



Despite ICE terror Youth refuse to be intimidated

WW EDITORIAL

From Jersey City, New Jersey, to Chicago to Los Angeles, from big urban cities to small rural towns, young people are taking to the streets to voice their opposition to the invasion of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) thugs. And there are good reasons for the walkouts, marches and rallies carried out especially by high school students.

The first reason is that the parents or other relatives of many of the students migrated from countries in the Global South. Their parents are the main targets of ICE whether at home, on the job, shopping, etc. The young people have become traumatized with fright and worry about whether their parents will be coming home after school or if they have been kidnapped by ICE.

Many of these high schools have majority populations of youth of color, many of whom are students from migrant communities.

Another reason is that ICE has illegally stormed into high schools to attack and detain students they suspect as being "illegal." These attacks

have angered other students who see ICE goons target their classmates and friends. Some students have been beaten and tear gassed. Since the start of Trump's second administration, ICE has kidnapped over 3,800 children.

But none of these ICE threats and assaults have deterred students from exercising their right to protest. The sight of students carrying signs saying "F — k ICE!" and "ICE out of our communities!" has ignited broader community support and activism among people of all ages and nationalities.

As long as ICE forces their presence into schools and communities, young people have shown that they will respond with resistance and fight back on behalf of their targeted classmates despite any fear and trepidation they may have for themselves. While this is the last thing that President Trump and the Department of Homeland Security want to see, it is a phenomenon they cannot control.

Workers World salutes the heroism and bravery of these young people, who are setting an extraordinary example to millions of people with their message of unity and solidarity in the face of naked terrorism. □



High school walkout, Jersey City, N.J., Feb. 13, 2026.

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31,000 health care workers are striking Kaiser Permanente hospitals in California and Hawai'i.

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Gov't removes Pride flag at Stonewall, mass struggle raises it up

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In the wee hours of the morning on Feb. 10, hidden by the dark of night, National Park Service personnel outrageously removed the Stonewall Park's historic pride flag, designed by artist Gilbert Baker. They replaced the Progress Pride flag with the U.S. flag, using it as a prop in the effort to erase LGBTQIA2S+ history and the Stonewall Rebellion of 1969.

Within hours, Jay Walker and LGBTQIA2S+ activists of Action Network called an emergency rally to gather in Stonewall Park later that day to protest the Trump administration's bigoted, fascistic erasure campaign, carried out with outright arrogance at the site of the Stonewall Rebellion. It was an outrage against the queer community. That this outrage would never be tolerated by LGBTQIA2S+ people was shown when on merely two hours

notice, hundreds of activists and supporters filled Sheridan Square.

On that afternoon of Feb. 10, people in the crowd started chanting and demanding that participants scale the flagpole right then and there and raise the pride flag. It was decided to call for the raising of the flag for Thursday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m.

The bourgeois corporate media reported that Democratic Party politicians suggested raising the pride flag. This is far from the truth. All the masses of queer people at the rally made the demand and only afterwards did some politicians jump in and support it, which was the right thing to do.

At Stonewall

As I approached Stonewall Park and Stonewall Inn, which directly face each other, I noticed the big U.S. flag flying in the park. I had never seen that flag over the years and thousands of times I have walked by and used the park.

Symbolically, the U.S. flag was used as a prop to erase our history and decades of struggle that cannot be counted.

In February 2025, the National Park service removed all mentions of transgender people from this site and its website — and Stonewall is the center of the rebellion led by transgender people of



WW PHOTO: RENÉE ANDREA IMPERATO

Protest at Stonewall Park to restore the pride flag, New York City, Feb. 12, 2026.

color — **Marsha P. Johnson**, who threw the first brick at the cops, **Sylvia Rivera**, **Miss Major** and others. Then last June they banned the trans and the Progress Pride flag from being displayed at the monument itself.

On Friday, Feb. 13, the pride flag was flying in its rightful place. When I passed by Feb. 14, however, I noticed that the pride flag was still on the flagpole but underneath the U.S. flag. The U.S. flag had never been there before this Feb. 10.

