

The Growing Fascist Threat to Transgender Lives, July 22

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SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023, AT 6:00 PM EDT
The Growing Fascist Threat to Transgender Lives
5920 2nd Ave, Detroit

Attend a Public Meeting on the Current Crisis:
The Growing Fascist Threat to Transgender Lives
Saturday - July 22 - 6:00 PM ET, 3:00 PT

Hybrid meeting, either online or in-person in Detroit

Zoom participation by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/FasThrt2TransLives-Reg>
or

Detroit in-person meeting at 5920 Second Avenue , 48202

Hear Cassandra Devereaux, a transgender neurodivergent writer and artist living in the outer San Francisco Bay Area. In 2020 she ran for State Assembly as a Peace and Freedom Party candidate in order to draw attention to the problem of police murder of Black and Brown people in Vallejo, California. She concerns herself with issues of trans rights and the threads of fascism in the United States from the past to the modern day.

For those planning to attend in-person in the Detroit area dinner will be served at 5:00 PM. Program will start in person and via zoom at 6:00 PM Eastern time

(Read the writings by Cassandra Devereaux at <https://fighting-words.net/?s=Cassandra+Devereaux>)

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New Orleans: Justice for Daviri Robertson protest, 7/17

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PROTEST & RALLY DEMANDING JUSTICE FOR DAVIRI ROBERTSON

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MONDAY, JULY 17 @3PM

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Monday, July 17 - 3:00 p.m.

5th Circuit Court, 600 Camp Street, New Orleans

In 2019, Daviri Robertson and Chris Joseph were murdered by police in Jefferson Parish. Last month, these killer cops were granted qualified immunity, meaning they cannot be held accountable, and Robertson's family is appealing the decision.

Robertson and Joseph were entrapped by two cops in unmarked police vehicles. The cops shot up their car, claiming it was reversing at high speed and endangering a cop between the car and truck, but no police were injured by Robertson or Joseph and their vehicles were not damaged. The bogus claims of the police are part of a pattern and practice of the police that has been used time and again to incriminate victims of police terror.

For the last four years, the Robertson family has been fighting for justice. Join them in solidarity on Monday, July 17, at 3 PM, at the 5th Circuit Court in New Orleans at 600 Camp St. to protest qualified immunity and to demand that killer cops be held to account for their crimes.

#JusticeForDaviriRobertson

#JusticeForChrisJoseph

#JailKillerCops

#EndPoliceTerror

#NoJusticeNoPeace



The Supreme Court has no compassion for working-class families

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The following was presented as part of a discussion of the Supreme Court's recent rulings on affirmative action, LGBTQ+ rights, and student loans. The Court outlawed affirmative action against racism, endorsed discrimination against LGBTQ+ people, and backed bank usury on student loans.

This was on the WBAI program "Voices of Resistance," hosted by Lucy Pagoada-Quesada and Andreia Vizeu.

Listen: <https://wbai.org/archive/program/episode/?id=41506>

When I heard about the Supreme Court decision on Affirmative Action, I was saddened but not surprised.

The decision comes amid a gradual rolling back of several laws that protect society's most vulnerable people, including abortion rights, gun safety laws, voting rights, housing, livable wages, and health — mental and physical — as well as climate change — so many issues. But once again, the Supreme Court chose the path that will make it more difficult and miserable for the working class currently facing a huge financial crisis.

This ruling overturns a longstanding precedent that had previously benefited Black, Indigenous, Latino, and Asian students in higher education due to an apparent historic lack of opportunities for those students. The Court's decision that considering race as a specific factor in admissions violates the Equal Protection Clause.

Why is race the only factor being scapegoated? There are many forms of admission preferences for affirmative action, such as athlete scholarships, legacy, and donor admissions.

A study published [in the National Bureau of Economic Research](#) found that 43% of white students admitted to Harvard University were recruited ALDC's, shorthand for athletic recruits, legacies (relatives of Harvard Alumni), children of faculty and staff — applicants whose parents or relatives have donated to Harvard.

The study found that 75% of the white students admitted from those categories would have been rejected if they had been treated as white non-ALDCs.

In June 2022, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade — declaring that the constitutional right to abortion, [upheld for nearly 49 years](#), no longer exists.

In August 2022, Biden announced a student loan forgiveness plan. However, this plan was officially ruled out by the Supreme Court in June 2023.

