

# Trans rights protest shuts down Hollywood traffic

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March 31 - Members of the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice and the Socialist Unity Party joined activities on March 31 in Los Angeles demanding an end to the genocidal attacks against the trans community.

Stating “we want more than visibility,” Tsukuru Fors of Trans Radical Action

Network (TRAN) initiated the Trans Day of Vengeance demonstration in Washington on the weekend of Trans Day of Visibility. That call inspired local Trans Day of Vengeance rallies in other cities.

Los Angeles was no exception. Hundreds of people gathered on the corners of Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue, a very busy shopping and traffic intersection – and shut it down.

The Los Angeles action was organized by @queerxact. Their announcement for the event said: “@queerxact has put together a safe and intentional protest to celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility and to remind the world that we do not accept the way the now-47 states proposing unconstitutional legislation are attempting to silence the transgender community. See you in the streets.”

The lively demonstration, with signs of different colors, shapes and sizes, expressed determination to not live in fear, and demanded an end to bigotry, transphobia and homophobia, and the cessation and reversal of anti-trans legislation.

As the crowd swelled at Hollywood and Highland, protesters marched into the intersection, allowing only ambulances and city buses through. Surprisingly, the police – feeling the intensity and determination of the protesters – decided to not interfere with this unpermitted demonstration.

After about a half hour blocking traffic, the procession remained in the streets and marched east towards downtown Los Angeles, where a die-in was staged at the Hollywood Police Department.

Afterward, one of the organizers said on TikTok: There was “no cop interference or injuries. We put on a completely peaceful protest where we shut down Hollywood with our signs. ... Republicans were spreading false information that we were calling for violence. But we weren’t – we were calling for vengeance, and we got it.”



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# Stop the massacres in Peru!

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A protest in solidarity with Peru's Indigenous and poor peoples and against the military and police massacres was held across from the United Nations headquarters in New York City on March 31. Since Peru's elected President, Pedro Castillo, was overthrown and jailed on Dec. 7, 2022, hundreds of Peruvians have been beaten and killed for protesting the coup.

The poor and Indigenous peoples of Peru elected Castillo. However, the U.S. embassy and U.S. mining companies wanted Castillo overthrown.

Vice President Dina Boluarte has become the front person for the military and police killings. Most people slain have been killed in the countryside where Indigenous people live.

Protesters carried signs with pictures of those murdered. Many are young people. Talks were given in both Spanish and English.

Among the speakers in solidarity with the people of Peru was Lucy Pagoda-



Quesada, a New York City schoolteacher who's the coordinator of D19/Partido Libre de Honduras.

The action was called by Solidaridad Latino Americana; Peruanos en el Extranjero, No al golpe; and Socialist Revolution.

Stop the killings!







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# Massive rallies across Portugal demand affordable and dignified housing

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**Housing rights groups and left-wing parties in Portugal have been calling on the government to institute rent caps and fund social housing. They have also opposed the housing program introduced by the government**

On April 1, major rallies were staged across Portugal demanding policies to tackle the housing crisis. Rallies were held in the cities of Lisbon, Porto, Viseu, Aveiro, Coimbra, and Braga under the banner of the coalition “Home to Live In.” Activists from various groups including *Habita*, Stop Evictions, the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP), and Left Bloc (BE) participated in the actions.

Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa [launched](#) #MaisHabitação (More Housing) on March 31, a program to promote affordable rents, strengthen confidence in the



rental market, and utilize already existing units for housing purposes. Yet, housing rights activists [denounced](#) the program as a Trojan Horse that will use the public budget to subsidize speculative incomes. Activists have demanded a ceiling on rents and property prices, more funds for social housing, increased wages and an end to evictions.

The Stop Evictions collective has said that over 20,000 people have taken part in mobilizations across the country, involving the participation of around 100 organizations. They also denounced police intimidation against demonstrators in Lisbon.

Cities across Portugal are facing an acute housing crisis marked by soaring rents and property prices, even as hundreds of thousands of houses remain unoccupied. According to the [registry](#) of the Portuguese National Institute of Statistics, there are around 723,215 empty houses in the country. Earlier in February this year, the Portuguese government unveiled its [plan](#), which includes suspending new licenses for Airbnbs in the country and ending golden visas for international home buyers. Leftist parties and housing rights groups have criticized the government for remaining silent on demands such as instituting a rent cap, expropriating unoccupied houses, taxing and controlling rent sharks and speculation in real estate, and increasing investments in social housing.

