Down with SCOTUS!
We will fight back!

By Kathy Durkin

On June 24, the Supreme Court of the United States dealt a stunning blow to over half the country’s population when it overturned the right to access legal abortions, granted by the top court 49 years ago in the precedent-setting Roe v. Wade ruling. The court’s reactionary majority has denied women and all people who can bear a child equality, bodily autonomy and the right to make medical decisions.

The dissent from Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan asserts the Court’s ruling means: “[F]rom the very moment of fertilization, a woman has no rights to speak of. A State can force her to bring a pregnancy to term, even at the steepest personal and familial costs.” In essence, these unelected “justices” ruled that once a woman is pregnant, she loses independence and becomes subordinate to the state. Her choices are gone.

Pushed by the Republican right, 26 states have enacted abortion bans, with 13 passing trigger bans; several went into effect when the Dobbs decision was announced. At clinics in Texas and other trigger states, desperate women were awaiting abortions when the news came down; they had to leave immediately. Many essential health centers stopped providing abortions or closed that day.

Rage at rallies

This horrific racist, sexist, classist ruling infuriated women and people of all genders across the county. Immediately, protesters amassed outside SCOTUS, while thousands more gathered in downtown Washington, D.C. Chants rang out: “We can’t go back! We will fight back!” and “Legal abortion on demand.” One group chanted “Ain’t no justice in this town!” A veteran of the earlier pro-choice struggle told everyone, “Don’t agonize! Organize!”

Tens of thousands marched in multinational, multigender, multigenerational demonstrations across the width and breadth of the U.S.— in too many places to list, from big cities to little towns. As protesters assembled outside the state senate in Phoenix, police teargassed them. Ten people were arrested in a “night of rage” in Eugene, Oregon. Coat hangers mysteriously appeared at the capitol building in Madison, Wisconsin, a state with no abortion facilities. Signs in Salt Lake City, Utah, read: “We need a mass movement to protect abortion rights!”

SCOTUS’ unjust, cruel ruling will disproportionately impact Black, Brown and low-income communities. Monica

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Growing mass fury

Tens of thousands of mainly young people took to the streets in utter outrage on June 24 and June 25 when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade—the legalization of federal protection of the right of abortion for the past 49 years.

Various groups are scrambling to find ways to make sure abortion on demand is accessible, including providing necessary funds for those forced to travel hundreds of miles to other states where clinics still provide this essential health care.

This reactionary, barbaric ruling will turn back the clock for women—especially those of color—as well as gender-nonconforming and trans people. This is an attack on their right to choose for themselves when it comes to having a child or not. This ruling reflects how patriarchy, misogyny and racism are deeply rooted in U.S. society.

The ruling signals a return to “states’ rights.” At one point in U.S. history, states had the right to enslave African people before the U.S. Civil War resulted in the military defeat of the Confederacy. One pro-life, right-wing politician had the unmitigated gall to put an equal sign

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Union Kitchen workers win against union-busting boss

Union Kitchen workers in Washington, D.C., won a National Labor Relations Board-supervised union election June 21. The 130 workers at the company’s six locations voted overwhelmingly to join United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 400. The workers announced their union drive in January and fought back against union-busting tactics, which included firing pro-union workers, by company founder and CEO Cullen Gilchrist. Travis Acton, a staff organizer for Local 400, said “I don’t expect Cullen to really become pro-union now, just because workers won. Our contract fight will be worker-led and worker-focused.”

Besides pay increases and improved work schedules, workers want a say in store policy. In particular, workers object to a management policy banning students, who are predominantly Black. Workers worry this may unfairly target Black youths if law enforcement is called.

Immigrant hotel workers find support for unionizing

Half Moon Bay Ritz-Carlton workers, in San Mateo County, California, won their union election May 12, joining the 300,000 member-strong UNITE HERE Local 2. The workers, many of them recent immigrants, had brought their stories of vicious union-busting to their local parish priest.

In an open letter to the parishioners, Father Jose Corral encouraged their organizing efforts. “I feel obligated to communicate to you your right to organize and ask for workplace protections through representatives. Unions are a way for workers to negotiate for just wages, benefits and better working conditions, and to look after the rights of vulnerable workers,” said Fr. Corral. (Portside, June 20)

Abortion clinic workers on the front lines

Fallout from the SCOTUS abortion ruling is already happening. Workers at clinics that provide abortions in states with no ban are preparing to provide care for desperate out-of-state patients, which will increase their already overburdened loads.

Work in a clinic where abortions are performed is stressful. Besides the work itself, clinic staff must battle reactionaries who protest and threaten them. Clinic workers have rightly identified that only collective bargaining through a union guarantees workplace protections and proper staffing.

In May, anticipating that Roe would be overturned and to address issues such as low pay and burnout, 400 workers in 28 Planned Parenthood clinics in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota filed an election petition with the NLRB stating their intent to unionize with Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa. The majority of workers had signed union authorization cards, but clinic management refused to voluntarily recognize the union. (LA Times, June 14)

Workers at Preterm abortion clinic in Cleveland organized earlier this year. These clinic workers are on the frontlines of the battle for reproductive justice and workers’ rights.

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The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth and trans people are ganged down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people’s movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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In addition to the legislative attacks on women, gender-nonconforming people and LGBTQ+ lives, in June white supremacist groups like the Proud Boys have been inciting military-style raids on Pride in the Park in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, and invaded public libraries— in Wilmington, North Carolina, and San Lorenzo, California— *>(June 24 and July 1, 2004, Workers World) remind us that Nazis used similar tactics to split up growing working-class power. Start organizing practical solidarity— and event security— for your local actions and read the entire series at workers.org/books.

The outbreak of World War I derailed the thrust of the movements for sexual and gender emancipation and women’s rights in Germany. … In each of the capitalist countries, the bosses appealed to the workers to unite behind them in battle. … Going along with this right-wing, murderous patriotism put the brake on every social movement— gay, trans and lesbian, women’s rights, workers’ and socialist struggles— because it gave the ruling class the upper hand, strengthened the right wing and again split up growing movements.

