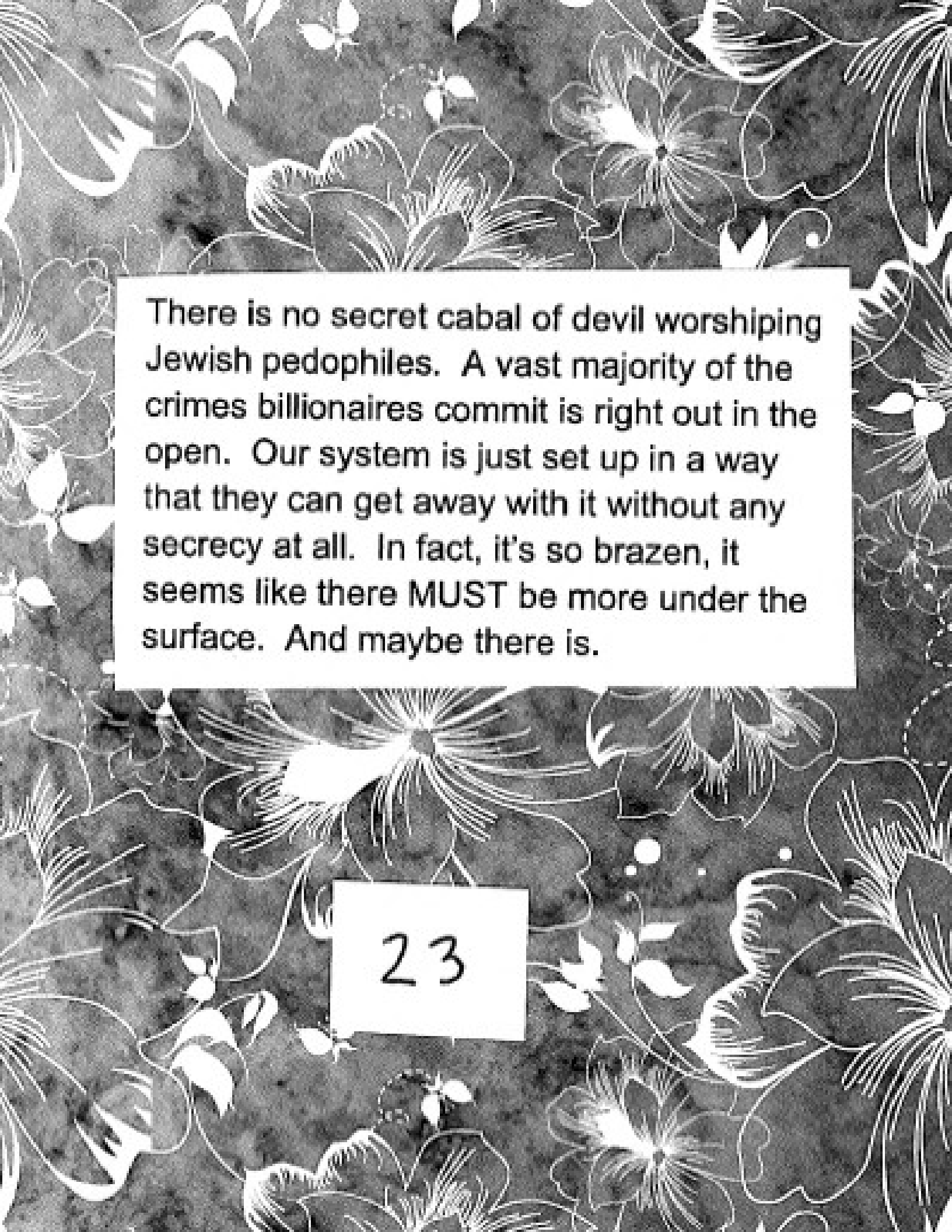
**What they mean is "This country is under siege by a cabal of Jews"**

This one is absolutely wild, isn't it? We can all tell that this country is being run into the ground by the rich. It's very apparent. So when one claims we are "under the control of the global elite" it sounds quite reasonable.

But it's very rare when people in positions of power (Pundits, politicians, preachers) talk about the global elite, that they are referring to Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, or even Donald Trump or Joe Biden. This term has its roots in anti semitic conspiracy theories that became popular during the rise of Nazi Germany. George Soros is one of the very few Jewish billionaires, and so he is used as a dogwhistle to harken back to this conspiracy theory.

