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### Girl and Rooster

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#### Abstract

This colorful oil painting suggests how a fearless child can inspire compassion, particularly regarding our clinical, political, and ethical orientations to ongoing practices of separating children from parents at the US southern border.

Figure. *Girl and Rooster*



## Media

Oil on canvas.

## Caption

In this painting, a trip to the countryside takes an exciting turn when my 5-year-old daughter finds and picks up a rooster. The bird appears thoroughly displeased, but she basks in the moment, fearless. This painting seeks to represent a confluence of fearlessness, innocence, and compassion. This set of themes has potential to inspire people to end ongoing [policies and practices](#) of separating children from parents at the US southern border that are ethically problematic and clinically relevant.

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