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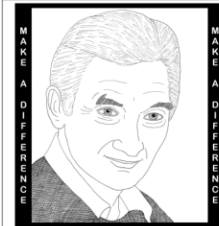
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"The free press is the mother of all our liberties and of our progress under liberty."
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The media has become a major influence in shaping the world. Many are concerned that fewer and fewer corporations are controlling the vast majority of our media -- in the United States just 5 or 6 corporations control most of the newspapers, magazines, TV and radio stations, books, music, movies, videos, wire services and photo agencies. This is alarming because it limits the perspectives and points of view that help us to shape our individual perceptions of events in the world.

Media Democracy Day, on October 18, has become an important opportunity to speak out against the commercialization of our media. It is a time to call for media reforms that promote diversity, and better representation and accountability to local communities.

In 1996, a coalition of groups in Toronto and Vancouver organized a Media Democracy Day to challenge the monopolization of media outlets by a few corporations. Previously, organizations had organized a Media Democracy Day in Britain on October 18, commemorating the 1922 establishment of the BBC (British Broadcasting Company). By 2002, Media Democracy Day was being celebrated in cities throughout the world.

Since 1993, the United Nations has promoted May 3 as **World Press Freedom Day** -- an important opportunity to remind governments and civil society about the "crucial role a free press plays in strengthening democracies and fostering development around the world."

Help promote a free world press, media reform and support alternative media sources.

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1. Find out more about media reform
2. Hold an event to promote a free world press, media reform and alternative media.
3. Support groups working for media reform.

Media Reform Links

Center for Public Integrity
(openairwaves.org)
FAIR (fair.org)
Free Press (freepress.net)
Media Alliance (media-alliance.org)
MediaChannel.org (mediachannel.org)
Reporters Without Borders (rsf.org)
World Press Freedom Committee
(wpfc.org)

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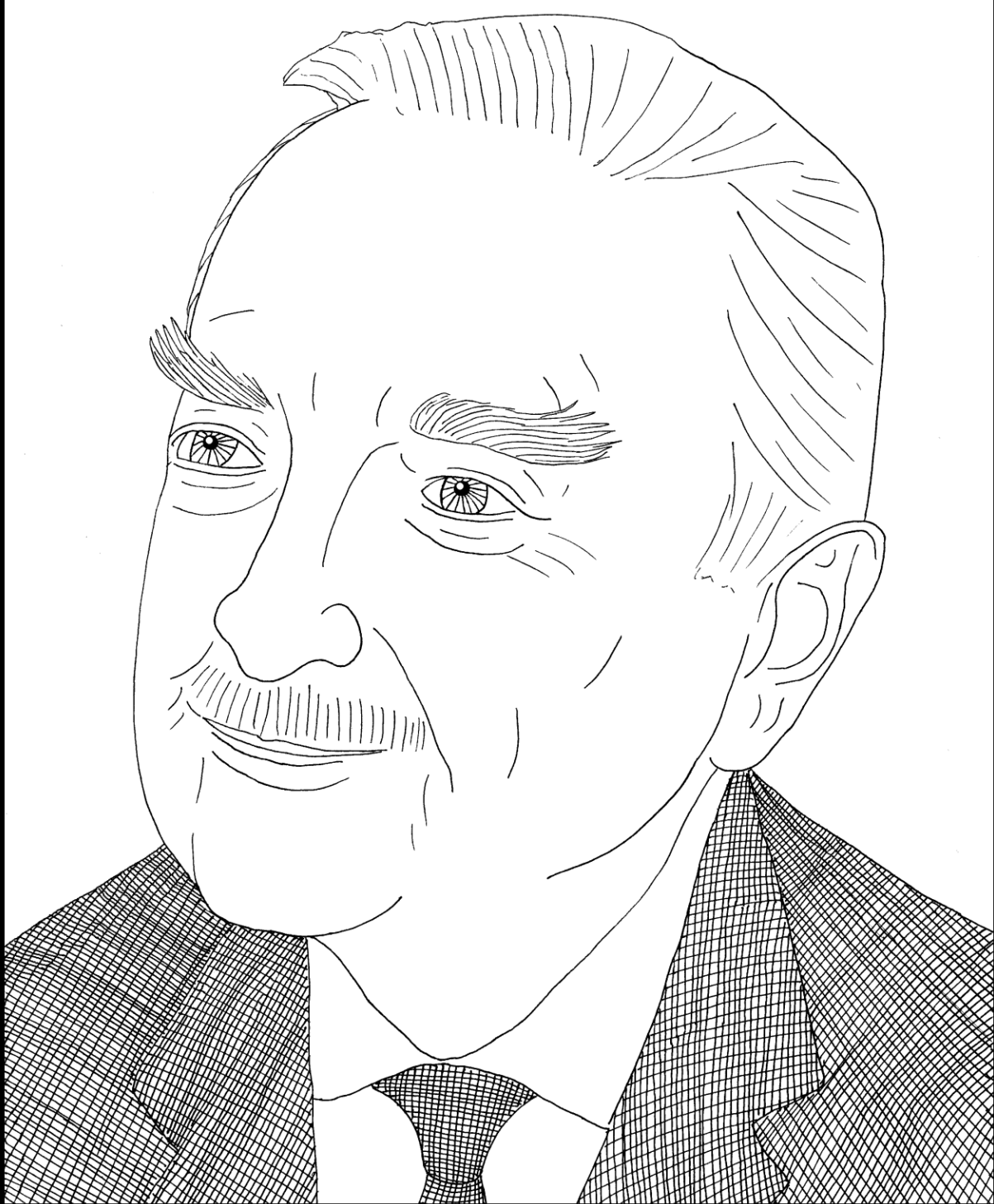
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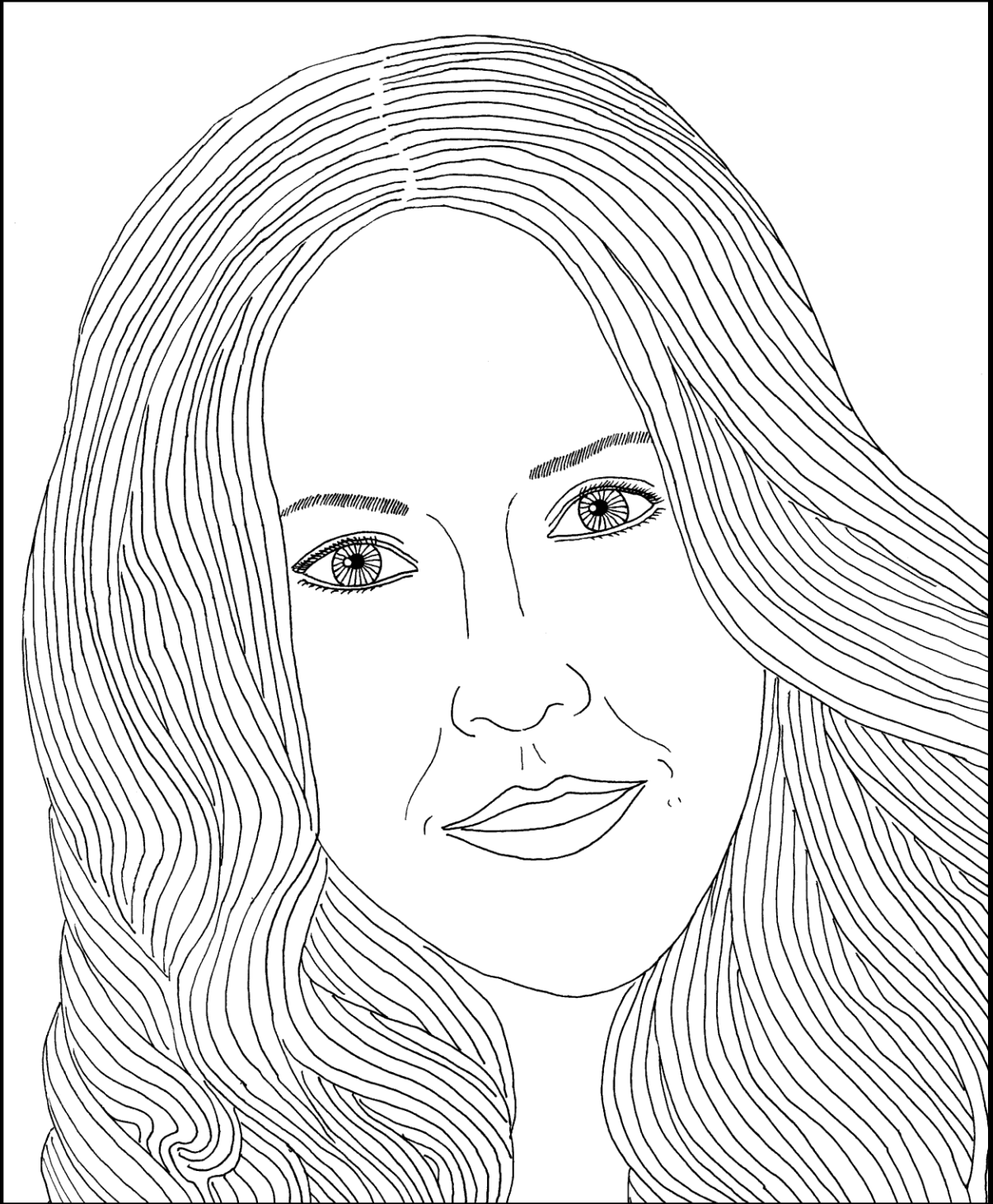
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"When 'news stories' are broken, do we not expect a certain amount of fact-checking or source-checking? One has to ask if this falls under the guise of sloppy reporting or deception as a source of spin. We seem to accept a certain amount of deception and we seem to be helpless to doing anything about it, as illustrated so clearly by where we are right now in this moment in our history."

