

The List

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Not federal researchers
whose **science-based** climate change models are disavowed,
not brave women who say, “me to”
and though feeling **vulnerable**, stand unbowed,

not EPA scientists
constructing **evidence-based** cases against industry uncontrolled,
not county social workers
laboring so poor families needing **entitlements** get enrolled,

not the CDC doctors
ensuring that pregnant mothers and **fetuses** are free of disease,
not **transgender** boy
who just wants to be accepted for who he is,

not anyone who celebrates **diversity**—
none of us needs to be censored today.
It is the President who needs a list
of words he cannot say.

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