On April 1, while addressing the housing mobilization in Lisbon, Catarina Martins from BE said that “The government tried to empty the demonstration with the More Housing package, but the people realized that this package is insufficient. We don’t want more tax breaks, we want to get rid of the existing ones, we want prices regulated, and people to have a salary to pay rent on. People don’t have to have aid to pay rent, because when the aid ends, people can’t afford their house.”

“There must be ceilings on rents, it is necessary that houses that are empty are available to people and above all it is necessary that houses have prices that people

can afford. Considering the price of housing in Portugal as one of the biggest problems in the country” and that Lisbon “is one of the most expensive cities in the world taking into account wages,” she added.

On Saturday, Paulo Raimundo from the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) [stated](#) that “the housing problem is a central problem and the measures that the government has advanced have no implications in the lives of people”

These days, the Portuguese working class has been also organizing protests titled *Vida Justa* (Fair Life) to demand an increase in wages and pensions as well as better job security.

Source: [Peoples Dispatch](#)



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# President Maduro: China is a non-imperialist great power

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“China gives strong signals that it can be a great power without being an imperialist power,” said the president of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, this Monday. The comments were made in the context of the new multipolar geopolitical reality in which the People’s Republic of China has emerged as a great power.

“Relations between Greater China and the Homeland of Bolívar have reached their highest level of mutual trust, collaboration, and work, and our relations are at the highest level, at the best level, that relations between Venezuela and China have ever been,” President Maduro said.

The head of state said that both nations have shared visions regarding the construction of a new humanity. That goal must be built, the president said, with relations of respect, cooperation, and solidarity.

Regarding U.S. provocations centered around the Chinese province of Taiwan, the Venezuelan president questioned the aggression of the West towards China: “Venezuela has been on the front line of the battle for truth, denouncing all the provocations against China and supporting the People’s Republic of China and its desire for peace and the peaceful exercise of sovereignty.”

*Pdte. [@NicolasMaduro](#) rechazó las provocaciones en contra de Rusia que buscan acorralarla y escalar el conflicto ucraniano hacia territorio ruso y a nivel nuclear. [pic.twitter.com/k2VY6MF4v3](https://pic.twitter.com/k2VY6MF4v3)*

— Prensa Presidencial (@PresidencialVen) [March 27, 2023](#)

## **Honors to the Chinese ambassador, Li Baorong**

These words were issued by President Maduro during a farewell ceremony for the ambassador from the People’s Republic of China to the Bolivarian Republic of

Venezuela, Li Baorong.

“Five years after the beginning of his service as ambassador of the People’s Republic of China, in Venezuela—mission accomplished,” Maduro said. “China and Venezuela will continue their path of redemption, development, and common destiny.”

Despite imperialist aggression, the Chinese ambassador was able to witness how the Venezuelan people faced difficult situations. “Still, we have emerged victorious,” President Maduro said.

*El Pdte. [@NicolasMaduro](#) alertó sobre las pretensiones de crear bloques al estilo de la guerra fría para imponer el chantaje y el hegemonismo en los países del sur. [pic.twitter.com/kirpSFo4JM](https://pic.twitter.com/kirpSFo4JM)*

— Prensa Presidencial (@PresidencialVen) [March 27, 2023](#)

The Venezuelan president took the opportunity to extend his congratulations to his counterpart, Xi Jinping, for his recent re-election.

Finally, President Maduro pointed out that, in the face of imperial hegemony, civilizational changes are being generated with the emergence of a great military, political, and economic power that promotes the concept of a new humanity under the slogan of a “community of common destiny for mankind.”

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# Transgender Day of Visibility: NOLA high school students walk out, leading hundreds in the streets

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March 31 — On International Transgender Day of Visibility, hundreds of students at New Orleans' Benjamin Franklin High School [walked out of class](#). Benjamin Franklin students [did the same last year](#) in March as the fascist attack on trans people escalated.

Now the attacks have reached a fevered pitch nationally, with Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, an oil-and-gas-investment millionaire, leading the charge in this state. Landry is running for governor, using a playbook similar to that of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

The students rallied outside of class. NOLA.com reported some of their powerful

statements:

“‘People who will never ever understand how it feels to live my life are attempting to control it in ways that will leave not only me, but many other transgender people devastated, depressed or even at risk of physical harm,’ said Vincent Jarand, a 16-year-old trans student. ‘This is the beginnings of a genocide.’