-- Sheryl Crow

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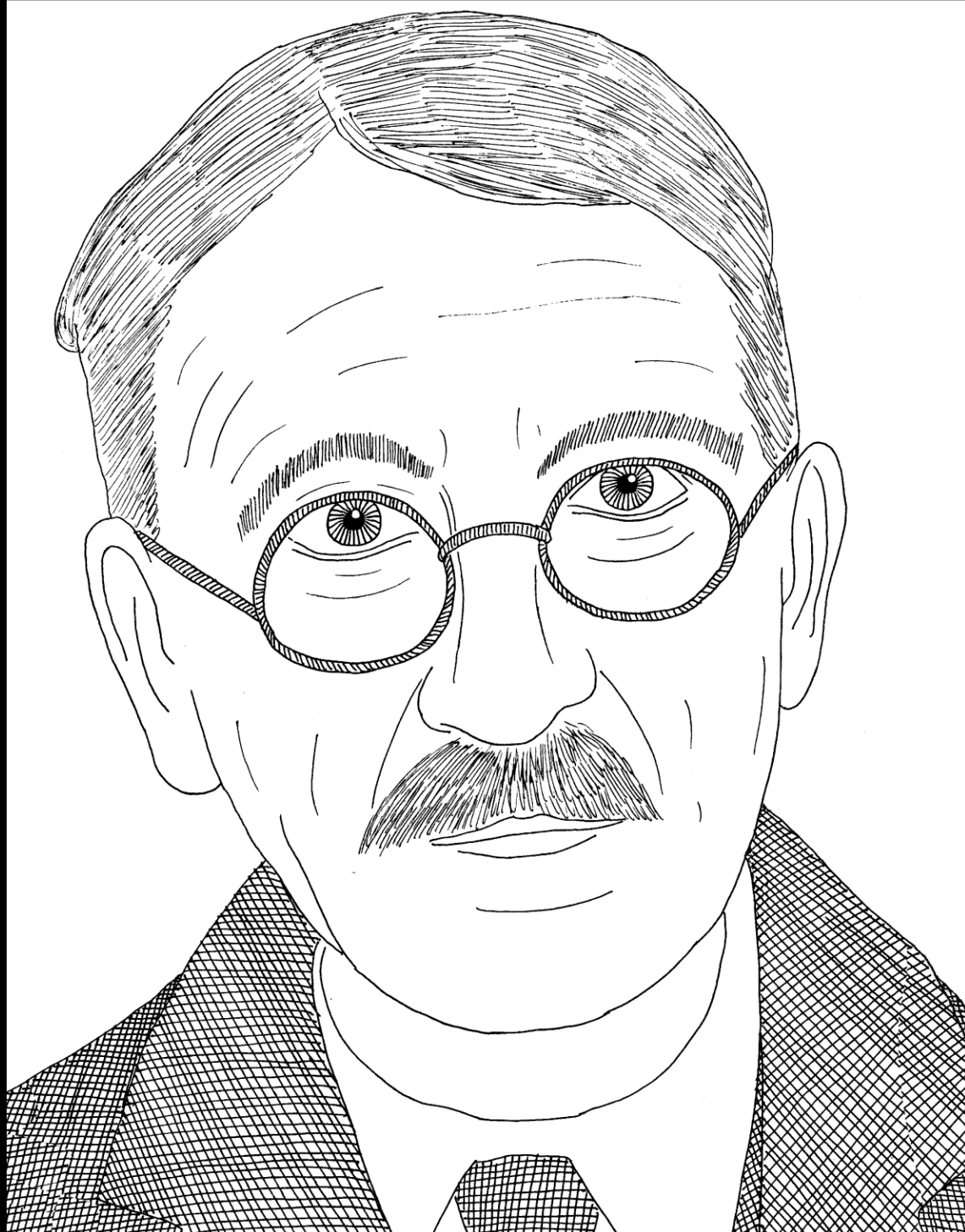
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**"The reactionaries are in possession of force,
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-- John Dewey**

