



Emergency call: No U.S. war on Iran!

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The United States has amassed a huge military presence around Iran, including an aircraft carrier group, fighter jets and drones, indicating that war is imminent.

The United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC) is calling for popular resistance to these criminal and illegal U.S. threats to take place throughout the country.

If there is a U.S. attack on Iran, we call for unified and immediate EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS across the United States and beyond. □



Antiwar sign at June 14, 2026 "No Kings" protest, Rhinebeck, New York. See page 5 for WW statement.

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Photo of Peter Gordon's scarred back on display before attorney Michael Coard as he addresses rally outside President's House exhibit in Philadelphia, Feb. 19, 2026. More at workers.org/?p=91070.

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Emergency protest in New York City, Feb. 22, 2026, in support of Cuba as the Trump administration intensifies its economic blockade on the country. Rally on steps of the main post office, shouting "Cuba Si, Bloqueo No!" as a blizzard was beginning. More on Cuba at workers.org/tag/cuba.

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Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the neverending quest for ever-greater profits.

Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQIA2S+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment and lack of hope for the future. No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

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 are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous

youth and trans people are gunned 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.

WWP fights for socialism because the working class produces all wealth in society, and this wealth should remain in their hands, not be stolen in the form of capitalist profits. The wealth workers create should be socially owned and its distribution planned to satisfy and guarantee basic human needs.

Since 1959, Workers World Party has been out in the streets defending the workers and oppressed here and worldwide. If you're interested in Marxism, class solidarity, and joining us in the fight for a socialist future, please sign up at www.workers.org/join-form and an organizer will get back to you. Or contact a WWP branch near you. □

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Trump gov't disrespects Jesse Jackson

WW COMMENTARY

By **Monica Moorehead**

Civil Rights leader and founder of the Rainbow-PUSH coalition, Reverend Jesse Jackson, died last week at the age of 84 following the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease in 2015. Jackson was a protege of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. until King's assassination in April 1968.

Jackson was a presidential candidate for the Democratic Party ticket in 1984 and 1988, where he won significant presidential primaries in several states. His candidacies, which were transformed into mass movements, especially of Black people, challenged the racism of the majority white Democratic Party leadership.

Jackson played a prominent role in the global movement against apartheid in Southern Africa during the 1980s. He publicly opposed the criminal U.S. blockade of Cuba, even meeting face-to-face with Comandante Fidel Castro. Jackson expressed support for the Palestine Liberation Organization when the late Yasser Arafat was its leader. Jackson spoke before hundreds of thousands of people against U.S.-sponsored wars like in Iraq, against racism, for the poor and for workers' rights.

These gestures earned Jackson the respect and admiration of millions of people inside the U.S. and around the world. On the flip side, Jackson's stances also earned the ire of the billionaire ruling class, even to this day.

So it is within this historical context that, when Jackson's family made an official request for his body to lie in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C., that request was denied by Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-La.). In the past, such requests were granted for Civil Rights pioneers Rosa Parks and John Lewis, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the despicable Billy Graham, along with U.S. presidents. During such commemorations, the public is allowed to file by the deceased person's casket inside the Rotunda for several days to pay their respects.

So Johnson's response that there is a precedent set in place in terms of who and who cannot lie in state in the Rotunda is baseless. Johnson's decision was an arbitrary one based on racist hostility, not only towards Jackson as an individual but, more importantly, towards the entire Black community. Jackson represented, in a politically modest way, Black people's centuries-long aspirations for social equality dating back to the days of chattel slavery.

Johnson's decision cannot be separated from the Trump administration's white supremacist order to remove federally sponsored monuments reflecting the existence of U.S. enslavement of African people and resistance towards its sordid legacy, including now. The Department of Justice — including

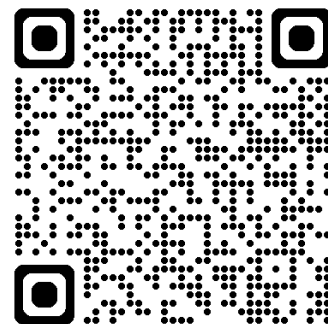
its Civil Rights Division — has been discouraged from ruling in favor of any lawsuits that claim human rights violations, made on behalf of Black people, either wounded or killed by police violence.

Reverend Jackson was not an anti-capitalist, militant revolutionary. He wasn't anti-imperialist nor did he even declare himself to be a democratic socialist like Bernie Sanders. Jackson was a progressive Civil Rights activist and fought for reforms within the internal structure of the Democratic Party. Based on the standards of bourgeois decorum, Johnson's refusal should be viewed not only as a racist slap in the face towards Jackson's family and colleagues, but towards Black people's ongoing struggle for full social justice and liberation. □



Jesse Jackson and Fidel Castro meet on June 26, 1984 in Havana.