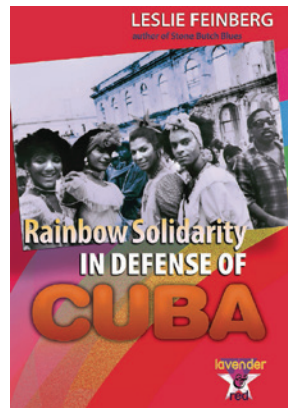
This is a sign that all of us must stay alert and on guard to defend our pride flag from being replaced again. Let the National Park Service take notice that we will be watching. If they take our pride flag down again, we will be back to raise it again!

Stonewall means fight back!
Stonewall was a rebellion! ☐



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LGBTQIA2S+ community and supporters protest at Stonewall Park to re-raise the Progress Pride flag, New York City, Feb. 12, 2026.



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By Leslie Feinberg,
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Lo que revela el vídeo racista de Trump

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Por Monica Moorehead

No se puede negar en absoluto que Donald Trump es un auténtico supremacista blanco cuya misión es retroceder el reloj a los días de la esclavitud y la Confederación. Lo ha demostrado tanto con palabras como con hechos, con la eliminación de monumentos federales y artefactos públicos que reconocen que la esclavitud existió, junto con la resistencia a ella.

El último ejemplo de esta misión es el vídeo de cinco minutos publicado recientemente en sus redes sociales en el que se muestra al expresidente Barack Obama y a Michelle Obama de la forma más vil y despreciable, racista, demasiado perturbadora como para repetirla en este comentario. Es comprensible que todas las personas negras, incluida esta escritora, se sientan personalmente insultadas y asqueadas.

Sin embargo, el ataque de Trump a Barack Obama no se basa en ninguna diferencia de orientación de clase. Como presidente, Obama fue el principal rostro del imperialismo, al igual que Trump lo es hoy, a pesar de las diferencias políticas. El verdadero objetivo de la vil descripción de Trump eran todas las personas negras en particular y las personas de color en general.

Trump ha declarado que Estados Unidos se está volviendo demasiado negro y demasiado marrón, lo que en su opinión supone una amenaza para la población, que sigue siendo mayoritariamente blanca. Esta es una gran motivación para que despliegue a matones fascistas de Inmigración y Aduanas por todo Estados Unidos para infundir miedo a los migrantes —cuyos orígenes se encuentran principalmente en el Sur Global— con detenciones y deportaciones.

El vídeo de Trump también refleja las opiniones racistas de la clase capitalista multimillonaria, mayoritariamente

blanca. Por eso, miembros de su propio partido le obligaron a retirar el vídeo pocas horas después de su publicación, por temor a que pusiera en una situación incómoda al Partido Republicano, dominado por la derecha y con décadas de racismo a sus espaldas.

Incluso los demócratas de derecha comparten las mismas opiniones racistas.

de supremacía blanca, uno de los principales pilares de la sociedad de clases que mantiene a los multimillonarios en el poder y a la clase trabajadora dividida.

Pero, como vemos en las calles de Minneapolis y en otros lugares, la supremacía blanca se desmorona cada día bajo el peso de la creciente unidad de la clase trabajadora. □



Charlottesville, Virginia, agosto de 2017. ¡Hacer que los racistas vuelvan a tener miedo! — ¡Acabar con la supremacía blanca!

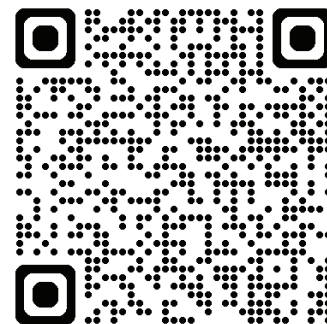
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tas, pero hacen todo lo posible por mantener la fachada del Partido Demócrata como representante de los trabajadores y los oprimidos. La conclusión es que ambos partidos capitalistas están orientados hacia las grandes empresas y la guerra.

Hay una famosa expresión marxista: «Las ideas de la clase dominante son las ideas dominantes en cada época». La enorme riqueza de la clase dominante estadounidense se acumuló inicialmente a partir de las tierras robadas a los pueblos indígenas y de los super beneficios obtenidos del trabajo esclavo de los africanos. Las ideas de la clase dominante sobre estos crímenes siguen siendo defendidas por todas las formas

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