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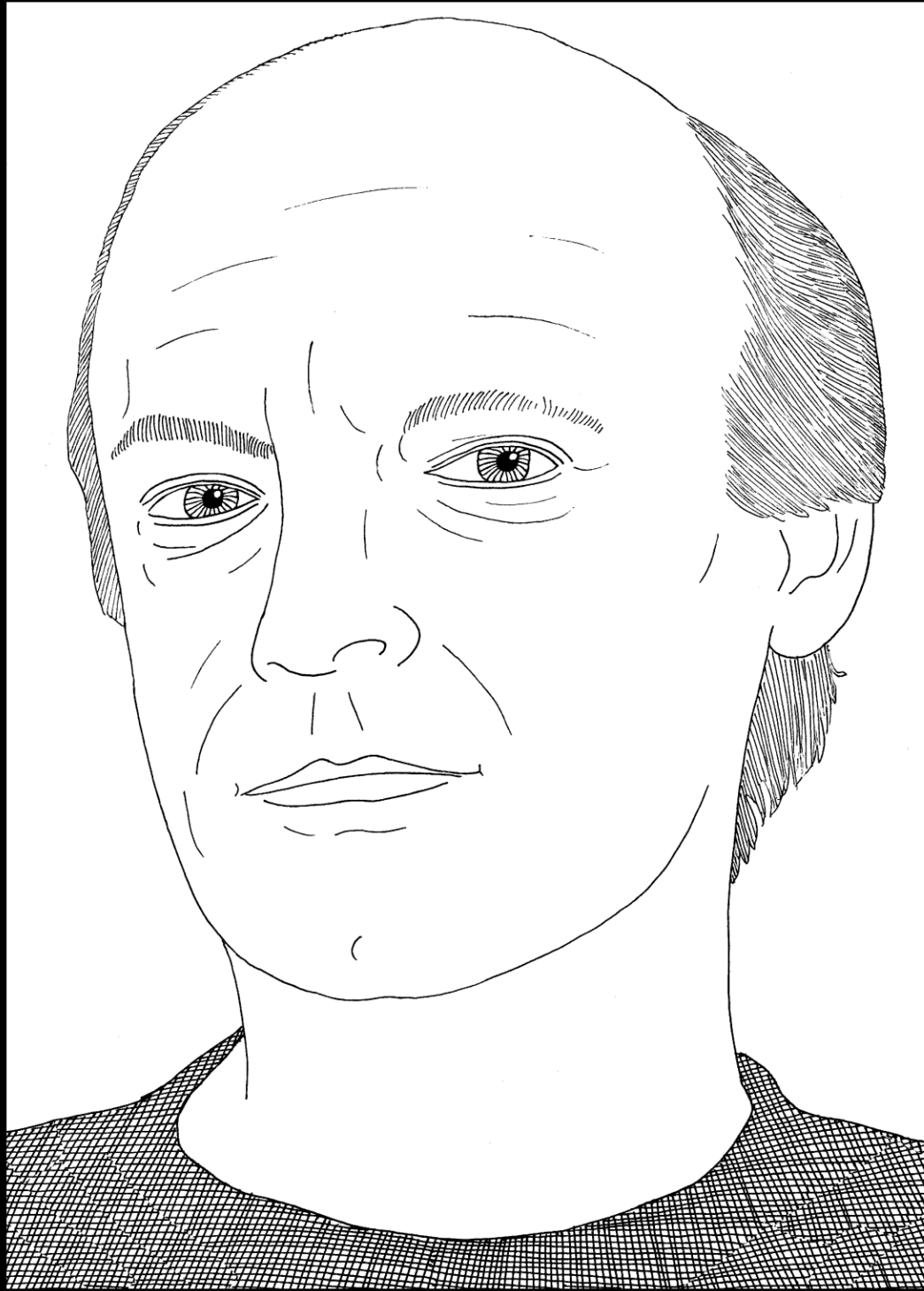
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"...because of forced globalization, there's a clear trend these days towards uniformity. This trend comes largely from the ever-greater concentration of power in the hands of large media groups."
-- Eduardo Galeano

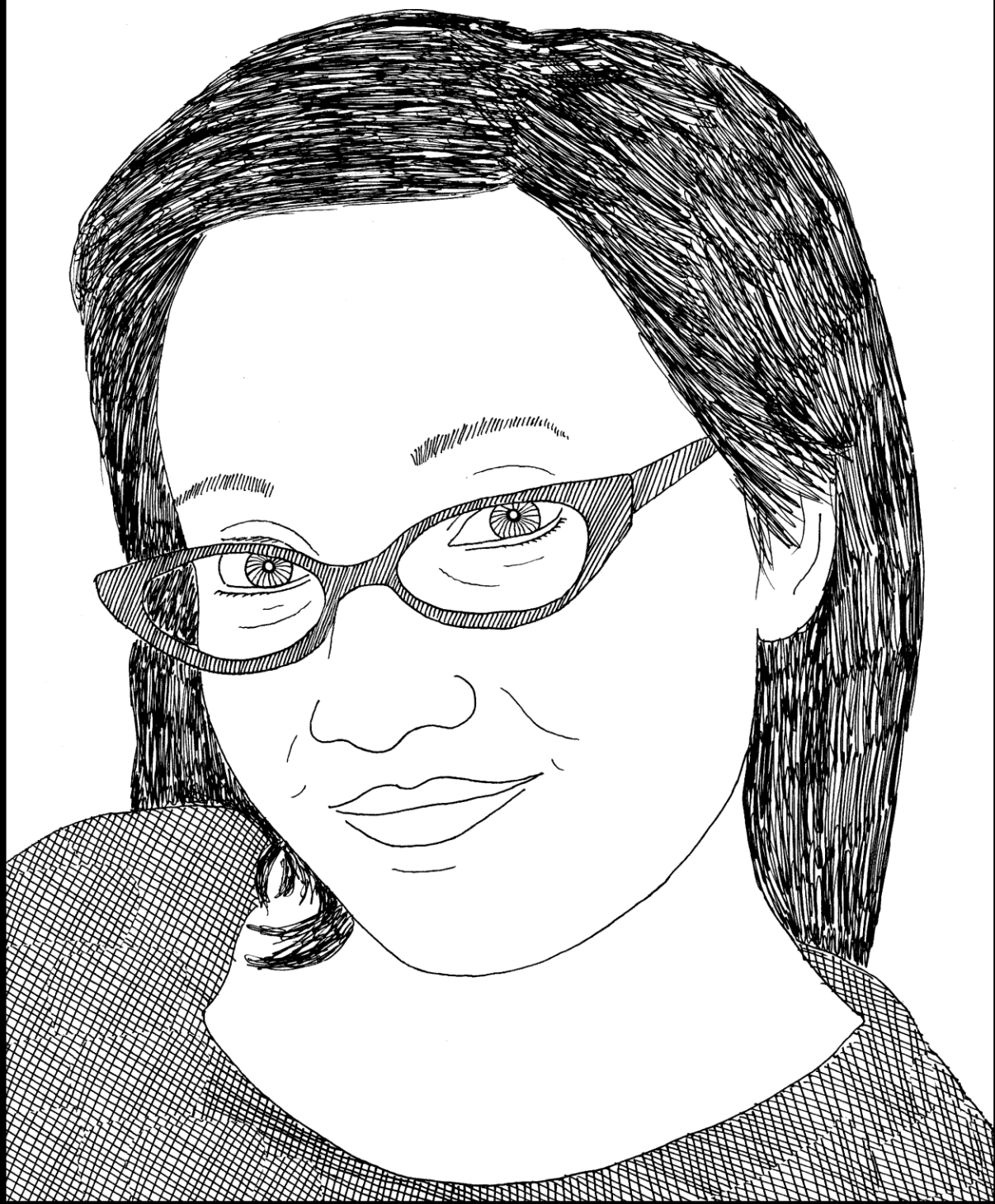
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“Today, the media dictatorship is becoming a substitute to military dictatorship. The big economic groups are using the media and decide who can speak, who the good guy is and who the bad guy is...”
-- Danny Glover

