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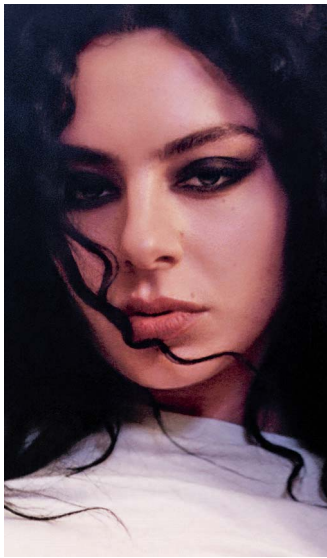
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there making  
death happen  
because this  
is politically  
and financially  
expedient



On the cover

Despite an increasingly hostile climate for  
democracy, billions of people in more than 80  
countries were able to exercise their right to  
vote this year. And in the end, the lessons of  
2024 will likely not be drawn from politicians  
who emerged victorious, but from those that  
accepted their defeats with grace and probity.  
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