“Jackie Kimbrough, a Black trans 17-year-old, wiped away tears talking about the impact the bills could have on LGBTQ youth in the state. ‘I’m 17 years old, and I’m fighting for my life,’ Kimbrough said.”

These students are serious leaders inspiring the broader progressive movement. Starting at 5:30 p.m., they led a 500-person-strong march from Washington Square Park, through the French Quarter, to Jackson Square. This square itself has been a site of intense struggle, as Take ‘Em Down NOLA has fought to have the name changed from that of the genocidal U.S. President Andrew Jackson.

Marchers took over the streets and then the amphitheater across from Jackson Square, shouting militant chants like, “If they don’t see us, if they don’t hear us, you’d best believe they’re going to fear us!” High school students and others gave speeches.

The students were joined by groups including Real Name Campaign NOLA, Freedom Road Socialist Organization – New Orleans, ACLU of Louisiana, college branches of Students for a Democratic Society, and others. This was an example of working class and oppressed people from multiple generations working together to take a stand against the far right’s assaults.



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# Mergers, monopolies and inflation: Unemployment and wage cuts won't lower prices

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How many people have to lose their jobs before Federal Reserve Bank system chair Jerome Powell is satisfied? High-tech firms including Alphabet (Google), Amazon and Meta (Facebook) have [shed 118,000 jobs](#) so far this year. They fired 140,000 in 2022.

Speaking at the Economic Club in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 7, [Powell claimed](#) that January's 3.4% unemployment rate may be beyond "maximum employment." He hinted the jobless rate needed to rise before the rate of inflation would fall.

Powell and the Federal Reserve Bank governors actually want a "small" recession to weaken the multinational working class and wipe out any wage gains and union

victories. They're glad that February's unemployment rate rose to 3.6%.

Pro-capitalist economists consider that to be "low" unemployment. It still represents 5.9 million people desperately looking for a job.

The official unemployment rate hides misery. It always undercounts millions of jobless people

Not mentioned are the armies of street merchants who would rather have a steady job than stand for 10 or 12 hours a day in rain or snow. Nor does it include those not considered to be actively searching for work because of child care responsibilities. Also ignored are many disabled people.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are 5.1 million "persons not in the labor force who currently want a job." Another 1.4 million persons are "marginally attached to the labor force."

So in February there were [at least 12.4 million people](#) in the United States without a job. That's nearly as many people who live in Illinois.

Yet that's still not enough unemployment for the Federal Reserve banks and the capitalist class it serves.

Never counted are 2.2 million prisoners who are members of the working class, too. Their slave labor annually [produces \\$11 billion](#) in goods and services.

Black workers are still "last hired, first fired." Their 5.7% unemployment rate is [78% higher](#) than the 3.2% jobless rate for whites.

### **Profits up, food stamps cut**

Neither a rise in wages or lower rates of joblessness cause inflation. It's monopolies that are jacking up prices. Even the [White House admitted this](#) in a Jan. 3, 2022,



statement:

“Four large meat-packing companies control 85% of the beef market. In poultry, the top four processing firms control 54% of the market. And in pork, the top four processing firms control about 70% of the market.”

These dead animal capitalists were able to raise chicken prices by 16.4%, beef prices by 14.5% and pork prices by 13.7% [between 2021 and 2022](#). Tyson Foods more than [doubled its profits](#).

Meanwhile, egg prices have gone through the roof and the price of white bread rose by 21% over the last two years. The average price of all food rose by 11.4% last year, the sharpest increase since 1974.

The response of the U.S. government to these skyrocketing food prices was to slash SNAP (food stamp) benefits on March 1. Millions of families are seeing an [average \\$95 monthly cut](#) in their food stamps.

The 81 million people who cast a ballot for Joe Biden didn't vote for this forced hunger program. The president and Congress can spend over \$100 billion on a war against the Russian Federation but they can't feed the people.

Antitrust laws have become a dead letter. The [Surface Transportation Board approved](#) the Canadian Pacific Railway taking over the Kansas City Southern in a \$31 billion deal. That leaves only six companies owning 90% of the railroad tracks in the United States.

Housing in the United States is one of the worst monopolies. Landlords have been raising rents at will. [In New York City](#), 54% of low income tenants saw their rents rise in 2021. The average increase was 15%.

Behind the greedy landlords are the banks and insurance companies that own their mortgages.

A massive program to build more affordable public housing would force the landlords and the banksters to lower the rents. So would taking over the apartments that are deliberately kept empty.