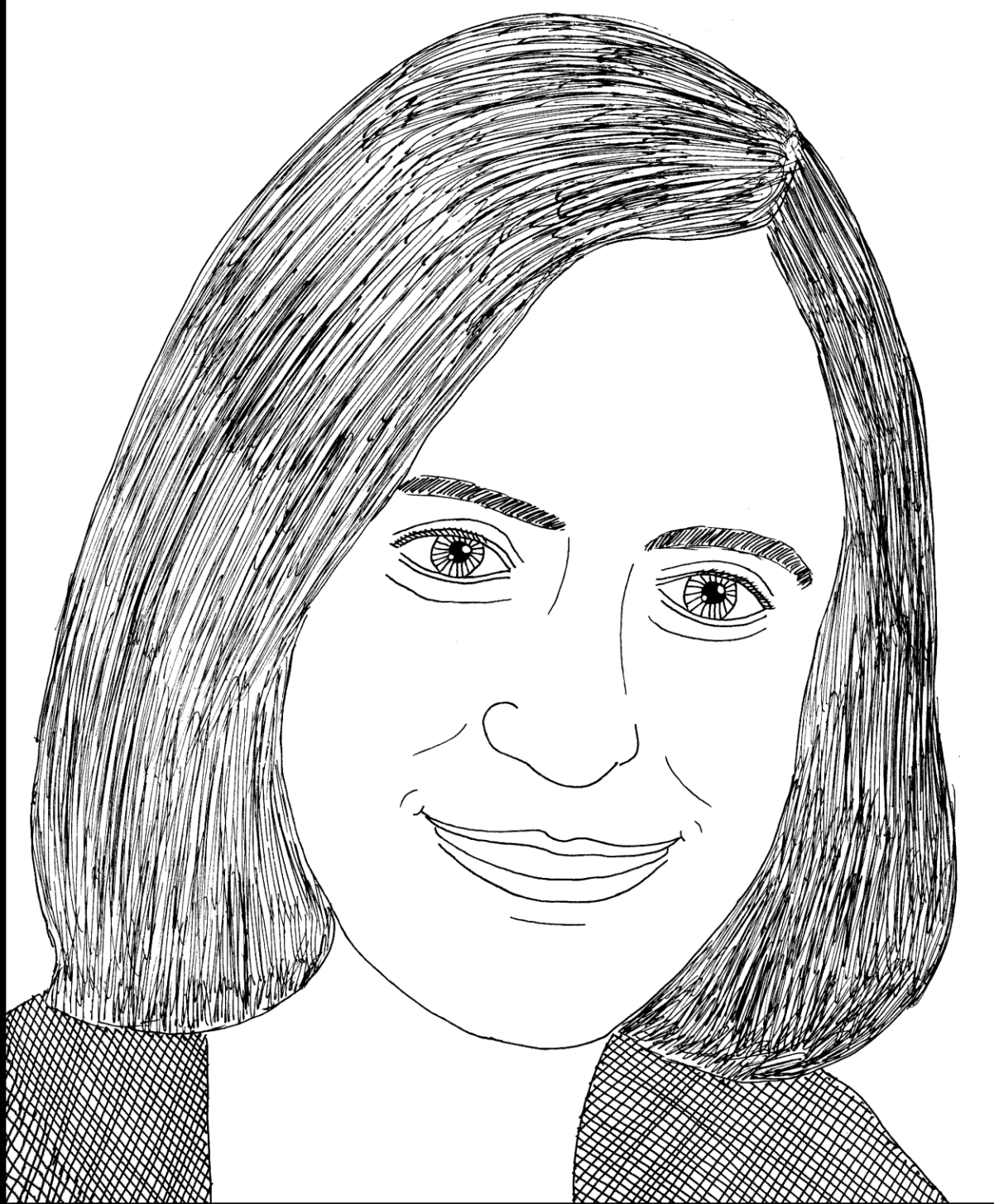
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"Much of the big media outlets in North America are owned by arms manufacturers, like Westinghouse, or GE. That's unacceptable. So we're not getting editorial policy, we're not getting a vision of truth. People just don't know what is going on anymore, and that's really dangerous stuff."

-- Denis Halliday

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-- Arianna Huffington

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"What is being said in media in other parts of the world is very different from what we've been told in this country..."
-- Bianca Jagger

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"Since an informed citizenry is the basis for a healthy democracy, independent, non-corporate media are more crucial today than ever before."