President Biden criticized the decision and responded, "This is not a normal court,"

and confirmed that discrimination still exists in America. Biden urged colleges and universities to continue to try to achieve diversity on their campuses by considering the hardships that their applicants have faced in their lives.

Even though the Supreme Court's decision is final, they have no power to enforce it. Biden has the power. The people must take it to the streets and fight these oppressive attacks against the working class.

These issues — affirmative action, women's right to choose, voting rights, reparations, police brutality, mass incarceration, and the whole criminal justice system — are all domestic issues that affect families. The family is the base of society. When families are in crisis, the whole of society is in crisis.

Here is where we look to socialist Cuba, which just recently replaced the Family Code that went into effect in 1975 on March 8, International Women's Day, creating one of the most basic conditions for the further development of the revolution. The Family Code was approved by more than 98% of the participants in the meetings and assemblies.

What we need to look at is the process used to pass Cuba's new Family Code in September 2022. All citizens over 16 years of age were eligible to vote in the Families Code referendum. Cubans at home and abroad were involved in the decision-making process. Some 6.5 million people participated, a show of true participatory democracy.

Cuba's Family Code promotes the right to a family life free from violence and unprovoked stress. A life that values love, affection, solidarity, and responsibility.

The Supreme Court has shown no compassion toward working-class families. They are not addressing real issues such as livable wages, guaranteed income, homeless individuals, affordable housing, voting rights and ease of voting, free health care,

and free education for all, protecting the environment — issues that contribute to building happy, healthy families. The Supreme Court really serves no purpose that is worth preserving. It is time for the people to abolish it. Issues affecting the lives of the working class should be decided by the people through participatory democracy.

Issues like removing Cuba from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism, ending the U.S. blockade, getting the U.S. out of Guantanamo, and normalizing relations with Cuba must be decided by the people.

We must fight for a stronger affirmative action that is truly for leveling the playing field for Africans and all oppressed people. We all know that regardless of what corporate media says, affirmative action — one way to equalize the playing field for formerly enslaved people — has benefited many oppressed groups, including white women.

For true equality, we need to study socialism. We need a socialist revolution.



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Deadly hazards of capitalist profit system

Global heat soars, wildfires spread toxic smoke

By Gary Wilson

The beginning of July saw the hottest days on record globally. Daily heat records were sent on July 3, 4, and 5.

"This record is the visible part of a huge amount of silent and often unnoticed suffering and dying of people and ecosystems," says Friederike Otto, a climate scientist at Imperial College London. "We live in a dramatically different world to just a few years ago."

At the same time, many parts of the U.S. are being blanketed with some of the worst air quality record, caused by particularly severe wildfire activity in Canada. It is likely that smoke will continue its penetrations, as Canada's fire season is expected to run until at least October.

Canada is currently experiencing its worst wildfire season on record. As of June 29, 2023, over 3,000 wildfires in Canada have burned over 19 million acres of land. This is more than ten times the average number of fires and acreage burned during this time of year.

The fires have been particularly destructive in Quebec, where over 2 million acres have burned. The smoke from the fires has made air in parts of Canada and the U.S. among the most polluted in the world.

On June 29, Chicago and Washington, D.C., had the worst air quality in the world, while Detroit and Minneapolis were in the top 10, according to IQAir.com.

The smoke from the Canadian wildfires has laid a thick blanket over parts of the Midwestern and Eastern U.S. Over 120 million people, or more than a third of the U.S. population, were under air quality alerts. It's a major health hazard. The unhealthy air quality conditions, while rising or falling on a daily basis, are expected to last for several months, if not longer.

Because the shroud of smoke, solar power generation in parts of the Eastern U.S. plummeted by more than 50%. According to the region's grid operator, solar farms powering New England were producing 56% less energy at times of peak demand compared with the week before.

Reports in the big business media generally mention weather conditions and climate change as factors, including:

- **Drought:** Much of Canada is experiencing a severe drought, which has dried out vegetation and made it more susceptible to fire.
- **Warm temperatures:** The average temperature in Canada has been above normal this year, contributing to the severity of the fires.
- **Wind:** Strong winds have helped to spread the fires and make them more difficult to control.

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Chicago, June 27. Air Quality Index 228, or 'very unhealthy' zone.

Alberta is the province with the most wildfires this year, including this blaze west of Fox Creek.