**Roll back prices! A job is a right!**

None of the judges on the U.S. Supreme Court or governors of the Federal Reserve banking system are elected.

Supreme Court judges stole the right to abortion. They routinely give the green light to executions. The Federal Reserve destroys jobs and deepens poverty.

The Fed and the central banks in other capitalist countries have been furiously raising interest rates. The result has been a series of bank failures, including Silicon Valley Bank and the second biggest Swiss bank, Credit Suisse.

Ever since the first worldwide capitalist economic crisis in 1825, there has been a business collapse every decade or so. Because capitalist competition prevents an overall economic plan, production outstrips consumption.

That doesn't mean people don't need the items that are left unsold. [Eighteen million people](#) in the U.S. can't afford needed medical prescriptions.

Fed chairperson Jerome Powell's role model is the late Paul Volcker, who as Fed chair in the 1980s presided over double-digit unemployment rates. Decades of stagnant wages and the loss of millions of union jobs followed.

The proposed merger of the Kroger and Albertsons supermarket chains guarantees more price increases. We need to fight for rolling back prices.

People forced President Reagan—an earlier version of Trump—to distribute free cheese. Over a billion pounds had been kept in warehouses to keep prices high.

The Federal Reserve bankers need to be told that a job is a right. Only the people can stop the billionaires from destroying jobs and making more millions poor.



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## **Court denies a fair trial: The fight for Mumia's freedom continues**

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On March 31, news of Judge Lucretia Clemons' decision to deny Mumia Abu-Jamal his right to a fair trial spread instantly around the world, even though in the U.S., the major media remained silent. Those who were expecting this outcome and those who had remained hopeful — all suffered grim disappointment.

The media headlines focused solely on the indictment of Donald Trump. Does the media coverage and headlines mean that democracy prevails because of the indictment of an actual criminal whose major crime, they say, is the loathsomeness in which the former president likes to wallow?

In real-time, did the Pennsylvania judge, with corrupt brutality underscoring her decision, say it was too late for justice and democracy to prevail in Mumia's case? Did the court decision from the USA, a country with a history of racist bondage, resonate worldwide? Yes!

Despite the timing of the court decision in Mumia's case, this was suspiciously released when the media was flooded with news of Trump's indictment, interviews with his supporters, and many florid photos. Moreover, it was released on a Friday, just before the court closed for the weekend.

Did those who petitioned the judge, including major international unions and civil rights organizations, call for anything more than a new trial? Their letters were based on newly disclosed evidence that clearly delineated the machinations behind the police frameup and his racist mistrial. Wasn't it within the most conservative bounds of democracy to allow the court to hear the long-buried evidence of Mumia's innocence for the first time?

Prisoner Mumia, with unyielding integrity and courage, never ceases to demand the freedom of all political prisoners. His writings and books analyzing racist conditions of mass incarceration present undeniable truth. He speaks for a myriad of political prisoners like Leonard Peltier and Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin.

If Mumia Abu-Jamal was not innocent — if he had not been wrongfully imprisoned for 41 years, spending the first 28.5 years on Pennsylvania's death row until his death sentence was confirmed unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2011 — if this innocent man was not now serving a sentence of life in prison without



parole would there be any reason for Judge Clemons to attempt to crush his chance for a new trial?

Help build and plan protests for Mumia's freedom on Sunday, April 23. Monday, April 24, is his birthday. The struggle continues. We will fight to free Mumia.

Write to Mumia Abu-Jamal at:

Smart Communications/PADOC  
Mumia Abu-Jamal, AM 8335  
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St Petersburg, FL 33733



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## **Los Angeles-area strikes show: Labor's sleeping giant is awakening**

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A series of strikes in the Los Angeles area provide an example of what has been happening across the U.S.

Having been in a defensive mode for decades, union workers are chipping away at the widest income gap since the 1970s. Successful strikes are giving confidence to other workers, who then go on strike. That was the case after a successful academic workers' strike at the University of California reportedly inspired nearby University of Southern California academic workers to walk out and win.

Soon after the USC workers won their strike, shuttle bus drivers for the USC campus held a rally, petitioned for a union, and in late March, won their election.

There is also an uptick in efforts to unionize workers in the service, tech, and retail sectors of the economy – most notably, but not exclusively, Starbucks, Amazon, and Apple.