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Workers owed 100% of tariff refunds

The Supreme Court of the United States ruling on Feb. 20 invalidated most of President Donald Trump's exorbitant tariffs levied since April 2025 that were used to bully countries into agreeing to a multitude of Trump's demands. In a 6-3 vote — a rare ruling against Trump — SCOTUS determined Trump's tariffs were “unconstitutional,” because tariffs are “taxation powers that belong to Congress alone.”

In levying the tariffs, Trump claimed the 1977 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) gave him “the power to regulate or block international commercial transactions after declaring a national emergency in response to an unusual or extraordinary foreign threat.” The court ruled that the fact that no other president has ever claimed such power under the IEEPA is strong evidence that such power does not exist.

Essentially, SCOTUS told Trump: You've lost, do it over again, and do it right this time — so it won't hurt corporate profits.

The job of justices appointed to the highest court in the U.S. — created in 1789 — has always been to protect the capitalist class and to uphold the oppression of workers, people of color and immigrants. From day one the high court maintained the enslavement and genocide of African and Indigenous peoples.

With two conservative justices appointed to the court during Trump's first administration, few subsequent rulings have gone against his agenda. Six days before the confirmation of Ketanji Brown Jackson, this court overturned women's abortion access under *Roe v. Wade*. More recently, SCOTUS overturned lower courts' restrictions against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). A 2025 SCOTUS ruling allowed bans on gender-affirming medical care for minors, and the court appears likely to uphold transgender athlete bans.

What was behind the SCOTUS ruling?

Trump's tariffs have not really benefited the U.S. capitalist system. Even Trump's announcement of the proposed tariffs in April 2025 caused a significant, albeit temporary, crisis for stock markets.

While most companies passed the cost of tariffs on to consumers, Trump's promise that the tariffs would bring manufacturing jobs back to the U.S. has not been realized, and the tariffs have not addressed the ongoing crisis for U.S. capitalism — never mind the crisis facing workers! If anything, they have worsened the balance of trade between the U.S. and other countries, primarily China.

The impact of tariffs has been especially hard on hundreds of thousands of small businesses, which had to take out loans, delay hiring and cancel expansion plans — resulting in the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Refunds for workers, not for corporations!

What happens next — and what does it mean for the working class that has collectively footed the costs of these tariffs by paying higher prices across the board?

While the justices suggested that U.S. consumers and companies are due a refund of tariff revenues — estimated to be

between \$133 billion to \$200 billion to date — they offered no suggestions on how this would happen. Trump has already defied the SCOTUS ruling by claiming he can levy additional 10% – 15% tariffs on top of the old ones.

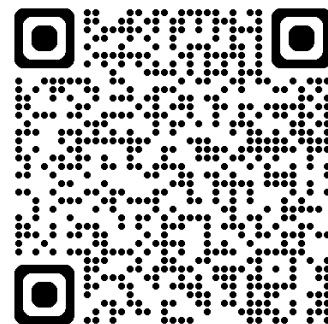


Protest against Trump's tariffs in Miami, April 2025.

The U.S. National Retail Federation, which represents companies like Walmart, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is calling for a swift return of money paid to the federal government for tariffs. Costco, Toyota, Goodyear and Alcoa are among companies trying to reclaim levies they paid. But Workers World says any refund should go to the workers and consumers across the board who have borne the brunt of these tariffs, particularly those that have impacted food prices.

Since most companies pass on the cost of the tariffs to the consumers, workers must demand that any refunds resulting from illegal tariffs be returned — 100% to the working class. Any workers who were laid off because of the impact of Trump's tariffs should be immediately rehired and paid for any lost wages. Workers and consumers should also demand a reduction in the cost of any goods increased because of Trump's tariffs. □

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Stop the U.S. attack on Iran!

February 22, 2026. The White House has ordered its death fleet to surround Iran. It threatens Iran's people with destruction and has demanded that Iran's government surrender.

The imperialist U.S. is an oppressor country that imposes class exploitation on the workers of the world and plunders the natural resources of nations unable to compete with guns, finances or production. U.S. warplanes and missiles have attacked all of Iran's allies and have, as recently as June, struck strategic targets in Iran itself in collusion with the genocidal Israeli forces.

These days, when U.S. capitalism is declining relative to the rest of the world, Washington uses the Pentagon and its more than 800 military bases worldwide and at home to maintain or regain domination. There should be no doubt that the U.S. government is the aggressor in this threatened assault against Iran.

Workers World underlines that the U.S. imperialist ruling class, as represented by the group now directing the U.S. regime — but including the Democratic Party leaders who have joined the hostility toward Iran, Cuba, Venezuela, et al — is responsible for any future casualties among its own forces. The U.S. government has not only sent these troops to kill, it has put these troops in danger.

If the U.S. forces Iran to defend itself, it is conceivable that the massive death ships like the USS Gerald Ford or the USS Abraham Lincoln, aircraft carriers that host 150 warplanes, will in turn become targets, along with their 10,000 crew members.

