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Portland, Oregon, Oct. 24, 2026. See workers.org/?p=95691

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Members of Palestinian Youth Choir, 'Sounds of Solidarity' benefit, Jersey City, N.J., Oct. 25, 2026. More at www.workers.org/?p=95683

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to wipe out decades of gains and benefits
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Who are the thieves and real perpetrators of violence?

Corporate media, owned and controlled by the ruling capitalist class across Europe and in the U.S. — when they finally decided to cover the student uprisings in France that have been going on for over a month — focused on the alleged “violence” of protesters on Oct. 17, because they had the audacity to “loot” luxury goods and electronics from stores including Louis Vuitton, Celine, Decathlon and Apple in Paris and other French cities.

None of these capitalist apologists bothered to consider that one Louis Vuitton handbag cost roughly USD \$2,621 — more than the monthly low-income French workers’ average earnings of \$2,092. These pundits also failed to note that few small stores owned by family merchants, if any, were targeted.

It is not a crime to take back what has been stolen. Youth in France see these rich stores as symbols of capitalist greed — the system increasingly denying them educational opportunities and job opportunities, while doing nothing to stop the global climate catastrophe that threatens their very future. This same system spends billions of dollars in support of the U.S.-Israeli genocide in Gaza while increasingly picking up the cost of NATO’s war in Ukraine.

Many of the students protesting deteriorating conditions in their schools are the children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of immigrants from West and North Africa and other countries whose labor and resources were exploited by violent French colonialism for five centuries. The French rulers punished the first revolutionary uprising against colonial occupation in 1804 by forcing Haitians to pay reparations to their former enslavers.

Who are the thieves and the real perpetrators of violence?

The corporate media narrative, focused on “violence,” blames African and Arab immigrants while ignoring that for over 60 years until recently France profited from exploiting labor in Niger and stealing its uranium riches. Only recently did the French Parliament abolish the “Black code” that for over five centuries allowed the French ruling



Mass protest in Paris, Oct. 17, 2026.

class to treat immigrants from former colonies as property — less than human.

The real violence is Emmanuel Macron’s government militarizing the police even before the Oct. 17 protest. Violence is police swinging a baton against the heads of unarmed teenagers. Violence is the police use of flashbang hand grenades that resulted in two students losing hands, one suffering eye damage and another with a broken jaw. Violence is using tear gas, rubber bullets — not to control crowds but to terrorize and disperse them.

Violence is the state’s encouragement of racism and Islamophobia. On Oct. 24, this led a white man to drive through the Paris working-class suburbs of Trappes and La Verrière, with large immigrant and Muslim populations, and fire an automatic weapon, randomly shooting to “kill foreigners,” as he later told police. His victims included a 26-year-old Black man and a woman wearing a headscarf. A 12-year-old girl, also wearing a headscarf, was shot eight times.

Violence is the state banning legal protests.

Nature of uprisings

Rebellions are festivals of the oppressed, rising up against the violence of the capitalist state.

The students, not just in France but across countries in Europe and beyond, are demanding that the money their governments spend on war go instead for

social programs, including education. These young people are witnessing and outraged by Israel’s genocide against Palestinians in Gaza who dared to rise up three years ago against over 75 years of Israeli occupation and genocide.

In “State and Revolution,” Vladimir Lenin outlines the systemic violence used by the capitalist state to leverage control over workers and oppressed people. From its miseducation system under capitalism, from

cops to the courts, through globalized military wars and imperialist occupations, there is nothing the ruling class won’t do to protect and no crime they won’t commit to expand their exploitative system.

Yet what the youth in France, throughout Europe and beyond are showing is that the capitalist system is in serious trouble — it no longer holds out any hope for them. They see no future when war spending is prioritized over money for schools, health-care and other social programs.

Workers World salutes the youth taking up these struggles, yet we recognize that demonstrations, no matter how militant, are not enough. When our class enemy controls the media, the time is now for working-class and oppressed youth everywhere to unite in a global intifada against the imperialist empire. □

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The bonafide aggressors of war

By Monica Moorehead

The U.S. and Israel announced on Oct. 22 that they are planning military strikes on Iran after the U.S. midterm elections on Nov. 3, with the aim of toppling the Iranian government. The Zionist elections for a new Knesset (Israeli parliament), including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu running for reelection, are scheduled for Oct. 27.