It isn't that the billionaire owners and investors in giant corporations, nor the officialdom of various government entities and private universities, are suddenly softer. On the contrary, a Feb. 26 [Guardian article](#) reported on "Old-school union busting tactics" being carried out by companies such as Starbucks and Amazon, that simply thumb their billionaire noses at any labor law that doesn't work in their favor.

But workers across the U.S. economy have been pushed to the brink and are more willing to strike or unionize. They are finding solidarity and support. A [Gallup poll](#) conducted in August 2022 found the highest support for unions since 1965, at 71%.

On Jan. 3, pro-business website [Marketplace.org reported](#), "In the past decade, people in their teens and 20s have been on the front lines of strikes and organizing drives across the country..."

It all lends credence to the notion that the "sleeping giant" is stirring.

## Teachers in solidarity

In what has to be considered a labor struggle milestone, some 30,000 workers, who are vital to keeping Los Angeles public schools running, called a three-day strike. Service Employees International Union Local 99 represents cafeteria workers, janitors, building maintenance experts and teachers' assistants who struck.

Their absence from the job would've already been a major disruption. The fact that 30,000 educators from United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) refused to cross the picket lines made the strike even more potent.

Polls showed support by parents, and there was vibrant, active support from a group called "Students Deserve," a group of high school students from Dorsey High School who fight for student's rights, including opposition to armed police being placed in public schools.

The community-based organizations Unión del Barrio and Association of Raza Educators called a news conference in support of the strike that was swamped by local media and attended by 40 or more participants.

The workers that struck are a microcosm of Los Angeles' multinational population. Their wages and work conditions are lopsided and unfair when compared to their white counterparts. Their average pay was a poverty wage of \$25,000 a year. Staffing shortages and lack of health insurance for part-timers were also issues.

Up until the strike, negotiators from the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) were using a familiar refrain - no money. But a proposed settlement was announced on the third day of the strike, and there were no longer any claims by LAUSD that the money wasn't available.

Voting on the settlement by the full membership will take place between April 3-7. If agreed on, it won't solve every problem. The average wages will be bumped to

\$32,500 – a 30% increase. Health care will now be provided for part-time workers and for their dependents. So much of the tentative settlement appears favorable for the workers.

In Los Angeles, the proposed wages still fall far short of what can be considered good pay, especially given the high cost of housing. But anecdotal reports of union members' satisfaction, the significance of a quick settlement, the lack of major concessions and the provision of health care for part-time workers seem to be important steps forward.

Like previous strikes in recent years in Southern California, the results of the strike seem like a welcome change for anyone organizing for economic justice.

### **Unfair labor practices**

Another labor battle in nearby Santa Clarita is ongoing. Seven hundred workers at Henry Mayo Woodhall Hospital struck for one day and are still negotiating. In addition to many similarities between the two workforces, these battles share another important feature in common.

In each of them, there were claims by the bosses before the workers walked out that any strike should be prevented in the courtroom because an economic strike is barred by labor law when negotiations are ongoing. In both cases, the bosses failed because the strikes were, in fact, over unfair labor practices and it is legal to call such a strike at any time.

In spite of all the rosy post-strike statements about “working together” and finding “solutions that benefit everyone,” LAUSD is still disputing the legality of the Local 99 strike in an effort to keep a weapon in its arsenal for the future.

Bosses across the economy feel confident that they can break labor laws, prevent workers from talking to each other about their issues and grievances, and ignore



union power. But the strikes by Henry Mayo Hospital workers, LAUSD workers, and others across the country have shown how workers' confidence is growing everywhere.

From the hallways of higher education institutions like Temple University, UCLA, and USC, to the factory floors of John Deere, to Starbucks coffee counters and Amazon warehouses, the ugly days of wage cuts, mandatory overtime, and the general bombardment against workers' rights are coming to an end!



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## Lock him up!

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Should Donald Trump be prosecuted on charges filed by the Manhattan DA? When two million poor people are in prison, how can Trump not be put on trial?

Trump should have been jailed decades ago. He conspired with his daddy—Ku Klux Klan supporter Fred Trump—to keep Black people out of his family-owned apartment complexes.

In 1980, Donald Trump hired Polish immigrants to demolish the building on Manhattan's posh Fifth Avenue that became the site of his flagship skyscraper, Trump Tower. They were given almost no safety equipment to remove deadly asbestos and paid just \$5 per hour while working 12-hour shifts. Some must have died later of mesothelioma, a deadly lung cancer.

In 1989, Trump ran full-page newspaper ads demanding the return of the death penalty in New York state. This was in response to the arrest of Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana and Korey Wise on charges of raping and beating a woman jogging in New York City's Central Park.