But World War I contributed to making the monumental Russian Revolution a necessity. It was not military defeat on the battlefields that conquered the bosses, but the bosses appealed to the workingpeople of all the countries, the bosses appealed to the workingpeople of Russia, of Germany, that brought World War I to an end.

Socialist revolutions strike down anti-LGBTQ+ bigotry

Eight weeks after the October 1917 Russian socialist revolution— when the conclave of workers, peasants and soldiers to power—the new government led by Lenin abrogated czarist antigay laws, which were similar to the German Paragraph 175. This hand-in-hand with guaranteeing the rights of workers, land for the peasants and equality for women— the Left wing of the Russian revolutionary movement did more than just strip the atrocity laws from the Russian Penal Code. The Bolsheviks argued that laws separating same-sex love from the rest of human sexuality should be torn down.

The wind of the Russian Revolution filled the sails of struggle in other parts of the world, including Germany. In 1918 mutiny broke out in the German Navy. Workers throughout the country went on strike in support. On Nov. 7, a council of workers, soldiers and peasants established the Republic of Bavaria. The revolutionary wave spread to Berlin, where a socialist republic was proclaimed on Nov. 9. The kaiser abdicated the next day.

Hirschfeld: queer socialist, internationalist

The revolution gave the Homosexual Emanicipation Movement [in Germany] new energy and inspiration to the lesbian and gay movement’s hope that their liberation was on the horizon.

Magnus Hirschfeld, a leader of the Homosexual Emanicipation Movement, along with members of the Scientific Humanitarian Committee, supported the new republic. “We took the most active part in all the revolutionary events,” reported the Committee.

Hirschfeld spoke at a Berlin mass rally on Nov. 10 at the height of the revolution. Between 3,000 to 4,000 people gathered in front of the Reichstag building, near where revolutionary Red Guards were fighting pitched battles with reactionary officers who supported the kaiser.

Recalling Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, Wilhelm Liebknecht and other revolutionaries, Hirschfeld said, not only in Germany “but elsewhere, nationalism attempts to divide us. Nationalism is an instrument of imperialist ambitions to destroy social democracy.”

Hirschfeld stressed why socialism was so important for revolution. “In order to create a new society, community, mutuality, further development of society into a unified body of people. Each for all and all for each.”

He said, “We want the community of peoples, struggle against racism and national chauvinism, removal of limitations on emotional and personal communication between peoples, the right of peoples to self-determination regarding their relationship to a state and their form of government. This is the struggle for a new type of society.”

The greatest LGBTQ+ library in the world

Historians John Lauritsen and David Thorstad explain that when the (German) revolution broke out, “The Committee immediately sent a delegation to the new government to propose a law that would include the release from jail of all inmates convicted of homosexual acts.”

The reaction of the government was immediate and absolute. … They also the problem of homosexuality with the industrial and banking class— had devasted middle class— began to win over the ransacking. Four days later, the enormous heap of archive materials was reported the Committee.

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Fascism burns books, targets LGBTQ+ people

At the same time the German counter-revolution— headed by Hitler and bankrolled and backed by a segment of the industrial and banking class— had obtained a base in the middle class.

This fascism targeted the gay/trans/ lesbian and women’s rights movements, even before anti-Jewish and antitag laws, codified in 1933-35, officially marked the unleashing of the widespread campaign of terror.

Hirschfeld was targeted by the Nazis because he was Jewish and gay, as well as a movement leader and socialist. … On May 6, 1933, fascist youth were organ- ized to march on his Institute for Sexual Research in Berlin, accompanied by a brass band. They trashed the international archive, making a mountain of the many thousands of books, journals, photographs and documents that time the largest collection on sexuality and gender in world history. Stormtroopers showed up and took over the museum, torching it. Four days later, the enormous heap of archive materials was publicly burned in Opera Square. …

After 1933 the Nazis forcibly dismantled all independent youth organizations, even the Catholic ones, by denouncing their leaders as “homosexual degenerates.” … A harsh new antigay edict issued in 1935, Paragraph 175A, criminalized kisses, embraces, even homosexual fantasies. The law gave the government license to peruse private papers, carry out arretment and internment in camps with impunity. … Although laws against lesbianism had not been codified, women were snared in the state web, rounded up in SS raids on lesbian bars, sentenced and sent to concentration camps where they faced horrific brutality.

Learning from mistakes

Communists and socialists of all sexualities and genders fought the Nazi attacks on the gay/trans/lesbian and women’s struggles. Yet, was there backwardness about homosexuality on the part of socialists and communists in the German left? Yes. “The Left” was [and is] not politically monolithic. … Like a fast-moving river, political movements are made up of many currents. …

Revolutionaries must constantly be working to shed centuries of ruling-class indoctrination that serves to divide and conquer the vast laboring class. Every form of bigotry and backwardness holds back unity and progress in a revolutionary struggle of all sexualities, genders and sex to abolish capitalism and liberate humanity.

Error vs. ideology

There is a profound difference, however, between political error and political ideology. [In 1928] lawyer Felix Halle … provided this formulation of the German Communist Party’s stance:

“The class-conscious proletarian, uninfluenced by the ideology of property and freed from the ideology of the churches, appreciating the importance of sex life and also the problem of homosexuality with a lack of prejudice afforded by an understanding of the overall social structure. In accordance with the scientific insights of modern times, the proletariat regards these relations as a special form of sexual gratification and demands the same freedom and restrictions for these forms of sex life as for intercourse between the sexes. …

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Boston: Trans Resistance Day

By Mairead Sheehan Gillis

Hundreds marched through the heart of Roxbury in the third annual Trans Resistance Day, casting除off a wave of energy and leadership by highlighting queer musicians, Voguing and dance, world-re- known drag queens, activists, cultural and local organizations committed to liberation — and by creating an outdoor space that supported freedom of expression and celebration for all.