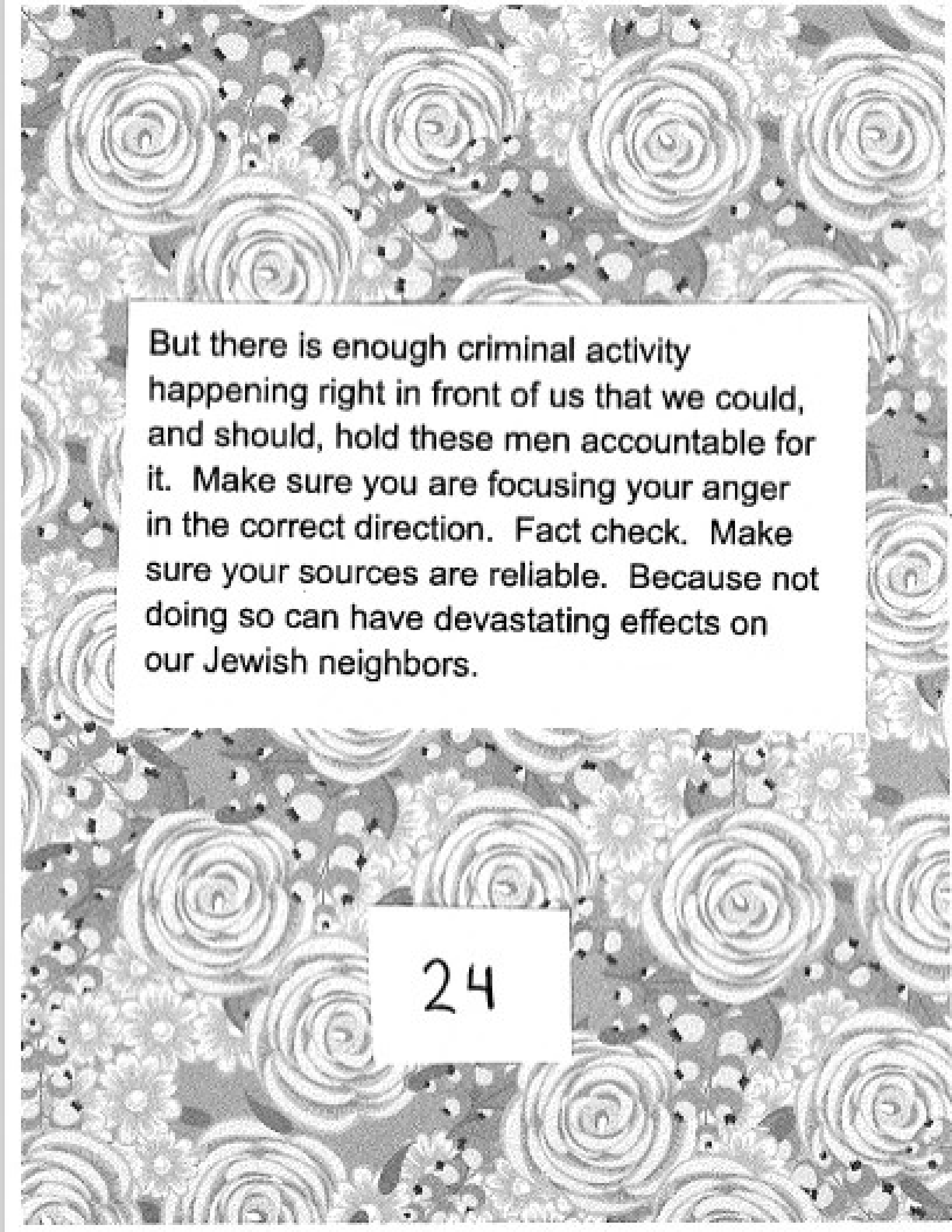


Billionaires are a problem. All of them, including George Soros. But that's because billionaires, by their nature, only got there by exploiting the work of hard working Americans like you. It is impossible to make that much money without exploitation of others, either here or overseas. Many of these men have relied on slavery or child labor to make their fortunes.



There is no secret cabal of devil worshipping Jewish pedophiles. A vast majority of the crimes billionaires commit is right out in the open. Our system is just set up in a way that they can get away with it without any secrecy at all. In fact, it's so brazen, it seems like there **MUST** be more under the surface. And maybe there is.