Workers World notes that any battle the U.S. starts could develop into a regional war. It could expand into a world war. As the oppressive and predatory power in the world and the West Asian region, U.S. imperialism is responsible for all destruction brought about by its aggression.

That the U.S. is the aggressor also means that any White House order to attack Iran is an illegal and unconstitutional order. The MAGA group in office has made little effort to even disguise its reliance on the war machine to plunder the world's resources, from Venezuela to Greenland — and including Iran. They even boast of it.

Every other word by the president is a threat to the world. Pete Hegseth revels at calling himself secretary of war, dispensing with the hypocrisy of "defense." And Secretary of State Marco Rubio lectured European imperialists at the Munich war conference that they must restore 19th century colonial rule by force.

The MAGA mafia has dispensed with even the hypocritical pretexts that former administrations, both Republican and Democratic, have used to try to deceive the U.S. population into following them into war. It is the duty of all members of the U.S. military to refuse to obey these orders — or face the possibility of being charged with war crimes, along with being killed or permanently injured.

No one can say they didn't know what was happening, that they "were only following orders." The biggest criminals are in the MAGA regime and among the Democrats who facilitate their warmaking.

And no one in the U.S. who understands the nature of this war should avoid their responsibility to fight to stop this war. The Trump regime and Pentagon are our enemies, not the Iranian government and its people.

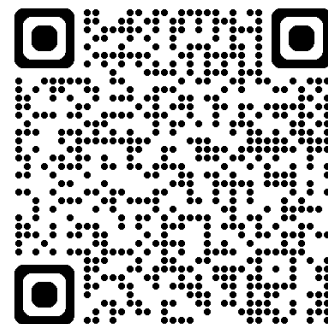
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A February 2008 demonstration in New York City called for stopping the U.S. war on Iran. It's still a valid call in 2026.

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A pesar del terror del ICE, los jóvenes se negaron a dejarse intimidar

Desde Jersey City, Nueva Jersey, hasta Chicago y Los Ángeles, desde las grandes ciudades hasta los pequeños pueblos rurales, los jóvenes están saliendo a las calles para expresar su oposición a la invasión de los matones del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE). Y hay buenas razones para las huelgas, marchas y manifestaciones llevadas a cabo especialmente por estudiantes de secundaria.

La primera razón es que los padres u otros familiares de muchos de los estudiantes emigraron de países del Sur Global. Sus padres son los principales objetivos del ICE, ya sea en casa, en el trabajo, de compras, etc. Los jóvenes están traumatizados por el miedo y la preocupación de si sus padres volverán a casa después de la escuela o si han sido secuestrados por el ICE.

Muchas de estas escuelas secundarias tienen una población mayoritaria de jóvenes de color, muchos de los cuales son estudiantes de comunidades migrantes.

Otra razón es que el ICE ha irrumpido ilegalmente en escuelas secundarias para atacar y detener a estudiantes que sospechan que son «ilegales». Estos ataques han enfurecido a otros estudiantes que ven cómo los matones del ICE atacan a sus compañeros y amigos. Algunos estudiantes han sido golpeados y rociados con gas lacrimógeno. Desde el inicio del segundo mandato de Trump, el ICE ha secuestrado a más de 3800 niños.

Pero ninguna de estas amenazas y agresiones del ICE ha disuadido a los estudiantes de ejercer su derecho a protestar. La imagen de los estudiantes portando pancartas con lemas como «¡Que se joda el ICE!» y «¡Fuera el ICE de nuestras comunidades!» ha despertado un mayor apoyo y activismo por parte de la comunidad entre personas de todas las edades y nacionalidades.



Huelga en una escuela secundaria, Jersey City, Nueva Jersey, 13 de febrero de 2026.

Mientras el ICE imponga su presencia en las escuelas y comunidades, los jóvenes han demostrado que responderán con resistencia y lucharán en nombre de sus compañeros de clase perseguidos, a pesar del miedo y la inquietud que puedan sentir por ustedes mismos. Aunque esto es lo último que el presidente Trump y el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional quieren ver, es un fenómeno que no pueden controlar.

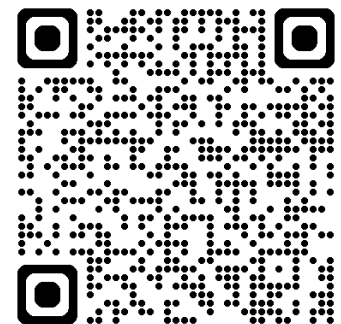
Mundo Obrero aplaude el heroísmo y la valentía de estos jóvenes, que están dando un ejemplo extraordinario a millones de personas con su mensaje de unidad y solidaridad frente al terrorismo descarado. □



Protesta en una escuela secundaria, St. Paul, Minnesota, 14 de enero de 2026.

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