The Sisters Against Fascism passed out gifts at the festival to trans, gen- der-nonconforming and queer Black, Indigenous and people of color and helped raise money for the Trans Joy Fund. This fund has made it possible to replace corporate Pride with politics and festivities by and for oppressed quee people, that are accessible and free. Read more at transresistanceca.com.
Family separation: An atrocity

By Sean Blackmon and Jacqui Luqman

The following is part of an interview with Prisoners Solidarity Committee Co-chairs Mirinda Crissman and Teddie Kelly, which was conducted by Sean Blackmon and Jacqueline Luqman on the show “By Any Means Necessary” and broadcast on Spurtrik Radio on June 11th. Listen to the full interview here: tinyurl.com/gpnsgrzy.

Sean Blackmon: It really drives home the centrality of capitalist exploitation when we discuss this whole issue of family separation due to mass incarceration and the incarceration crisis in general—the funeral of his daughter killed in the Uvalde massacre and also just the unnecessary cruelty.

Jacqueline Luqman: And you know, Mirinda, we are separated at birth toward this system in this country that makes abolition really difficult, because in Texas in particular, [there are] vigilantes and state officials that acted in concert, using force, to enforce the color bar in labor and terrorize Mexicans and Mexican Americans through beatings, torture and shootings and mass deportations.

You know, during massacres, people still valorize the Texas Rangers and the U.S. Border Patrol, and they are generative supportive of even detention centers where parents and children, families are separated. So how do you struggle with people to raise their awareness and educate them on the brutality of this system? That’s not a good thing, and that it is, in fact, white supremacy.

Mirinda Crissman: So one of the ways that we engage folks is using the teachings of our Native comrades, who have very well-documented how these white-supremacist bodies have been acting over the centuries. An educated proletariat is dynamite.

Jacqueline Luqman: Education is absolutely when you have people who have family members who were lynched by the Texas Rangers or even in the case of someone like Mr. Irvin, who was on Texas death row, one of six women on Texas death row—she was interrogated by the Texas Rangers for seven hours and she was a survivor of gender and domestic violence.

She was coerced into admitting that she killed her daughter, which she did not, and she wasn’t even present. She’s still on death row after well over a decade.

Raising stories like hers are helpful to people seeing the inhumanity of this system. It’s about the Treason Act and Texas, Harlingen. Her execution was stayed due to a struggle.

Is Texas the killing capital of the country? What was the Treason Act and what does a Treason Act entail? It’s just unconscionable, you know what I mean? But I think it just shows the fundamental inhumanity of this capitalist system and how this incarceration apparatus is just an outgrowth of that inhumanity.

Mirinda Crissman: Yeah, and the inhumanity that happens daily. People are forced to view all sorts of things from a screen, funerals of loved ones or perhaps chatting with people who they’re not allowed to see, due to different COVID protocols for visitation. I want to bring in the struggle of migrants right now here in Texas, because generally where there are prisons here, Texas prisons, at least the Briscoe unit in Segovia, which have been re purposed to hold migrants. They’ve emptied those TDCJ units, aside from about 200 Texas prisoners to do the labor for.

But for most Texas prisoners, I believe 75 out of 100 prisons here in Texas don’t have air conditioners—in the Texas heat, where it regularly gets up to past 100 F. They did put AC in those [repurposed] prisons after that to make them ice boxes to hold these migrants. But the quarters where the prisoners are living still don’t have air conditioning, even though they’re being held in the same places, not having air conditioning in a box with very little airflow. That’s a daily inhumanity.

That’s a fact of life for people in Texas prisons here and even migrants that are being held. The daily inhumanity of medical neglect is also very pernicious, and we’re not going to see that inhumanity stop with reform, prison reform that gets us more violence. If you reform some- thing, it’s going to get more violent. It’s going to continue to get violent.

Mumia Abu-Jamal honored in France

This slightly edited story was posted by Bea Phi from prisonradio.org on June 4. Jamal Jr. is the grandson of the African American political prisoner, Mumia Abu-Jamal.

On June 4, Jamal Jr. and Brenda Arjona honored the French “Libérons Mumia” Collective and the town of Villejuif [in France] with their presence at the inauguration of a Freedom and Movement Family Unit, called Mumia Abu-Jamal, both honorary citizens of the municipality.

After an introductory speech by the mayor, Jamal Jr. spoke to the assembled crowd of Mumia supporters, local dignitaries and other citizens. He placed his telephone in front of the microphone so that Mumia’s vocal message, in French, could be heard by all. Jamal then began his speech:

“Art is a weapon best used to be an inspiration to all who have the opportunity to decipher it. My grandfather, an artist, journalist, philosopher and family man, galva- nizes the revolutionary mind and soul of those seeking his revolutionary analysis...”

During their stay Jamal and Brenda visited the two streets named after Mumia, one in Saint Denis and the other in Bobigny. Mumia is an honorary citizen of these towns, both situated in the Paris suburbs.

Prison hunger strikers challenge solitary torture

By Betsy Piette

Bulletin: ‘WW received notice of a new letter from Michael Rivera who wrote: ‘Without us there is no program.’”

In June 23 press release, the Human Rights Coalition (HRC), a grassroots prisoner-rights organization, described the inhumane solitary conditions and relayed the strikers’ demands, including access to programming required for personal property and denied access to their entire cell. The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (PADOC) has since retaliated against the strikers.

Along with PADOC denying a clear, prompt pathway out of solitary confinement, strikers have been stripped of basic human rights. Authorities have denied “yard time” to entire tiers without explanation, restricted phone calls, withheld personal property and denied access to the law library while confining legal correspondence.

Prison abolitionist Shandre Delaney challenged a recent PADOC media statement that the IMU goal “is to provide a prompt pathway out of solitary confinement. No matter what name the DOC has coined for solitary confinement, the PADOC keeps it as a long-term solitary confinement unit. Instead, they call it a ‘program’... to give it some legitimacy and obfuscate what it truly is—a torture technique.”

What kind of program has no activities? What kind of program keeps you isolated 24 hours a day—not allowed to leave your cell? It is absolutely ludicrous to call the IMU a program. It is a high-tech torture chamber designed to break the wills and minds of rebellious prisoners. In order to cover up their illegal and inhumane policy of prolonged, indefinite solitary confinement, the PADOC keeps changing the names used to designate the torture.