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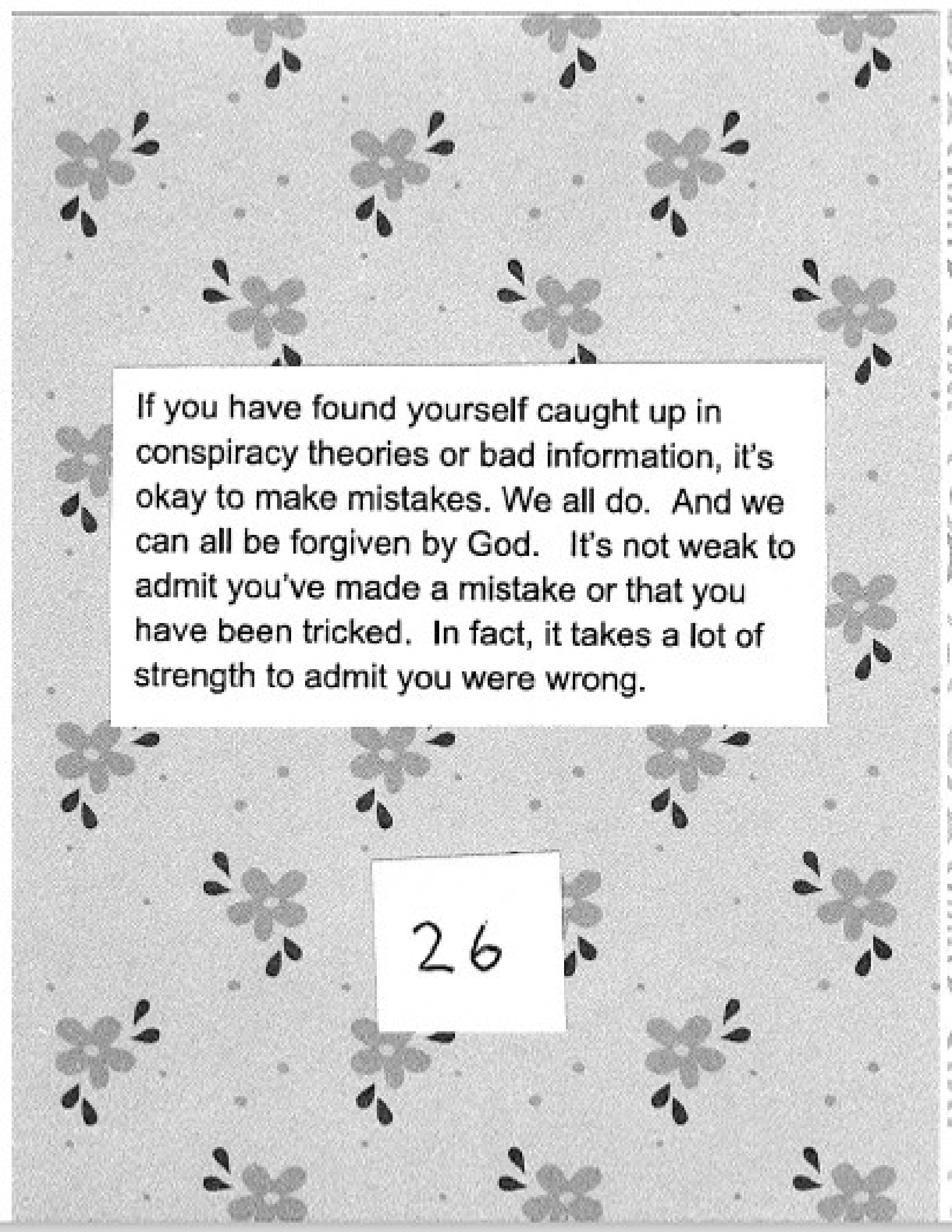


But there is enough criminal activity happening right in front of us that we could, and should, hold these men accountable for it. Make sure you are focusing your anger in the correct direction. Fact check. Make sure your sources are reliable. Because not doing so can have devastating effects on our Jewish neighbors.



We at Mothman Ministries think you are a good person. We do not think you are bad or evil if you've gotten tricked by one of these dogwhistles. The point of them is to trick people. But as Jesus said in Matthew 10:16 **"I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves."**

Martin Luther King Jr. echoes this sentiment in his sermon "A tough mind and a tender heart". We as Christians must be wise as serpents. We must get our facts straight and be sure we aren't getting bad information. And we must also be kind, gentle and forgiving of both ourselves and each other.



If you have found yourself caught up in conspiracy theories or bad information, it's okay to make mistakes. We all do. And we can all be forgiven by God. It's not weak to admit you've made a mistake or that you have been tricked. In fact, it takes a lot of strength to admit you were wrong.

It's alright to feel embarrassed, but don't allow that embarrassment to turn into stubbornness. That was the sin of the Pharaoh, and he was swallowed up by the Red Sea. Don't let yourself be swallowed up by a path of hatred, cruelty, stubbornness and lies.

**You are one of God's blessed children.  
And you are loved.**




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