

**Country Report by the USA Delegation to the 3rd World Women's Conference and Congress,
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To this day, the majority of the US population has colonized and is actively occupying indigenous lands. The indigenous people in the US are suffering the effects of centuries of imperialism and colonialism, including genocide, ethnic cleansing and forced assimilation. This includes mass disappearances of indigenous people, especially women and girls. These disappearances most often occur around man camps of workers who are responsible for extracting oil and minerals like uranium used to make nuclear weapons. This capitalist extraction has wreaked havoc on indigenous lands and communities poisoning our water and our soil. Organizations have formed in the US and Canada to struggle against the mass disappearances by the name of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and Families alongside the struggle for environmental struggle, the struggle for sovereignty and self-determination.

At the same time, the US built and has sustained its wealth for centuries by the forced abduction, imprisonment and slavery of African people from several continents. To this day, although slavery has been abolished, its legacy has been sustained through mass incarceration of working people, police brutality and extra judicial killings. According to Michelle Alexander, 25% of the world's incarcerated population comes from the US. Black people in the US experience extreme harassment and exploitation. And, every day at least one unarmed person is killed at the hands of the police. The killings of black people at the hands of the police have sparked multiple uprisings that have echoed around the country and also around the world.

Working class people often live in unbearable conditions such as Cleveland, Ohio, Flint, Michigan and Jackson Mississippi, where access to clean water is a disparity. In Jackson, they recently ran out of bottled water with no support from the federal government. In East St. Louis, the community is poisoned by waste from the Monsanto corporation, (a corporation producing genetically modified monocrops, which destroys and replaces the local economy of family farms-the same company that sprays carcinogens in Colombia in the name of the US drug war).

The US is known globally as a refuge for people facing exploitation and persecution in their home countries, causing many people to immigrate and migrate to the US in search of jobs or a better life for their families. In reality, the US is actually a terrible place for migrants and their families. People who come to the US without documentation are often arrested and detained in inhumane, family separation, detention centers that are notorious for neglect and forced hysterectomies of women. If they are not detained, they are frequently forced to live a life in hiding for fear of being captured. Migrant workers in the US also face inhumane conditions in their workplaces, as agricultural workers, maintenance workers, caregivers, hospitality workers, etc. The Department of Homeland "Security" actually threatens our common security. Immigration and Customs Enforcement terrorizes immigrant communities raiding their homes, schools and workplaces, in order to continue to profit off of the detention of working people in private prisons. Many migrants are rising up and fighting for their rights in our workplaces, housing units and schools.

US imperialism & wars of aggression abroad are sustained by the taxes of working people in the US, weapons sales to foreign powers, and US political influence through the IMF, World Bank, Free trade Agreements, NATO and the distribution of military aid. The hard-earned money of the working people in the US is primarily going towards wars of aggression when it could be funding much needed social services like education, housing, healthcare. The economic crisis created internally by imperialism has made most cities unaffordable to the working class, with more families and individuals becoming homeless during the pandemic. While the US government provides tax breaks and bailouts to banks and billionaires, the working people are burdened with debt incurred from simply trying to meet their basic needs. The investment in war abroad is magnified at home with mass propaganda and cultural indoctrination replicating the worldwide violence on an individual scale. Mass shootings by troubled individuals is a regular occurrence in the US pointing to the cultural consequences of centuries of imperialism.

Most recently, pregnant people's abortion rights are under attack. In 26 states abortion is now illegal and/or criminalized. This ban on abortion primarily affects working people, especially Black people. Sexual Violence still plagues the world and is sustained by imperialism, common in and around US military bases, with rape being used as a tactic of war. Thousands of people have mobilized on this issue and are primarily advocating for a reinstatement of rights but solely reinstating rights will not adequately address the root problems of imperialism and patriarchy.

The following resolution was adopted by the Congress after the standard procedural debate on September 9, 2022:

The participants of the World Women's Congress in Tunis call upon the UN General Assembly to reform or dismantle the so-called UN "Security" Council, which has veto power to control, dominate, exploit and destroy the world for material gain. Of these the United States empire is the worst and must be stopped and held accountable to abide by the UN Charter and all international laws, resolutions, treaties, covenants and conventions.