Here are a few examples of restorative justice practices that the IMU program fails to provide.

- Transformative justice: A praxis that means doing away with the original system/courts.
- Restorative justice: A political and legal framework that acknowledges the breach.
- Healing spaces for women who were just released from prison.
- Restorative justice allows for our humanness to thrive and be seen.

Donations to support the striking incarcerated activists can be made to the Solidarity Not Solitary Fund at tinyurl.com/gsn8wy9j.

New York City: Reclaim Pride

In celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride, thousands of people brought a powerful fighting spirit to the Queer Liberation March for Trans and Bisexual Freedom, Researching Justice and BodiDy autonomy.

Held the same day as the NYC Pride Parade, the protest march seeks to reclaim the spirit and meaning of Pride to better represent the LGBTQ+ community. The march excludes corporations and cops and is political in its focus on fighting injustices against all oppressed people.

The march came two days after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, and there were many signs denouncing the ruling.

A contingent from Workers World Party carried a dynamic sign: “Abolish the Supreme Court! Workers: Rise Up to Smash Patriarchy! Stop Anti-Trans Attack! Stop Racist Police Terror, End ICE Detention.” It stood out and attracted many people who took photos of it.

The crowd was multilingual with many young people who were exuberant in celebrating Pride and in dialogue, where the harmed party is responsible to make amends and repair the breach.

Community organizer and transformative justice advocate, Mia Mingus shares: “Transformative justice is a political framework for responding to violence, harm and abuse by responding to violence without creating more violence and/or engaging in harm reduction.”

There are a few examples of restorative justice and peacemaking circles from art-ist-activist and co-founder of Designing Justice and Designing Spaces Deanna Van Buren: restorative economics spaces where job and entrepreneurship training can take place as restorative economies, peacemaking-restorative justice centers; pop-up buses on wheels that bring school education to students; and mobile refuge spaces for women who were just released from prison (youtu.be/mXx18Skhtm8) and truly it is a transformative technique.

Williams is an organizer with the Campaign to Bring Mumia Home and #LoveNotPhear.
How the ‘Janes’ created underground abortion access

By Marie Kelly

A U.S. Supreme Court decision on Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization overturned the 1973 SCOTUS Roe v. Wade ruling June 24—and paved the way to re-criminalization of the right to abortion. At this writing 26 states are poised to outlaw abortion and impact the lives of 64 million women—and any person of childbearing age who has access to the right to abortion. Women for Choice—rights-supreme, U.S. Census Bureau

Since the Roe decision, anti-abortion reactionaries have exerted unrelenting pressure—both legal and violently illegal—to undermine reproductive liberty. Gender-related oppression from right-wing forces against abortion providers and abortion fundamentalists have waged a violent war exempt religious institutions like Catholicics, requiring parental consent for an enacted many other restrictive laws, such prohibiting the use of federal funds like contraceptives and prevented reproductive services and withheld knowledge from their patients. The upper white class turned to sterile hospitals for care, while midwives, especially Black midwives, were vilified as incompetent practitioners or even witches. (“Traditions of health: Black midwives and doula,” Workers World, March 16)

In the early 20th century, along with the market in the hands of the people was not in the interest of industrial capitalists and imperialists. Capitalists needed to maintain control of the rate of reproduction of people to generate an adequate workforce and maximum profi. But birth control in the hands the lawbreaking and anyone of childbearing age who has a uterus—will still need access to birth control advocates, like Margaret Sanger, accepted the racist and inhuman eugenics and promoted white supremacy. In fact, beginning during enslavement, modern contraceptive and sterilization knowledge was passed through medical “experimentation”—torture without anesthesia—on Black, Brown, Indigenous and disabled people without control over birth control and abortion forced pregnant women and others who wanted to terminate their pregnancies into dangerous situations, either at the mercy of unqualified practitioners or through self-abortion. These underground practices continued up to the 1973 Roe decision, especially among working-class people who did not have the money to travel to another country where abortion was legal and performed by a medical professional.

Women’s liberation activists fight back

The Civil Rights Movement and the movement against the U.S. war on Vietnam mobilized youth across the U.S. There were both the network where clients were counseled on the abortion procedure, referred to carefully vetted though illegal practitioners and provided with follow-up services after the procedure, to make sure the person had no complications. Contact by phone with the network was problematic, since none of them could use their real names for fear of discovery and prosecution. The women decided they would be “Jane” for anyone who called them. And if they needed to leave a message for a client, they would merely say, “Tell them Jane called.”

Abortion access: the underground “Service”

The Janes opened this sophisticated system, called “The Service,” from 1968 to 1973. The law finally struck in May 1972. Chicago homicide police raided the apartment where the Janes were performing abortions. Seven of the Janes were arrested and charged. They were each facing a maximum sentence of 110 years. True to their principles, while the seven awaited trial, the remaining members of the Service bravely continued operations and performed abortions! The defendants hired Jo-Ann Wolfson as their lawyer. Before the Supreme Court would be handing down a decision on Roe v. Wade in the near future, it would probably be favorable to abortion rights activists. Her trial strategy was to stall, raising motion after motion to delay a verdict in the case of the Janes, hoping the state would be made null by a favorable SCOTUS decision. When the Roe decision was announced in January 1973, Wolfson made a motion to dismiss all charges, and that was granted. The Janes were free.

The Janes estimated they provided over 12,000 safe abortions during their five years of existence—without a single mortality.

Lessons for reproductive justice now

What can we learn from the Janes now, during the current century’s right-wing ultraright attack on reproductive justice? First of all, abortion will not “go away.” Women and anyone of childbearing age who has a uterus—who will still need access to safe termination of pregnancy. They will still need nonjudgmental competent providers who will treat them with empathy and care. They will still need someone to provide the scientific knowledge necessary to make an informed decision about what is individually right for them.