-- Dahr Jamail

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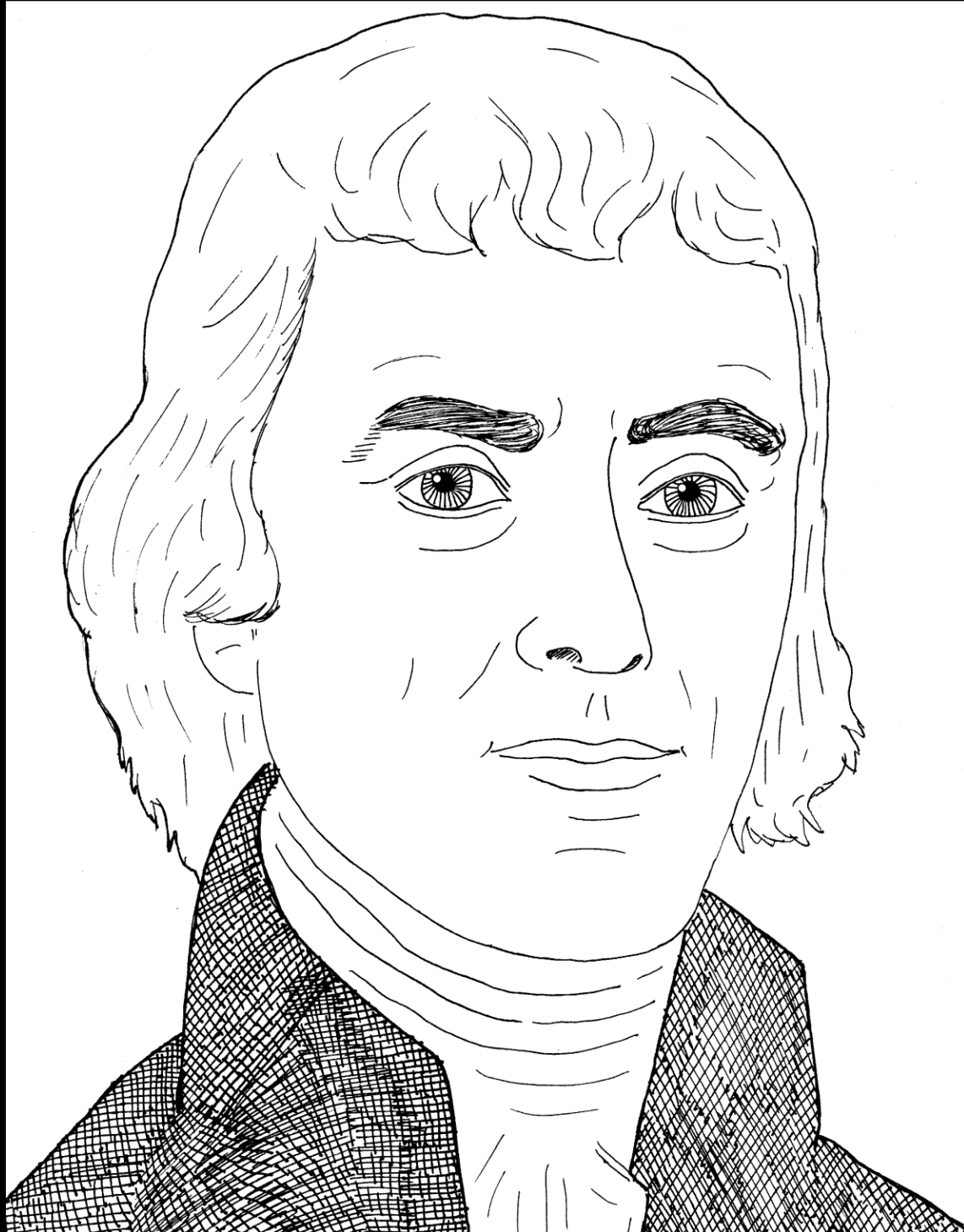
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**"Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press,
and that cannot be limited without being lost."**

-- Thomas Jefferson

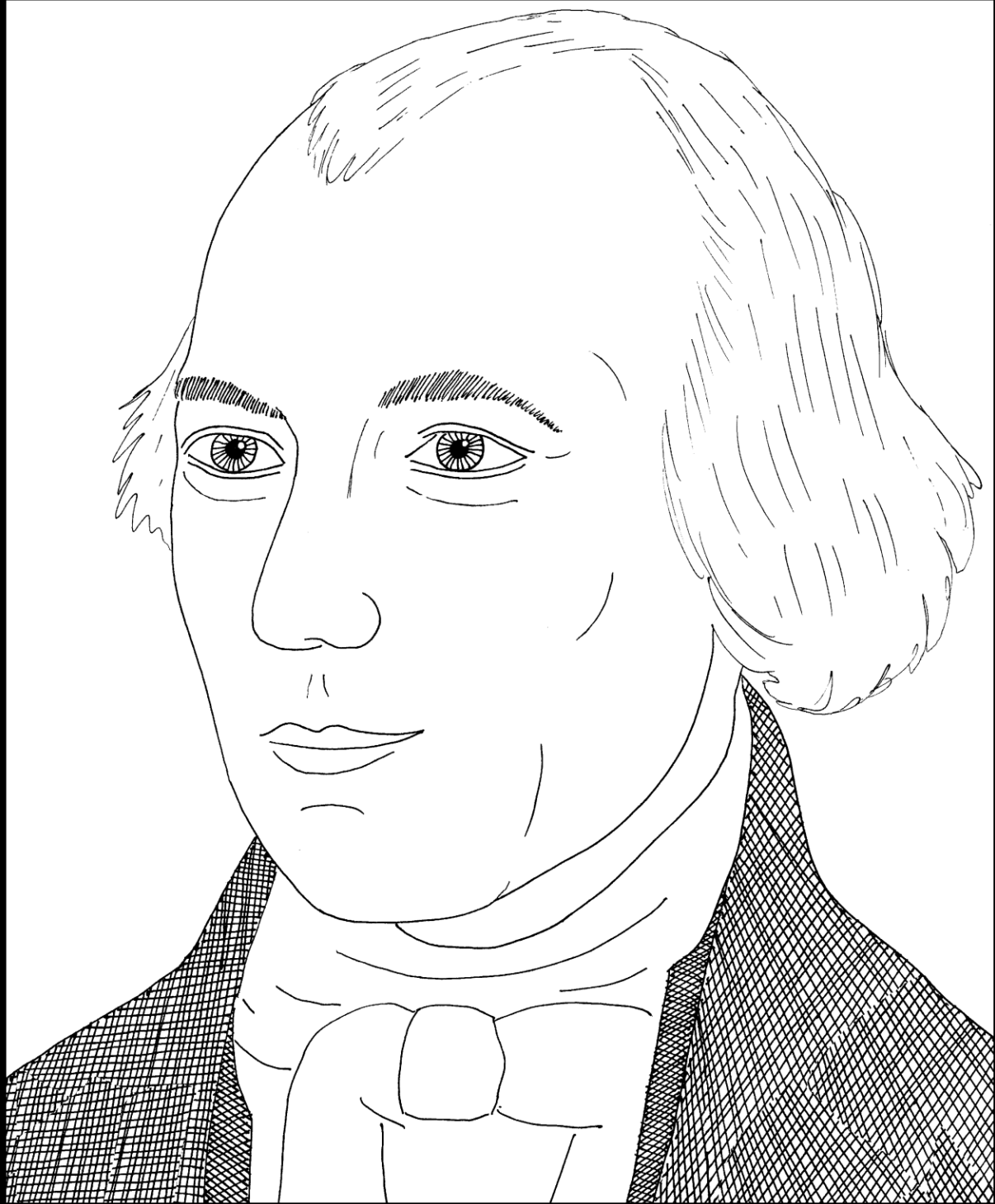
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**"To the press alone, chequered as it is with abuses,
the world is indebted for all the triumphs which have been
gained by reason and humanity over error and oppression."**

-- James Madison

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**"Media is the nervous system of our culture."
-- Gary Malkin**

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"By the end of the millenium five men controlled the world's media.
And the people rejoiced, because their TVs told them to."