False confessions were coerced by police from these five Black and Latinx youth. They spent years in prison for crimes they did not commit before being exonerated. Trump's racist campaign helped frame them.

When he announced his presidential campaign on June 16, 2015, Trump denounced Mexican people as "rapists." One day later a white fascist murdered nine Black people in a Charleston, South Carolina, church.

Trump's racist rhetoric promotes fascist violence. White anti-racist Heather Heyer was murdered by a Trump supporter during the 2017 neo-Nazi mobilization in Charlottesville, Virginia. Trump's response to Heather's death was to claim there were "fine people on both sides," meaning both the Nazis and their opponents.

Trump bombed and killed thousands in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. As president he helped starve children in Yemen while keeping immigrant children in cages in the United States.

By refusing to take absolutely necessary public health measures—as was done in the socialist People's Republic of China, socialist Cuba and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam—Trump condemned hundreds of thousands to die of COVID-19. At the same

time, he promoted anti-Asian hate that led to the 2021 Atlanta spa murders.

Trump wanted to declare martial law to suppress the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020. Every killer cop knows Trump is on their side.

The Jan. 6, 2021, fascist insurrection in the U.S. Capitol that attempted to overturn the presidential election was instigated by Trump.

None of these crimes will be covered in the New York indictment. They should be. It should be remembered, however, that the gangster Al Capone wasn't convicted of murder but of not paying his income tax.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, a Black man, has been the target of racist attacks from Trump supporters. The only reason Trump was charged with anything was because of the deep, justified hostility of millions of poor and working people.

This is particularly so in the Asian, Black, Indigenous and Latinx communities. Trump supporters are now targeting transgender people.

Some may question whether indicting Trump will drive more Republican voters to the polls. Trial or no trial, only by mobilizing the power of the people can all the Trumps be defeated.

Never forget that Kalief Browder, a Black youth, spent over two years in New York City's notorious Rikers Island prison simply because he couldn't make bail. After being released, without being convicted, he was driven by the cruelty in Rikers to hang himself.

If Kalief Browder can be jailed, so can the super-rich racist pig Donald Trump.

Jail Trump!



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# France burns as millions protest to defend pensions

By Gary Wilson

March 23 was a national day of action, a general strike, organized by the labor unions in France.

According to union estimates, around 3.5 million people hit the streets in more than 250 locations across France that day, Peoples Dispatch reports.

Workers have continued work stoppages in critical areas, including energy, transportation, railways, seaports, airports, industries, schools, colleges and universities, municipal services including waste management, and tightened blockades of major roads, bridges, and roundabouts in major cities.

The day before, on March 22, President Emmanuel Macron went on national TV to reiterate his decision to force pension cuts through the National Assembly without a vote, using Article 49.3, a part of the French constitution that enables the government to pass a law without a vote by parliament.

Macron defied the opposition of nearly 80% of the population, who all opposed the pension cuts.

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Workers across France continue militant protests against attacks on pensions.



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**National March to Protect Trans Youth  
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**& Speakout for Trans Rights**

**Build a People's Tribunal to put anti-trans bigots on trial**

Transgender, nonbinary, gender-nonconforming, and intersex people are under siege. So far this year, more than 400 anti-trans bills have been introduced at the state and national levels. Fourteen states have banned or severely restricted life-saving gender-affirming care for trans youth. Attacks, both legislative and violent, are growing by the day, while national elected officials who claim to support the LGBTQ+ community remain silent and do nothing.

We can't wait for the next election in hopes that things might improve. Measures are being enacted NOW that will do irreparable harm to trans youth and all trans people. The thousands of youth around the country walking out of schools and rallying at state capitols have shown us the way. Now we need to take the movement national.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who wants to be president, is one of the most vicious abusers of trans youth and the rights of all people. Behind politicians like DeSantis are rich bosses who profit from divide-and-rule tactics.

Join us to build a broad national coalition in partnership with organizations and communities on the ground in Florida and with allies in the Black Lives and immigrant rights struggles, the women's movement, educators, labor, the unemployed, and antiwar movements.

GET READY for the first planning meeting on Zoom in April.

SPREAD THE WORD.

Think about what you can do!

ADD YOUR NAME & ORGANIZATION to the list of initiators and endorsers.

REACH OUT to info@womeninstruggle.org for updates and to get involved.

**Bigots say get back – we say fight back!**

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