They will need the security of never being coerced into a decision that will harm or exploit them. They will need Black, Brown, Indigenous, and disabled and workers.org

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In 1968 with abortion still illegal, pregnant working-class women had the same limited options they had a century before. Mortality rates were high for individuals who tried to self-abort or who went to unskilled crime-syndicate abortionists who provided no follow-up care and abandoned clients with complications. One major Chicago hospital at that time had an entire ward for patients suffering from botched abortions. The Janes began their work through word of mouth. People who wanted to terminate a pregnancy would reach out to friends or family for names of where to go. One woman found she was being contacted frequently by desperate pregnant women. She listened to their stories and realized that the right to plan if and when you could have a child was up to the individual, and the right not to have a child was the individual’s choice also. She made the decision to actively counsel people who wanted to terminate a pregnancy even though she risked being arrested.

As the volume of counseling requests became large, more women came together and developed a clandestine network where clients were counseled on the abortion procedure, referred to carefully vetted though illegal practitioners and provided with follow-up services after the procedure, to make sure the person had no complications. Contact by phone with the network was view and believed that knowledge of one’s body and how it worked was essential to reproductive autonomy. They handed out copies of the now-historic book Women’s Bodies, Men’s Business produced in 1970 by the Boston Women’s Health Book Collective. The Janes approached each person they worked with from an empathetic and without judgment. The decision to terminate a pregnancy was personal and never forced into whether they would or not. One client paid 500 in 1972. The Janes advocated a feminist perspective—believed to be right for them.
Despite views of U.S. majority
Supreme Court overturns right to abortion

By J.M. Straughn

As of today, June 24, there is no federal right to legal abortions.

The Supreme Court of the United States overturned the legal right to access abortion, decided by the high court in 1973 in Roe v. Wade case, which permitted abortions until "viability." The state of Mississippi brought the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization to 10 years ago, in 2021, that not only should abortions be banned at 15 weeks of pregnancy, but that the Roe decision should be overturned altogether.

The viability standard, which allows abortions until about 23 weeks of pregnancy, was upheld by the court in 1972 in Casey v. Planned Parenthood. That decision allowed medically necessary abortions after that deadline. That ruling is now null and void too.

A Supreme Court opinion, written by Justice Samuel Alito and leaked May 2, indicated that the reactions of majority justices supported overturning the Roe decision and federal protection of legal access to abortion. Alito argued that the Roe ruling was "egregiously wrong" and that the 14th Amendment did not protect the "right to privacy," but a right of liberty or privacy. Now that the court has overturned the Roe decision, states can abolish and limit abortions—and even criminalize the procedure. Over the 49 years since the Roe decision, the impact of the right to abortion has been significant as part of the overall struggle for reproductive rights and autonomy. Without this fundamental right, the risks to the health and lives of pregnant women would increase, as well as their ability to access adequate and affordable healthcare.

The worst burdens of this decision will fall on low-income people, Black, Latinx, Indigenous women, migrants, youth and children, people with disabilities and those of various gender identities. It will impact millions of people’s lives.

Other rights endangered

There is concern by many that Alito’s distorted reasoning could be used to overturn other landmark decisions and rights, which were granted under the 14th Amendment but not enshrined in writing. That includes the decisions in Griswold v. Connecticut, which legalized the right to use contraception, and in Obergefell v. Hodges, which permitted same-sex marriage.

Polls show the vast majority of the U.S. population supports legal abortions; yet many states’ reactionary legislatures do not represent the views of their populations. Already, several states have overturned or severely restricted the right to abortion.

Texas law forbids abortions after six weeks of pregnancy, with no rape or incest exceptions, even for children. That ban implemented a bounty hunter scheme, with a financial bounty to any one who reports those who aid abortion seekers. And the state restricts the use of abortion pills.

Oklahoma’s draconian law, set to be implemented this summer, bans all abortions, even in cases of rape or incest, saying “life begins at conception.” This policy endangers forms of contraception. The law would make performing an abortion a felony, punishable by imprisonment.

State bans and protections

The Guttmacher Institute says 26 states are likely to ban abortions if Roe is overturned; this includes 23 states which have immediate “trigger” laws in place. However, 16 states and the District of Columbia have laws protecting the right to access abortions. Many states are pledged to add more protections for accessing the procedure, to accommodate abortion seekers from out of state. These actions are commendable but will probably not be able to meet the enormous need.

For decades the right to abortion has been under attack. Numerous laws have restricted federal funding and permitted abortion exclusions from private health insurance. Funds from Washington have been cut and restricted from being allocated to nonprofit women’s health care organizations. Some states have no facilities which provide reproductive health care.

Alito’s opinion revealed the reasoning he mustered to return pregnant women to a state of subjugation and oppression, and it was shown in light of the reactionary SCOTUS justices asked in the Dobbs hearing Dec. 1, Alito sought rationalizations in oppressive historical periods. To him, the era in which Roe was decided was too progressive.

Julie Rikelman, Center for Reproductive Rights litigation director and attorney for the Jackson clinic, explained in the SCOTUS hearing that even those arguing an “originalist” position could not rule out abortion, because common law at the time of the “founding” of the U.S. permitted abortions before “quickening.” That is when the pregnant person can feel the fetus move. (Originalists interpret the Constitution as it was written at the time of its ratification.)

In his opinion, Alito cited misogynist jurist eight times. In his opinion, Alito cited Lord Matthew Hale, a 17th-century English jurist who presided over “witch” trials and ordered executions of those poor women. Hale held that women victims of rape should not be believed and that marital rape was legal. The ambiguity in early abortion laws has already resulted in grave risks to the lives, health and well-being of pregnant people. The procedure can even save a wanted pregnancy. A medical practitioner can determine if a fetus is not viable and will die. In some cases, women have been forced to carry a fetus that could die at any moment, releasing toxic chemicals that can cause extreme illness and even death of the pregnant person.

Current laws have been interpreted in some states to prevent medically necessary abortions. Further, many medical practitioners are afraid to interfere to end a complicated miscarriage, worried they’ll be charged with performing an illegal abortion. Some state bans declare an abortion a felony, punishable by imprisonment for life. There is no chance of embryonic development.