The U.S. and Israel carried out a joint attack on Iran on Feb. 28, massacring over 168 school children in Minab and assassinating the beloved Iranian leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Since that fateful day, Iran has shut down and restricted any commercial ships from using the Strait of Hormuz, which is used to more efficiently transport vital supplies like oil, food and commercial goods. This justifiable move by Iran continues to wreak havoc on the world economy, including in the U.S.

Despite ongoing military and economic attacks by the U.S. and Israel on Iran, along with more U.S. sanctions, Iran has been winning the war. Iran has shut down the majority of U.S. bases throughout West Asia, forcing the evacuation of troops, leading to growing demoralization and opposition to the war among GIs.

Whether an attack by the U.S. and Israel will actually be carried out could depend on the outcomes of both elections, with both President #47's and Netanyahu's administrations facing deepening political crises and permanent fallout in their economies. And because of these crises, the war on Iran has become overwhelmingly unpopular in the U.S. and is becoming more unpopular in Israel.

For instance, there have been mass anti-Netanyahu protests in Tel Aviv leading up to the election. Just recently, Itamar Ben Gvir, Israel's ultraright minister of national security, was forced to abandon the stage at the University of Tel Aviv when protesters disrupted his talk with chants of "There will be no fascism here!"

People pay the cost of war

The Israeli economy continues to plummet, not only due to mounting military debts with its war on Iran while battling with the resistance movement Hezbollah in Lebanon, but also from its ongoing genocide in Gaza and siege of the West Bank. The war debt of over USD \$321 billion amounts to close to 70% of Israel's gross domestic product since



New York City, Feb. 28, 2026.

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the Hamas-led Al-Aqsa flood on Oct. 7, 2023.

As of Sept. 3, the Department of Defense has spent over \$47 billion on the war against Iran, 25% more than the DoD estimate in July. (Reuters, Oct. 27) According to Moody's Analytics, the war cost an estimated \$2,000 per U.S. household so far, including knock-on effects. The war, which #47 declared would end quickly in the spring, caused his popularity rating to plummet to 22%. It is no wonder that #47 is worried that the Republican Party will lose its majority votes in both Houses of Congress on Nov. 3.

According to a segment on CBS Sunday Morning, a report from the Institute of Social Research at the University of Michigan stated that since the start of the war against Iran, consumer confidence has been at its lowest point in modern history. The reasons given were that increased wages have not kept up with inflation; grocery prices rose by 4.1% over the past two years (Bureau of Labor Statistics); gasoline prices have risen by 35% over two years as of Oct. 15; and mortgage payments have risen to over 7.1% for a 30-year fixed rate as of Oct. 18.

No matter what happens after these elections, they will not change the fact that the real culprits in this war of aggression are Israel and the U.S. They not only want to overthrow the sovereign and independent government of Iran, but want to control the strategic waterways of the Strait of Hormuz to dominate the world's commerce.

These war threats are not a sign of strength but a sign of fear and desperation over how the global capitalist economic crisis is

impacting both countries. For the U.S. and Israel, war is the only answer as uprisings, especially led by youth and students, first begun in the Global South, have spread like wildfire throughout the Global North.

And the political compass for all these uprisings is the Axis of Resistance, in Occupied Palestine, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen. And it is important for the antiwar movement in the imperialist centers, especially in the U.S. and Europe, to be on the alert to organize a sustained anti-imperialist mobilization in the streets among both U.S. civilians and the military rank and file.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has stressed that if the United States chooses war over diplomacy, it will certainly suffer a strategic defeat far greater than those of the past. □

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¡Todos somos Jane Doe! ¡Abajo el patriarcado!

La lucha contra la cultura de la violación se centra, en estos momentos, en la Universidad de Cornell. Allí, una sobreviviente de una violación presentó en septiembre una demanda en la que acusa a la universidad, a la sección de la fraternidad Chi Phi, a siete miembros de la fraternidad acusados de haberla violado y a otras partes de negligencia, incumplimiento de contrato e incumplimiento del deber de protección.

Los simpatizantes de la superviviente, a la que se denomina «Jane Doe» para proteger su privacidad, han organizado manifestaciones en el campus de Cornell y en otros muchos lugares. Entre las pancartas de protesta figura el mensaje «¡Todos somos Jane Doe!».

La demanda tiene su origen en un incidente ocurrido en 2024, en el que la estudiante, mientras se encontraba drogada y en estado de embriaguez grave, fue violada por los siete miembros de Chi Phi. De manera escandalosa, los miembros de la fraternidad anunciaron la disponibilidad de la superviviente en Snapchat; ni uno solo de sus más de 50 miembros que vieron la publicación intentó impedir que se produjera la violación.