6pm at 2513 Columbus St. Jun. 22

Feat. Verde Gil Jimenez TransMasc Group of Cuba

Pizza provided!

A report back by the LGBTQ Solidarity Delegation Women in Struggle - Mujeres en Lucha, Freedom Road Socialist Organization, and Name Campaign NOLA



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#FREEKONONOVICH: We will not leave you behind

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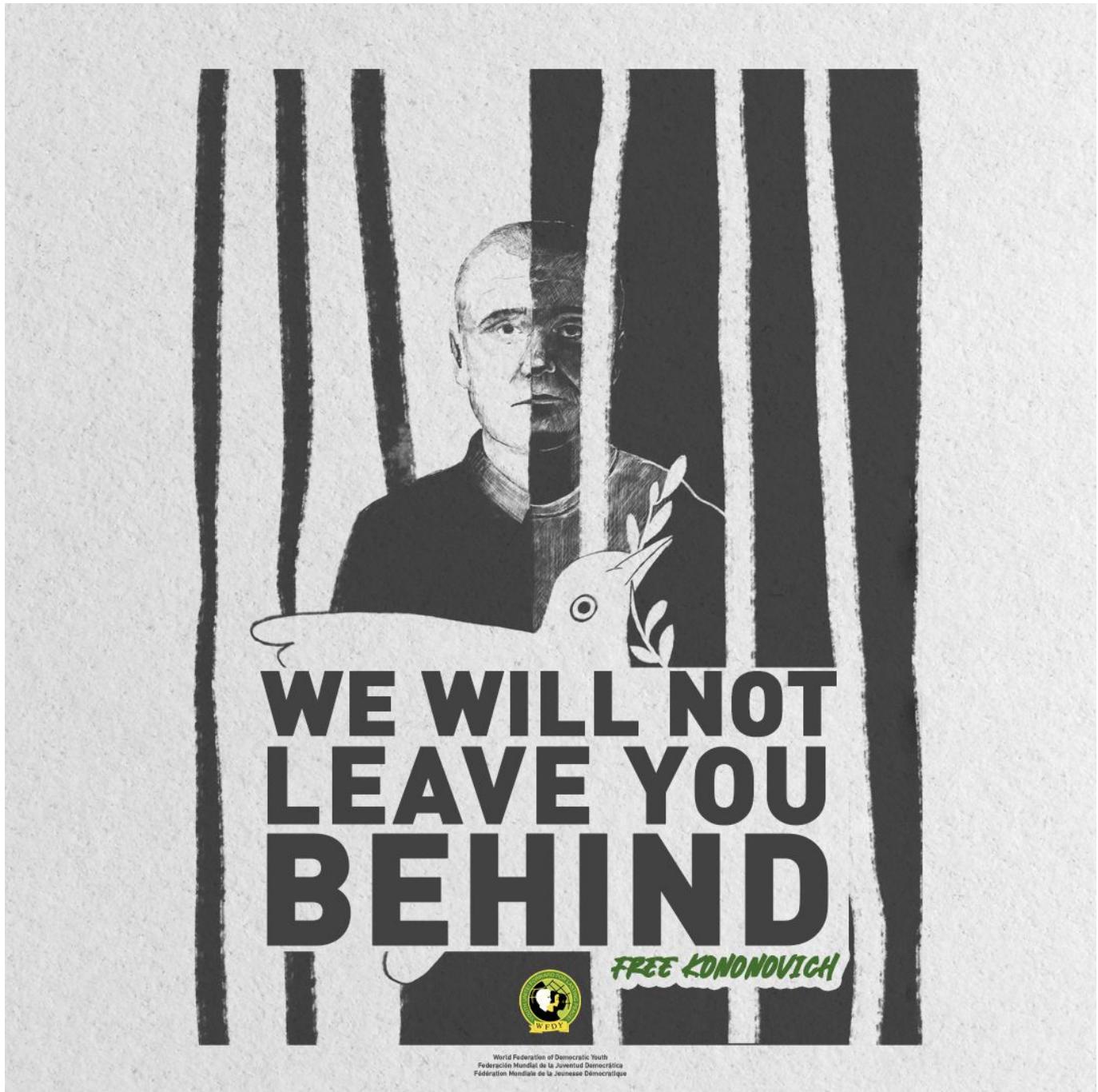
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As we approach 500 days since the kidnapping of our comrades Mikhail and Aleksander Kononovich by the Security Service of the reactionary regime of Ukraine, their situation continues to worsen.