Since there are no federally guaranteed abortion exceptions for victims of rape or incest, even children, in SCOTUS’ decision on June 24, nor in many state bans, the potential horrors are innumerable.

Public outrage at the elimination of the legal right to abortion, to massive protests and calls for a total rejection of the authority and legitimacy of the Supreme Court.

The follow statement was issued by the African American Policy Forum on June 24.

We have barely emerged from a week of commemoration of emancipation, in which the legacy of enslaved pregnancy faces the challenge of the federation of enslavement and the source of the profits in the slave trade has yet to be addressed. The consequences of our society’s failure to see coerced pregnancy as a legacy of enslavement has descended once upon Black women and all pregnant people with lethal force. Had the project of liberation from enslavement been rooted in this recognition, then coerced childbirth would have been prohibited as a foundational principle of freedom.

The incompleteness of our conceptions of liberty thus harpoon to the unspeakable past and stretch forward into this painful moment, proving once again that the intersections of patriarchy, racism and heteronormativity will continue to undermine the freedoms that we all take for granted unless we learn how to think, speak and act in such a way that response must not be silenced to a problem that is historically and continuously interconnected.

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AAPF Executive Director

How the ‘Janes’ created underground abortion access

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gender-nonconforming people. They will need abortion options that are free for those who can’t pay and affordable for those who can.

They will need free access to contraceptives, fertility technologies and transgender medical care. They will need paid parental leave and free child care in order to raise the children. Women who are abortion providers and LGBTQ+ communities will need protection against violent right-wing attacks. As Minnie Bruce Pratt stated in a 2019 Workers World article, “If proponents of the reactionary anti-abortion and anti-miscarriage laws currently being passed sincerely care about children, they would be pressing above all for a more responsive, accessible and income-affordable maternal health care system.”

They would be facing and fighting the racism that causes disproportionate deaths in communities of color—from lack of health care to police brutality to imprison migrant pregnant concentration camps. The pushers of reactionary laws tied to reproduction are seeking the criminalization of poor women, women of color, sexually independent and gender-diverse people. They are seeking to continue the dominance of white supremacy and capitalist patriarchy. (“‘Policing the Womb’ in Alabama,” Workers World, July 7, 2020).

These crimes against the people will never be completely ended—and the guarantee of safe reproduction will never be fully realized—until capitalism is defeated.

The Janes have given us a lesson and an example of how to organize and win reproductive rights.

For more, read Laura Kaplan’s “The Story of Jane,” watch the HBO documentary “The Janes,” and go to justilibracuna.com/jane for the current struggle.
Thousands protest NATO Summit in Madrid

By John Catalinotto

With the U.S.-led NATO about to begin its summit in Madrid, follow-
ing an agenda that includes prolonging the war against Russia in Ukraine and adding China as a key strategic enemy of the U.S. empire and hegemony, thousands of people took to the streets of the Spanish capital to protest NATO aggression.

The protesters, mainly anti-imperialist forces in the Spanish state with some rep-resentatives from other NATO-member countries, marched from the main Atocha train station through downtown Madrid to the Plaza España. They held banners reading “No to NATO” and “Bases out” and criticized the social-democratic government’s complicity with NATO’s aggressive war policy.

While the Biden administration and the corporate media has presented NATO as united behind the U.S.-led interven-tion against Russia, many suspect this is a façade. Backing the anti-Russian war has put all Europe at risk of disaster. Sanctions aimed at Russia have boomeranged against European industries dependent on Russian energy sources.

And the latest war news implies that the Russian army is winning in the Donbas region. The Madrid protest added a dimen-sion to NATO’s problems. It showed that a core of the working-class move-ment inside the imperialist countries had withstood the anti-Russia propaganda barrage. And it raised the possibility of a more massive resistance, as the imperial-ist ruling class imposes the cost of the war on the workers.

While the weight of imperialist propa-ganda has influenced part of the peace movement to criticize Russia as much as NATO, there is another part that is con-vinced that the real source of aggression is the U.S.-led NATO militarists.

WW talks to UNAC representative

The U.S. antiwar movement has rep-representatives in Madrid, and Workers World spoke with one of them, Joe Lombardo, after the June 26 demonstra-tion. Lombardo, a leader of the United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC), felt encouraged by the military and anti-imperialist character of the march—which had participants from count-er-summit conferences.

“There were two separate counter-sum-mits in Madrid, both on June 24 and 25, to show opposition to the NATO summit and the dangers of war,” he said. “One was organized by mainly social-dem-o-cratic forces. The other was mainly anti-imperialist forces in Spain, who wel-comed my talk and the UNAC statement as part of their conference.”

Lombardo said in his talk to the anti-im-perialists that “the United States is the main imperialist power in the world. NATO is its partner in crime.”

Lombardo added that the war in Ukraine might have been avoided if the NATO lead-ers simply said they would not let Ukraine join NATO. He ended by advising that “the U.S. empire and hegemony was being chal-lenged” in Ukraine and that “every socialist and every peace activist should take heart from this.”

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Famine fueled by greed stalks the world’s poor

By G. Dunkel

According to Oxfam and Save the Children, 1,500 people — mainly children under age 5 and elders — are dying every day in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. The “groups” joint 2022 report, “Dysfunctional World, Dysfunctional Wheat,” details the global response to the ongoing crisis, which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine.

The report notes that the global food crisis has been caused by a combination of factors, including wars, sanctions, and the pandemic. It also highlights the role of agribusiness and food speculation in exacerbating the crisis.

The report calls for a coordinated global response to the crisis, including increased aid and investment in food security and agricultural development.

The report also highlights the need for a change in the global food system, which it describes as “dysfunctional.” It calls for a shift away from speculation and speculation, and towards a system that prioritizes food security and healthy diets for all.

The report is co-authored by Oxfam, Save the Children and the Global Food Policy Institute.
June 23 marked the 50th anniversary of Title IX, the federal legislation mandated by the Supreme Court in 1972 for women’s and women’s participation in education, including sports. The very next day, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a nearly 50-year-old decision in Roe v. Wade—thus denying women and girls protected by Title IX their bodily autonomy to choose whether or not to bear children.

