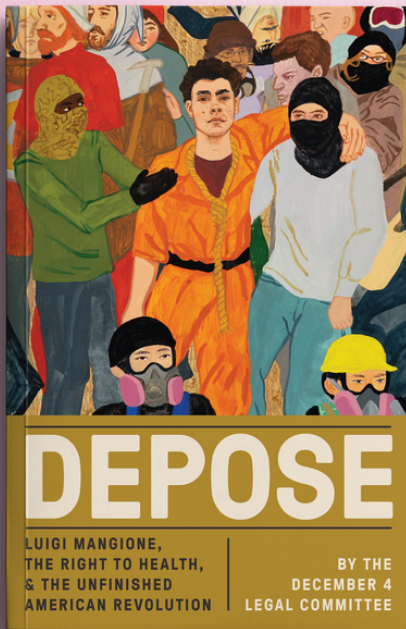




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On December 4, 2024, a health insurance CEO was shot dead in Manhattan — and across America, the killing was embraced as an act of popular justice. Written by the anonymous collective that raised over \$1.5 million for Luigi Mangione’s defense, *Depose* asks a question that cuts beneath the public debate: **who gets to draw the boundary around a crime scene?**

Beginning from the correlation between for-profit health insurance and nearly 15 million American “excess deaths,” the book uncovers a three-century-old erasure at the foundation of American law: the natural right to health. Defying expectations, *Depose* retells the story of the American Revolution, ending with a vision of transformation that no one — not even the authors — could have predicted.

WHY NOW: Publishes between Mangione’s August guilty plea and his December 18 federal sentencing, in the 250th-anniversary year of the Declaration of Independence.

THE HOOKS:

Transforms the terms of the US healthcare debate. *Depose* uncovers a confusion at the heart of American law that, once corrected, transforms the meaning of universal healthcare and the story of the American Revolution.

Neither left, right, nor center. *Depose* uses canonical texts of the American Revolution to develop a position that is off this political map.

A 250th birthday present for the Declaration of Independence. Two centuries of historians have argued over why Jefferson wrote “the pursuit of happiness” instead of “property.” *Depose* shows the debate rests on a false premise — and that the phrase means something no one expects: the natural right to health.

The forgotten founder of the American Revolution. James Otis, Jr. made “taxation without representation is tyranny” into the slogan of the Revolution. He also demanded abolition in 1761 and, in the pamphlet that launched the American Revolutionary movement, argued for racial and gender equality. *Depose* presents his lost theory of the People’s sovereignty as founded in care for each other’s “forlorn and helpless” dependence. This fuller meaning of “We the People” leads to a new perspective on support for Mangione, the injustice of the US healthcare system, and more.

A book no one saw coming, with an ending that shocked its own authors. With “some surprise and, frankly, discomfort,” the authors discover “a corrected theory of constitutional originalism” that clarifies what it means to continue — and to complete — the American Revolution.

THE AUTHORS: The December 4 Legal Committee created Luigi Mangione’s legal fund, which has raised over \$1.5 million for his defense. Includes fifteen anonymous core members across six US regions: medical professionals, philosophers, historians, high school dropouts, an herbalist, a sign-spinner, and an HVAC technician. *Depose* is their first book.

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