Cornell restó importancia a la agresión sexual de principio a fin; algunos de los siete agresores ni siquiera fueron expulsados.

Esto contrasta radicalmente con el trato que han recibido los estudiantes pro-palestinos por parte de las administraciones universitarias de todo el país. Simplemente por manifestarse o expresar su opinión, han sido suspendidos, expulsados, detenidos, agredidos por la policía, acusados de antisemitismo y mucho más.

La derecha culpa a las víctimas

Ahora, los miembros de la derecha en las redes sociales han divulgado los datos personales de Jane Doe y están intentando hacer público su nombre legal. Bajo una presión inimaginable, Doe se retiró de Cornell.

Este incidente no es excepcional ni aislado. Más bien al contrario. La cultura de la violación, a menudo denominada «masculinidad tóxica», está muy extendida en los campus universitarios y en la sociedad en general. Las encuestas muestran que una de cada cinco mujeres ha sufrido una violación consumada o un intento de violación (nsvrc.org), y casi la mitad ha sufrido algún tipo de violencia sexual. (cdc.gov, 17 de diciembre de 2025) ¡Aproximadamente cuatro de cada

cinco mujeres han sufrido acoso sexual! Las mujeres de color son especialmente vulnerables.

Esta situación tampoco es nueva; una encuesta de 1957 reveló que una de cada cinco mujeres en los campus universitarios era víctima de violación o intento de violación. ¡La situación no ha mejorado casi 70 años después!

La masculinidad tóxica, que se desalentaría en una sociedad centrada en las necesidades humanas, está arraigada en la gran mayoría de los hombres de todos los entornos sociales incluso antes de que alcancen la edad adulta. La deshumanización de las mujeres y de las personas oprimidas por su género se ha normalizado. La sociedad capitalista desensibiliza a los hombres y a los niños respecto al hecho de que una víctima de agresión sexual es un ser humano vivo al que no se debe tratar como un mero objeto disponible para su placer.

Las supervivientes se ven obligadas a estar a la defensiva. Si presentan una denuncia y se enfrentan a su violador en los tribunales, son ellas las que se sienten como si estuvieran siendo juzgadas, con preguntas sobre su historial sexual, o sobre qué hacían en tal o cual lugar (por ejemplo, en una residencia de fraternidad), qué llevaban puesto y qué esperaban. Todas las mujeres y las personas oprimidas por su género sienten la presión de dar excusas o minimizar las acciones de los agresores.

Fuera del ámbito académico, basta con fijarse en el maltrato sufrido por decenas de mujeres y niñas que padecieron abusos sexuales indescriptibles a manos del depredador Jeffrey Epstein. En una amplia variedad de circunstancias, las supervivientes de violaciones están demostrando un valor increíble.

¿Por qué es la misoginia la norma?

Ha habido comentarios en los medios de comunicación que denuncian elocuentemente la tóxica cultura de la violación que ha normalizado la agresión sexual —algo que es, por desgracia, demasiado habitual—. Pero estos comentarios no plantean, y mucho menos responden, una pregunta fundamental: ¿por qué? ¿Por qué está tan extendida la misoginia?

La opresión de las mujeres y de las perso-



Manifestación en solidaridad con las sobrevivientes de agresiones sexuales, Washington, D.C., 8 de octubre de 2026.

nas oprimidas por motivos de género tiene orígenes económicos. Como explicó Friedrich Engels en la obra marxista clásica «El origen de la familia, la propiedad privada y el Estado», durante la mayor parte de la historia de la humanidad las relaciones humanas fueron cooperativas y se basaron en la igualdad.

El patriarcado solo surgió con la transición de la sociedad preclásica a la propiedad privada.

Es imprescindible comprender las raíces de clase del patriarcado si la humanidad quiere acabar con él algún día. La misoginia solo podrá abolirse cuando la clase que se beneficia de ella —utilizándola para mantener divididos a los trabajadores— sea abolida por la clase obrera y las personas oprimidas.

El capitalismo es un sistema moribundo que se encuentra en su etapa final de existencia. Cuando finalmente sea relegado al basurero de la historia, una sociedad socialista iniciará el proceso de erradicación del sexismo y de todas las formas de opresión que defiende la clase capitalista.

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