Title IX states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Title IX is regarded as the starting point to get scholarships to play sports in college—without being saddled with massive student loan debt.

Years after its passage it provided the foundation for professional women athletes to demand and win equal pay with men. On May 18 we witnessed the historic collective bargaining agreement by the Women’s National Soccer Team with U.S. Women’s National Team Players Association and the United States National Soccer Team Players Association that created the pilots in that sport. On the anniversary of Title IX’s passage, TIME interviewed champion professional soccer player Megan Rapinoe about the shortcomings of Title IX and the impact of the SCOTUS Roe ruling. Rapinoe responded that Title IX shortchanged the mirror in the halls of society. ... there’s a racial blind spot ... there’s an LGBTQ+ blind spot. ... there’s an immigrant blind spot, all of that.

Rapinoe was one of over 500 female athletes who signed an amicus brief in support of Roe v. Wade, arguing that Roe was essential for the shape of Title IX, as choice offered many women the opportunity to pursue sports. She stated: “We absolutely need to be vigilant. It’s really sad that 50 years on from Title IX, we’re bringing up not just settled law but a settled desire and progression that the majority of the country really want. This is not a hold of the policy of the people, by any means at all.”

### Threat of jail for miscarriages

Most athletes covered under Title IX are of the age group most impacted by SCOTUS. The Roe v. Wade ruling, which guarantees reproductive rights, has been struck down. For billions of people may justify such a call sooner rather than later. There is mass anger against this political offensive by the right wing and against the ineffectiveness of the Democratic Party that has had ample time to strengthen abortion laws. To mitigate the anger expressed now and over the coming months will be an important barometer for the outcome of the November midterm elections.

While these elections come and go, what will remain are the brand-and-butter, life-and-death issues propelling the masses into the streets. They will come to rely less and less on the photobomb promises of capitalist politicians to meet their human needs—including health care, housing, education, an end to state repression and the right to organize.

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between the end of abortion and the end of slavery.

This comparison is meant to confuse the masses into believing that to be anti-racist, you have to be anti-abortion—when in reality Black enslaved women were systematically raped by their white enslavers and forced to carry the resulting pregnancies to term—and the child was then the property of the enslaver. In many of the protests held since June 24, not only they were saying “Defund the police,” “Abolish SCOTUS” and “Abolit the court!” for having the power to hold the fate of this crisis?

The economic and political allies, this may be a premature call—but worsening conditions here and globally for billions of people may justify such a call sooner rather than later.

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### Colombian women elect Gustavo Petro, beating right wing

By Martha Grevatt

Voters in Colombia made June 19, when they elected the first progressive president in the country’s history. Gustavo Petro, previously a legislator and mayor of Bogota and one-time combatant with the M-19 guerrilla army, defeated right-wing candidate Rodolfo Hernández in a runoff election. Petro and Vice President Francia Márquez in the system—a new wave of progressivism aims to change the society and redistribute wealth is carried out within the limits of capitalism. The new president will face huge difficulties. The right wing still controls the military and the legislature and has enjoyed strong support from Washington under both Democratic and Republican administrations. Fascist paramilitaries remain armed and, in the period leading up to the election, assassinated candidates and campaign workers with the Historical Pact, the electoral bloc behind Petro.

But for the frequent targets of assassinations and terror— labor unions, environmentalists, current and non-indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities and others— Petro’s election allows them to breathe easier, knowing the paramilitaries will no longer operate with impunity. The election in Colombia follows a recent trend in Latin America of wins by progressive candidates, including in Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, Chile, and Venezuela last year. However, as Telesur commented June 24: “The new wave of progressivism aims to change the society and redistribute wealth is carried out within the limits of capitalism. Thus, the aspiration to transform American Latin America of the Socialism of the 21st Century has been lately forgotten.”

The victory for the Historical Pact is not without its challenges. Though Petro has already taken steps to restore friendly relations with Venezuela and its president, Nicolás Maduro: “I have communicated with the government to open the borders and...
**Ecuador's national strike at a crossroads**

By Michael Otto

Ibarra, Imbabura Province, Ecuador

June 26 – The Indigenous-led National Strike in Ecuador that began June 13 enters its third week on June 27, as the people once again show their power in the streets and highways.

Regional powerhouse provinces have closed every paved road in Ecuador. The masses have said, “Enough!” to banker President Guillermo Lasso and four years of a brutal neoliberal economic war that has deepened the poverty of the Indigenous, peasants and the precarious working poor who labor in the informal economy.

Roadblocks are a huge weapon in the hands of the peasants – their economic response to the crushing neoliberal assault – just as workers withhold their labor in the class struggle. The National Strike of June 2022 is deeper and more profound than the uprising of October 2019 against then-Pres. Lenin Moreno. The causes reflect the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, neoliberal austerity, massive public sector and health care layoffs, the surge in narco-terrorism, and prison riots with more than 410 prisoners massacred since February 2021.

The Indigenous suffer inflation that makes an adequate diet unaffordable for the poor, who are trapped in a spiral of impoverishment, deinstitutionalization, and precarization. Two-thirds of employed workers have no social security, which means that their jobs and live-lihood are precarious.

The struggle is resistance

The Ecuadorian history of resistance dates back to the 1500s, when they fought against the Spanish conquest, the Indigenous movement of today is shaking the foundations of a capitalist society that has long since deserted them.

Leonidas Iza, president of the Confederation of Indigenous Nationals of Ecuador (CONAIE), led an Assembly of the Peoples June 25 in Quito, the capital. Iza urged the people to stay focused and to conserve their strength. He said, “The struggle is resistance.”

Iza defined the struggle this way: “We met with all the authorities of the peoples and nationalities last night until the wee hours of this morning. We have made it absolutely clear why we are here. Let there be no confusion, comrades. We are here to take up the Ten Points in response to our communities and our peoples, comrades... As long as we stay in the path of the Quito, we will guarantee the actions at the national level in all the provinces. This is the struggle. It is clear that we have already won some points. But the central issues have not been won yet. Power is there. There is still no answer to the issue of affordable prices. There is no answer to the financial question. There is still no answer to the mining and oil issues. Our points are the Ten Points that have not been resolved.” (Transcribed and translated from CONAIE videos)

The Ten Points for food, land, energy, and education have been rejected by the government.

