

## What Artistic Resistance Looks Like

It looks like murals rising where they said we couldnt paint.

It looks like music thumping from a busted speaker in a park, pulling strangers into a circle.

It looks like poetry written on napkins and duct-taped to utility poles.

It looks like truth wrapped in rhythm, color, canvas, clay, and spray paint.

Artistic resistance isnt decoration. Its disruption.

Its the sharp line, the raw verse, the stolen moment of joy they cant regulate.

Its rebellion that moves, sings, dances, sketches, prints, and screams in technicolor.

You dont need a gallery to make it real.

You dont need permission to make it powerful.

You dont need fame to make it matter.

All you need is the fire that tells you this cant wait and something, anything, to shape that fire into form.

Fascism fears art because it cant control it.

It fears what it cant predict.

It fears the laughter, the beauty, the grief, the protest song that gets stuck in someones head for weeks.

It fears you when you stop asking Will they approve? and start asking What needs to be said?

Artistic resistance doesnt follow rules.

It follows truth.

It says what corporate media wont.

It shows what politicians hide.

It reminds us of what we almost forgot who we are when we are free.

Maybe you paint signs for a protest.

Maybe you write comic books about the fall of empire.

Maybe you remix viral videos into satire that cuts deeper than any news clip.

Maybe you post digital posters at 3 a.m. with nothing but a slogan and a dream.

Whatever your medium use it.

Your hands. Your voice. Your camera. Your keyboard. Your dance. Your style. Your rage. Your humor. Your hope.

Make it bold. Make it messy. Make it fast. Make it unforgettable.

Tag a wall. Stitch a quilt. Film a short. Post a rant.

Nothing is too small. Nothing is too weird. If it speaks truth and cracks the silence it counts.

Art doesnt ask the world to change. It demands it.

This is what artistic resistance looks like:

An elder carving wood in a language they werent allowed to speak.

A kid drawing justice in chalk on a school sidewalk.

A band turning a basement into a barricade of sound.

A poet calling the system by name in front of a crowd that didnt know they were angry until they heard the words.

They cant arrest every mural.

They cant delete every zine.

They cant silence every chorus.

And they wont stop you if you start now.

So pick up the pen. The mic. The camera. The paintbrush.

Make them see it. Make them feel it.

Make it so good, they cant look away.

Because when art resists, people remember.

And when people remember, they rise.