-- Michael Moore

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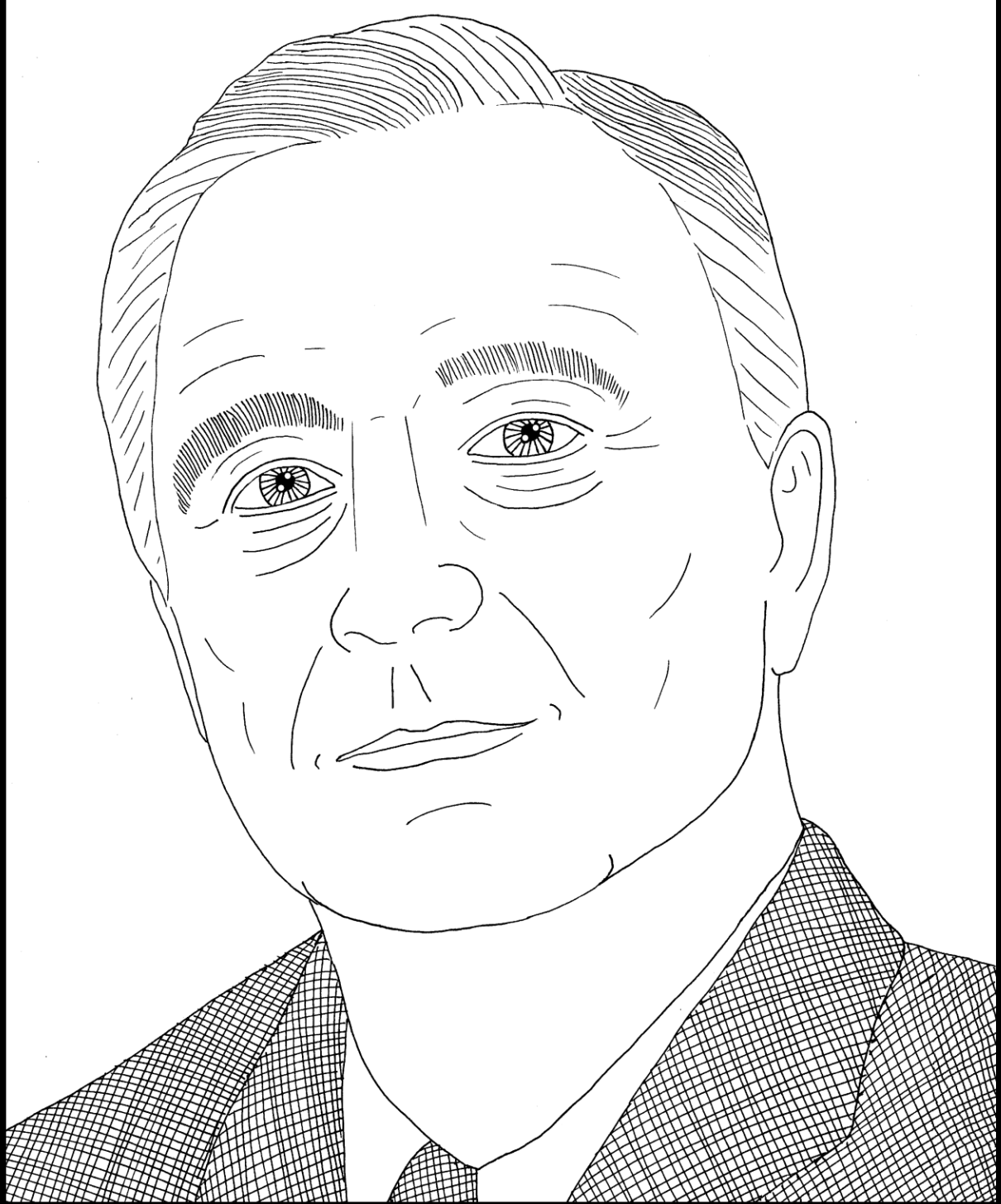
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"If in other lands the press and books and literature of all kinds are censored, we must redouble our efforts here to keep them free"
-- Franklin D. Roosevelt

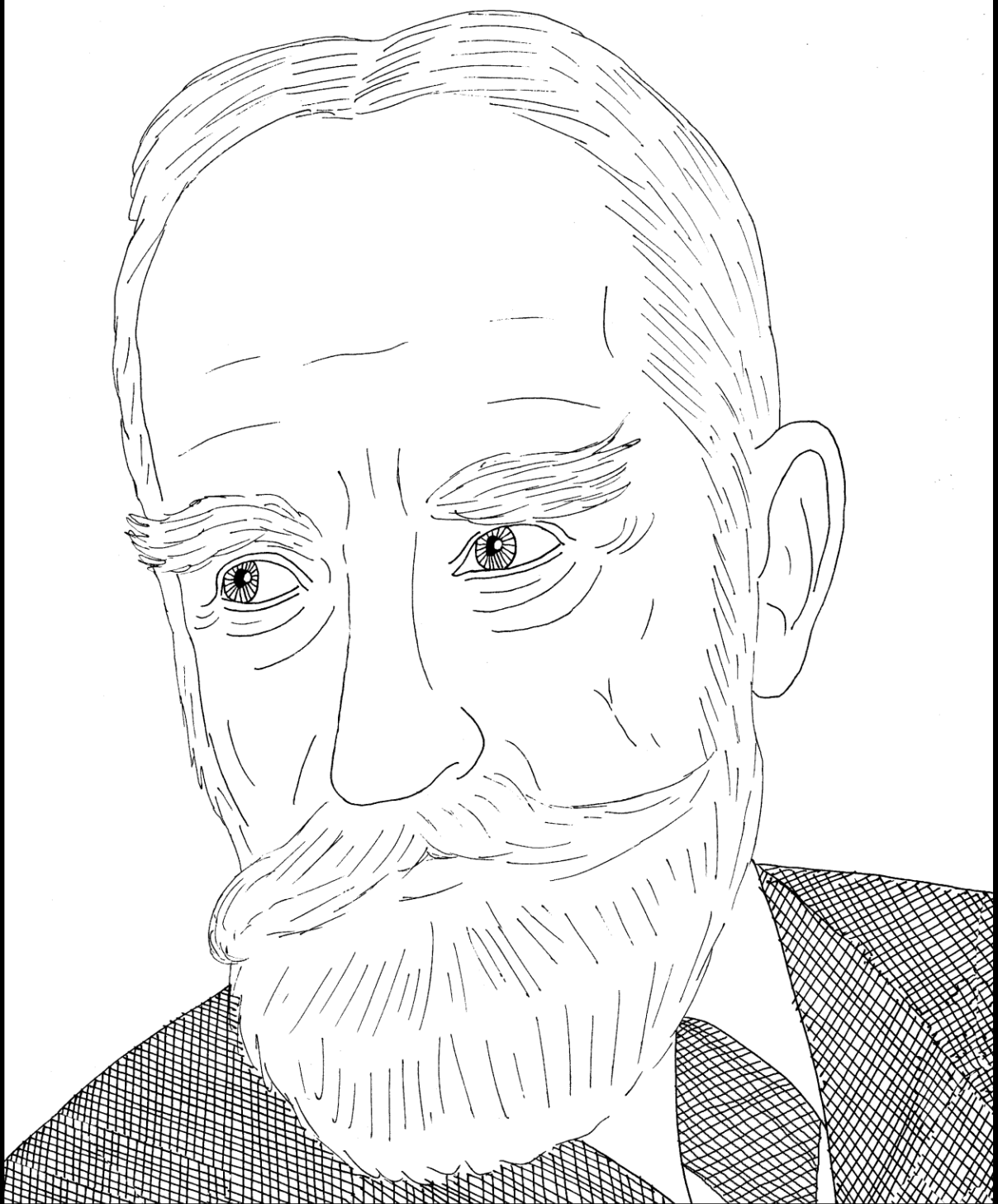
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-- George Bernard Shaw**