The strike in Ibarra

On June 20, 3,000 people marched miles down the mountain into Ibarra from the Indigenous farming communities in the heights south of the city. Men, women and children with elders were greeted with the men’s march in the streets.

An Afro-Ecuadorian vendor told Workers World: “We support the strike because we all feel the calamity of the crisis. We support sellers like this of our Karanki people who come with respect, without violence, without attacking merchants. We are united with our Karanki people.”

Residents of Ibarra are collecting food and saving money to support the pro-
test in Quito. Zoila Rolóez, told WW, “I can’t be in Quito to help out, but I’m part of the resistance.”

Tens of thousands of Indigenous people marched or rode in caravans to Quito from the provinces. Thousands marched on June 20, from Cayambe to Quito, and braved clouds of tear gas near Guayaquilama, a town near Quito.

State brutality

One young man from Guayllabamba died in a fall, while trying to escape the tear gas thrown by police and the soldiers who tried to stop the marchers and their caravan. Another injured marcher died in a fall, from Cayambe to Quito, and braved clouds of tear gas near Guayllabamba, a town near Quito.

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restore the full exercise of human rights on the border,” Petro tweeted. Maduro in turn tweeted that “The will of the Colombian people, who came out to defend the path of democracy and peace, was heard. New times are on the horizon for this country.”

Mike Otto transcribed and/or trans-

lined the cited statements.

**France: Macron reburied**

By G. Dunkel

The second round of parliamentary elections in France held June 19 established two key facts.

President Macron’s party suffered a stinging rebuke. For the first time since France went to five-year terms for its presidential and parliamentary elections after the presidential elections, the president’s party failed to win a single district, instead winning for the majority. It was clear that Macron won the presidential elec-
tions only because French voters didn’t want fascist Marine Le Pen, his rival in the runoff vote, to be president.

In his left-wing opinion, united in a coalition called NUPES, won 131 seats – the way the government counted them – and 142 seats the way NUPES tallied them.

The second round of the French National Rally (RN), formerly known as the National Front (FN), got 89 seats, 80 more than it had in the last parliament.

The General Confederation of Labor (CGT), the oldest and most militant trade union confederation in France, explains this star-
tling gain for the RN, by pointing out that Macron’s party gave no support to nonmember candidates running against an RN can-
didate. The La France Insoumise had the position that it opposed to both the “extremes,” those of the “left” from NUPES and those of the “right” from RN.

The CGT took the opportunity in its comments on the parlemen-
tary elections to say it supports any improvement in the wages and social benefits for workers.
En todo Estados Unidos, los políticos capitalistas incluido el presidente Joe Biden, venan una verborrea interminable sobre la necesidad de controlar las armas en su mano. Mientras tanto, los padres de uno de los niños asesinados y un empleado de la escuela en Uvalde, Texas, han iniciado acciones legales contra Daniel Defense, el fabricante de armas que produjo el arma de asalto AR-15 utilizada para masacrar a 19 niños y dos profesores en la Escuela Primaria Robb. Entre los posibles demandantes se encuentra la auxiliar de logopedia Emilia "Amy" Marin, Alfred Garza III, padre de Amerie Jo Garza, la niña de 10 años que llamó al 911 desde el interior de su aula antes de ser disuada, y su madre Kimberly García. Alfred Garza, en una carta enviada a Daniel Defense a través de sus abogados, declaró: “Mi propósito para estar ahora es honrar la memoria de Amerie Jo. Ella quería que hiciera todo lo posible para que esto no vuelva a suceder a ningún otro niño. Tengo que luchar por ella”. 

En los documentos judiciales presentados el 2 de junio en el Distrito Judicial 18 de Texas, Marino solicita que Daniel Defense se obligara a los funcionarios de la empresa a prestar declaración y a presentar materiales relacionados con el sitio web del fabricante de armas, sus beneficios, sus grupos de presión, sus ventas y su comercialización de rifles del tipo AR-15. Los archivos cuestionan la comercialización de Daniel Defense a los jóvenes que razonablemente no deberían poseer armas de asalto. 

Garza está representado por el abogado Josh Kokhoff, que a fines de este año ganó un acuerdo de 73 millones de dólares contra Remington para nueva familias de las víctimas del tiroteo en la escuela primaria de Sandy Hook en 2012, y los abogados Mikal Watts y Charla Aldous, con sede en Texas. Las posibles demandas se enfrentan a una ardua bataalla. El 30 de noviembre, el Congreso de EE.UU., bajo la presidencia de George W. Bush, y con un considerables apoyo demócrata, aprobó la Ley de Protección del Comercio Legal de Armas, cuyo objetivo es poner fin a las extremistas y a los neonazis. Pero Daniel Defense se ha oponido firmemente a la producción de armas de asalto. Los clientes pueden comprar el AR-15 de Daniel Defense a través del mercado nacional, donde se han utilizado para perpetrar múltiples y horribles ataques contra civiles. Cuando sea mayor, no se apartará de él”. 

Daniel Defense: reputación de ir más allá de los límites 

Con el mensaje: ‘Usa lo que ellos usan’.

El día en que el tirador de Uvalde cumplió 18 años, Daniel Defense publicó una foto en la que aparecía un niño pequeño con un arma de asalto en su regazo y la leyenda: ‘Educa a un niño en el camino que debe seguir. Cuando sea mayor, no se apartará de él’. Daniel Defense ha facilitado la compra de un arma de asalto AR-15. Los clientes pueden comprar el AR-15 de 1.800 dólares en un plan de pago a plazos, lo que hace que el arma costara más de lo que se vendían el pasado año en el mismo mercado, identificado como el tirador en Uvalde, acababa de cumplir 18 años y pudo comprar legalmente un AR-15 de Daniel Defense en línea.

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