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Supreme Court Coup Demolishes Rights: Mass resistance can stop them!

By Melinda Butterfield

On June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court by 6 to 3 overturned the right to abortion established almost 50 years ago in the Roe v. Wade decision. Over half the states had abortion bans ready to enact or will soon.

Based on the precedent set by this ruling, the court also threw into doubt the future of same-sex marriage, bodily autonomy for trans, nonbinary and gender-nonconforming people, the right to contraception, and the right to love who you want, free of laws banning queer and interracial relationships.

The theft of a fundamental, popular right from women and other people who can become pregnant — more than half the population — garnered the most attention. But in the last two weeks of June the court unleashed an avalanche of reactionary decisions repealing the rights of workers and oppressed people:

- Police are no longer required to inform suspects of their Miranda rights against self-incrimination;
- Two major blows against the separation of church and state, allowing government funding for religious schools and school staff to lead prayer in public schools;
- Undermined the sovereignty of Indigenous nations established in treaties with the U.S. government;



'Abortion bans = war on the poor': Baltimore Pride March, June 25.

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- Severely limited federal agencies' authority to regulate corporate polluters, effectively gutting the federal government's ability to mount any response to climate change;
- In a "shadow docket" case, the court upheld the right of right-wing state governments to gerrymander voting districts to minimize Black and Brown voters;
- Additional rulings supporting police brutality, limiting the rights of prisoners to challenge

their convictions and immigrants to challenge their detention; and more.

The coup enacted by the unelected, appointed-for-life Supreme Court is sweeping. It is no exaggeration to say these decisions taken together have completely upended the social and political landscape of everyday life in the U.S. Each ruling was crafted to have a domino effect which will have consequences we cannot fully know at this time.

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Queer Liberation Marchers vow to fight back

By Struggle-La Lucha
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On Pride Sunday, June 26, many thousands flooded the streets of lower Manhattan for the 4th annual Queer Liberation March. The theme of this year's march was "For Trans and BIPOC Freedom, Reproductive Justice and Bodily Autonomy." Coming just two days after the reactionary Supreme Court ruling overturning the right to abortion, the marchers were angry and determined to smash the mounting attacks on queer peoples' and all peoples' rights.

Contingents celebrated the legacy of the Stonewall Rebellion against police repression that launched the modern lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer and two-spirit movement; remembered the lives of trans women of color stolen by violence; and demanded liberation for Palestine.

Supporters of the Socialist Unity Party carried a banner that read "Stonewall still means fight back!" and signs that said "Abolish the Supreme Court" and "Nazis and TERFs say get back, we say fight back!" Activists who distributed hundreds of copies of Struggle-La Lucha newspaper reported an enthusiastic response from the mostly young marchers.

The QLM was established in 2019 on the 50th anniversary of Stonewall as an alternative to the traditional New York City Pride Parade: "No cops, no corporations, no bullshit."



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