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-- Jon Stewart

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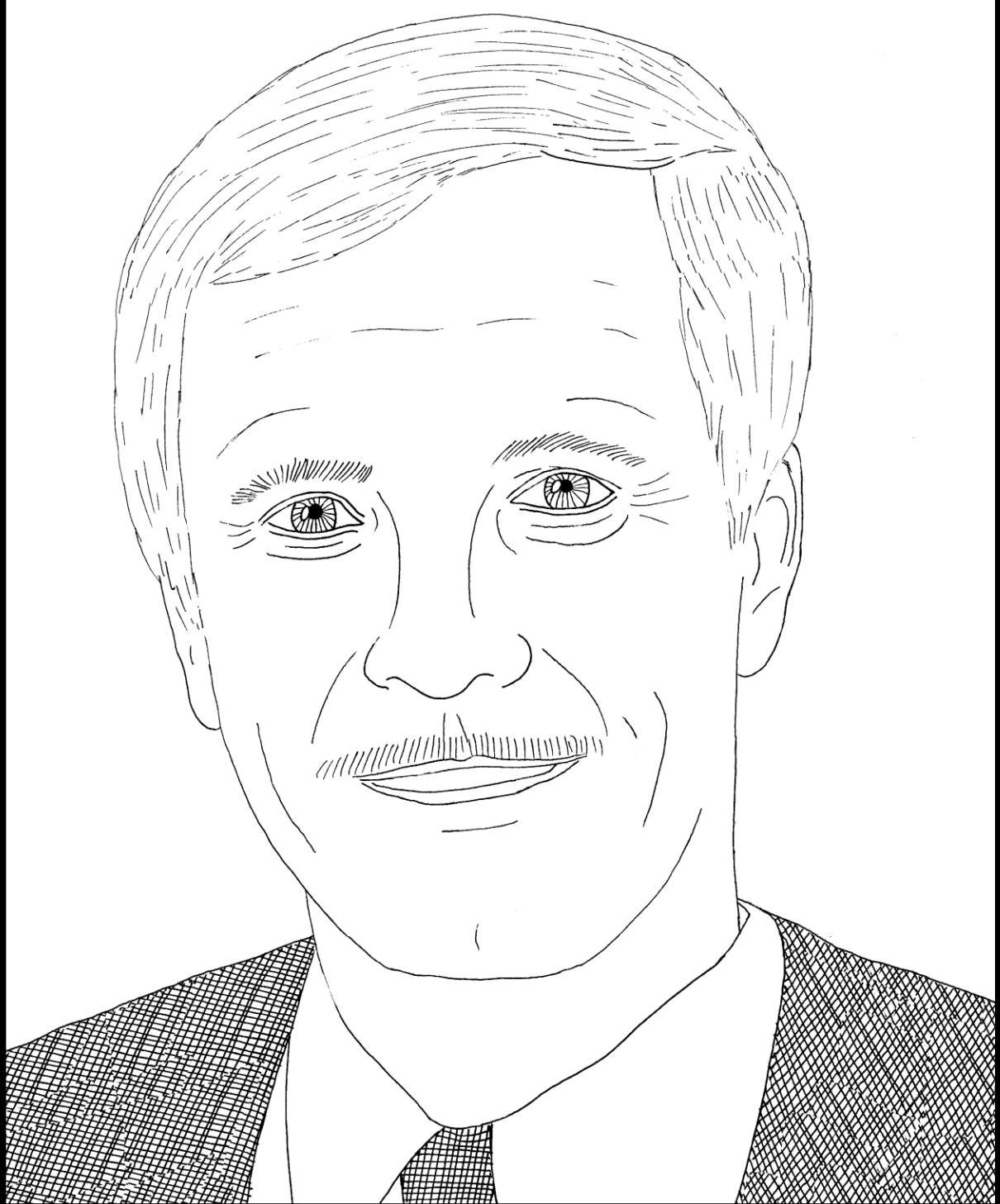
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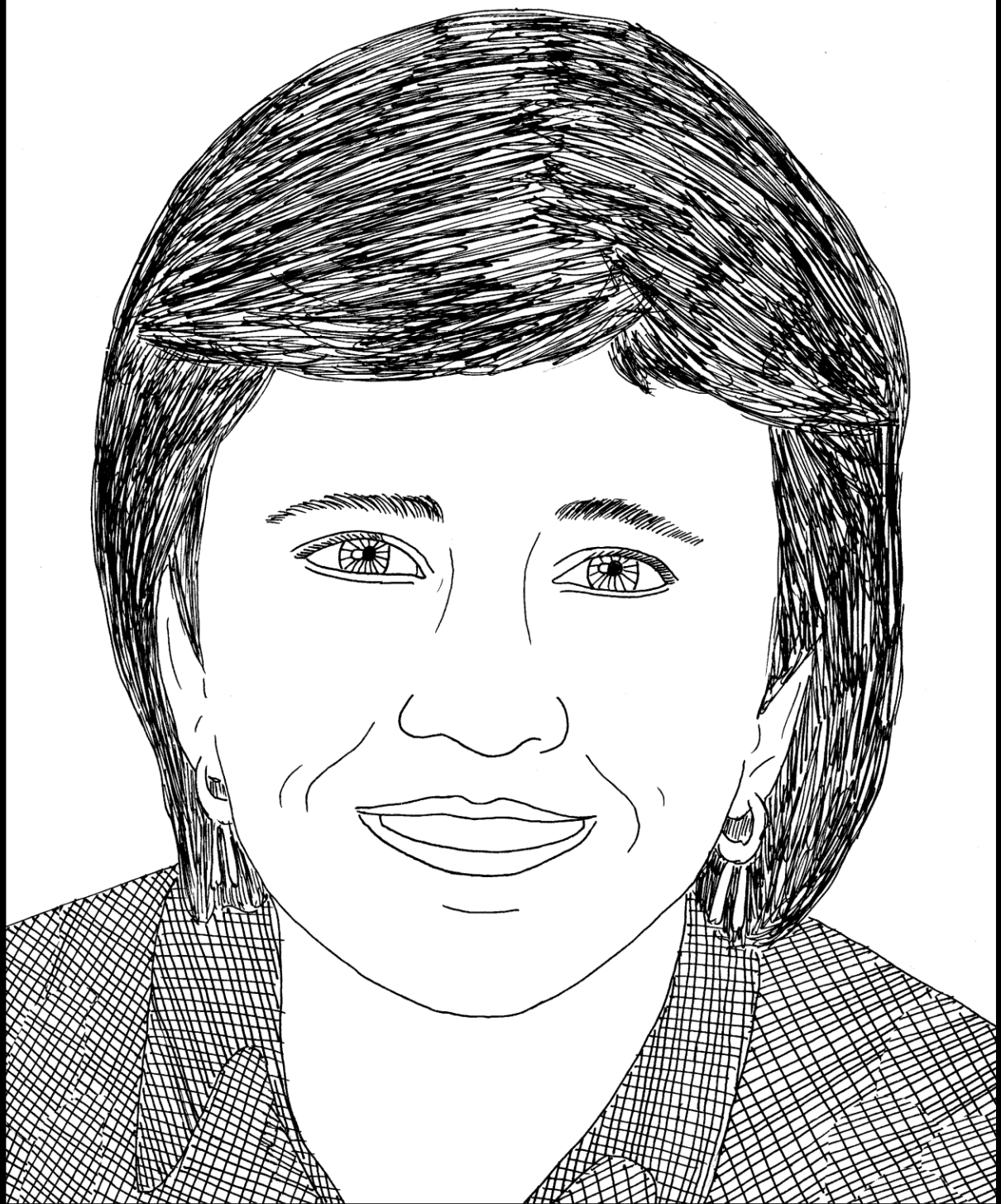
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-- Sarah van Gelder