In the last hours, we have been informed that the threats against their physical integrity, including death threats, are escalating. A clear example of this situation is the posts of the Ukrainian police officer, Yevgeny Kravchul, on his social media instigating to escalate the repression of our comrades and their murder. Considering that since they have been under house arrest fascist groups are hovering around their home, this is an added risk to their lives.

As we have been denouncing since their kidnapping in March 2022, not only the reactionary regime in Ukraine is responsible for their situation, but its imperialist allies such as the USA, the EU and NATO are equally responsible for what happens

to our comrades. We reiterate our demand for their immediate release and an end to the political persecution. We call upon the anti-imperialist youth all over the world to redouble the struggle to defend the life and freedom of our comrades. Because wherever there is a case of repression, we will not leave them behind. Their repression will not stop our struggle against capitalism in its imperialist stage; to build a world free of exploitation and all kinds of oppression.



Source: [World Federation of Democratic Youth](https://www.struggle-la-lucha.org/author/strugglelalucha_im4mi5/page/31/)



New York: Justice for the Tampa 5 speakout, July 12

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Justice for the Tampa 5 speakout
Wednesday, July 12 - 6:30 p.m.
New York City Hall, Broadway & Park, Manhattan

Called by New York Community Action Project

Part of July 12 National Day of Protest to Drop the Charges on the Tampa 5

Join us to defend Affirmative Action and DEI initiatives on college campuses, and for the charges to be dropped NOW! Learn more at NAARPR.org! #tampa5 #justiceforthetampa5



LIVE BLOG | Jenin Under Massive Israeli Attack, Many Killed, Wounded

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Los Angeles: Cuba's Queer Rights Revolution & Peoples Pride Celebration, July 23

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CUBA'S Queer Rights REVOLUTION

Eyewitness

MELINDA BUTTERFIELD Leader Women in Struggle / Mujeres en Lucha delegation to Cuba & co-editor of Struggle La Lucha newspaper

JORDAN DAVID Lavender Guard delegate on Women in Struggle delegation to Cuba, May 2023

Also: **TSUKURU FORS** founder, Red Berets for Queers

Peoples Pride Celebration

4 pm - 8 pm
SUNDAY
July 23
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SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023, AT 4:00 PM PDT
Cuba's Queer Rights Revolution - Eyewitness
Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice - L.A.

Celebrate Queer Pride - Learn about the revolutionary Families Code in Cuba that puts Love first. Hear reports from the Women in Struggle LGBTQ+ delegation to Cuba in May 2023.

Eyewitness reports: **Melinda Butterfield** - Women in Struggle, co-editor Struggle La Lucha newspaper & **Jordan David** - Lavender Guard

Special guest: **Tsukuru Fors** - founder Red Berets for Queers

Peoples Righteous Pride Celebration. Music/Food/Drag. Donation requested - no one turned away for lack of funds! 4pm - 6pm-ish. Come early, stay late - don't miss the best parts! 323-304-1185 or 323-306-6240.



Danny Glover becomes honorary member Of ILWU Local 10 on Juneteenth

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San Francisco actor and activist Danny Glover was made an honorary member of ILWU Local 10 on Juneteenth. All Bay Area ports were shut down on the day, and Glover and members of the ILWU talked about his history and relationship with the ILWU 10, where he worked as a striking student at San Francisco State strike in 1968.

ILWU Local 10 has also made Paul Robeson, Martin Luther King, and Angela Davis honorary members.



Baltimore: Eyewitness Cuba's Queer Rights Revolution, June 26

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Hear Baltimore Report Back Monday, 5/26, 5:30 pm to 7 pm at 2011 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218

Cuba's queer rights revolution



Hear members of the Women In Struggle/Mujeres En Lucha delegation: Lizz Toledo, Dee Deans, Kiana Fok who were a part of the LGBTQ+ delegation that traveled to Cuba to learn about Cuba's new "families code" and to participate in Havana's equivalent of Gay Pride.



We are proud to host them Monday, 6/26/23@ 2011 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD

Gather 5:30 pm for refreshments & slide show

6 pm discussion will start promptly and end at 7 pm

Our guest speakers Lizz and Dee are from Atlanta. Their plane leaves Monday night, but they were happy to sit down and share their experiences before departing.

Don't miss the discussion.



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