

# TEN QUESTIONS

LATELY, THERE HAS BEEN MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS OF SAFETY IN THE VILLAGE. THE COLLECTIF CARRÉ ROSE HAS ADVOCATED A RESPONSE THAT INCLUDES THE HIGHLY CONSERVATIVE MEASURES OF A HIGHER POLICE PRESENCE AND MORE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS. IS THIS THE BEST WAY FORWARD? WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

## 1 WHAT CAUSES "HOMOPHOBIC" ATTACKS?

- A) A lack of police.
- B) A lack of diversity workshops.
- C) A complicated combination of social factors that includes increasing class tensions due to gentrification, the displacement of people with the creation of the Quartier des Spectacles and construction in Viger Square, the decline in mental health services in the city, and a very visible well-off class of gays moving into a traditionally working-class and poor neighbourhood.

## 3 HOW DOES A COP PROPERLY IDENTIFY A HOMOPHOBIC IN ORDER TO PREVENT A HOMOPHOBIC ATTACK?

- A) Look at his mismatched socks.
- B) Look into the eyes of his unsatisfied wife.
- C) Challenge him to a runway battle.
- D) Stop and frisk everyone who doesn't look rich enough and white enough to belong.

## 5 DRINKING ON THE STREETS IS...

- A) So last season.
- B) Not even necessary since drinks are so cheap at Sky.
- C) A gateway drug to homophobia.
- D) Exactly the kind of thing that we all love that night-time cops troll around stamping out in the name of 'quality of life', ticketing people for, and then using as a pretext to rough people up and arrest them .

## 7 WHY DO WE NEED MORE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS?

- A) All the surveillance cameras they are taking out of City Hall need to go somewhere.
- B) So we can cam2cam with Verdun.
- C) To catch the drug dealers. No, not my drug dealer. No, not your drug dealer. The Other drug dealers.
- D) Because, Mr DeMille, I'm ready for my close-up.
- E) We don't. Cameras don't prevent or "deincentivize" violence. No one draws a pros and cons list before punching you in the face. Cameras provide a false illusion of security while eroding your rights and forfeiting your basic freedoms.

## 9 WHY ARE THE POLICE SO HAPPY TO OBLIGE?

- A) They can now argue for a larger budget and more cops with "community partners" onside.
- B) It can help them coverup the bad PR from the student strike, the police killings, and reports on racial profiling.
- C) More overtime for beat cops.
- D) They just really care about gay people.

## 2 WHO ARE THE POLICE?

- A) People just like you and me.
- B) People just like you and me who carry guns.
- C) People just like you and me who carry guns and have a bad track record of killing minorities.
- D) People just like you and me who carry guns, have a bad track record of killing minorities and who undergo intensive training to follow orders without question.

## 4 WHO ARE SPVM OFFICERS MORE LIKELY TO TARGET?

- A) Card-carrying members of the Homophobe Party.
- B) The Collectif Carré Rose, just like their red square cousins before them.
- C) Your deadbeat landlord.
- D) Your abusive boss.
- E) Homeless people, sex workers, young people, drug users, people of colour, Mado Lamotte without her face on - anyone they think they can get away with.

## 6 MORE POLICE IN THE VILLAGE WILL...

- A) Lower your rent — they are noisy, rude neighbours.
- B) Make the winter go away.
- C) Make it hard to tell when it's actually Montreal Fetish Weekend.
- D) Crash Grindr.
- E) Intimidate everyone who uses the street for something other than posting "Condo for Sale" signs.

## 8 WHAT WAS THE SPVM'S FINEST HOUR?

- A) 1977, when they kicked off a gay riot after arresting 140 people in a raid on the leather bar Truxx.
- B) 1990, when they took off their badges and beat the shit out of partygoers at the Sex Garage queer party in the Old Port.
- C) 1994, when they filed found-in and gross indecency charges against the 175 people at K.O.X. Only to drop the charges a year later – the teases!
- D) 2003, when they stormed Taboo calling it a bawdy house of prostitution, arresting and pressing charges against 23 dancers and patrons.
- E) 2011, when they raided and then detained and ticketed several hundred partygoers at the Torn Curtain, an afterhours frequented by many queers and queens we know and love.
- F) 2014, when they kept us safe in the Gai Villahge.

## 10 WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT OURSELVES AGAINST POLICE VIOLENCE?

- A) Crucifixes.
- B) Garlic.
- C) Wooden stakes.
- D) DON'T INVITE THEM IN!

# ONE ANSWER COPS OUT OF THE VILLAGE