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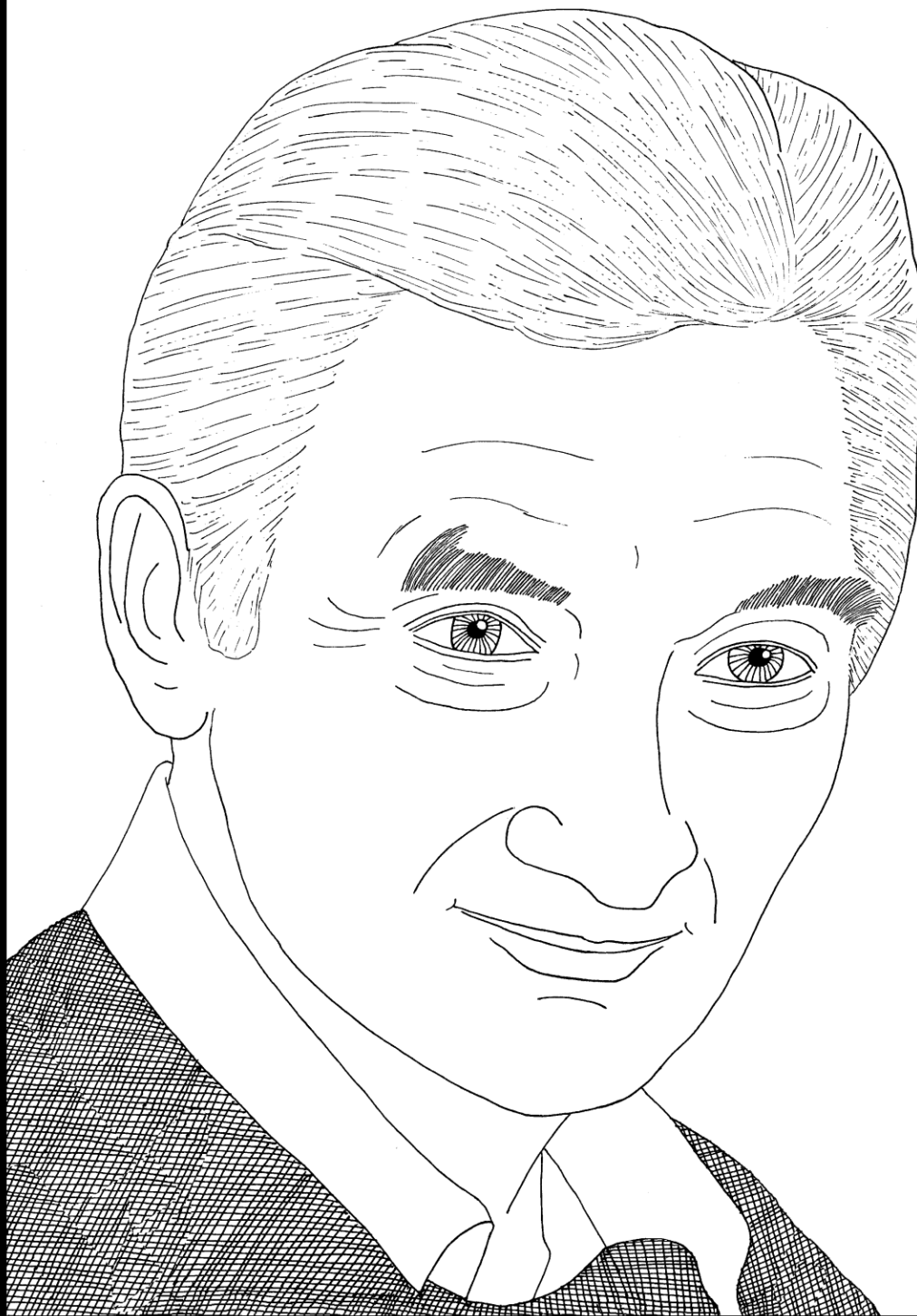
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"We need to decide that we will not go to war, whatever reason is conjured up by the politicians or the media, because war in our time is always indiscriminate, a war against innocents, a war against children."
-- Howard Zinn

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