

# FIGHT BACK THE ATTACK ON ABORTION RIGHTS!

**T**his year alone, nine states including Ohio, Utah, Missouri, Kentucky, and five other Southern states have passed new restrictions on the right to abortion in the hope that the new far-right majority on the Supreme Court will overturn *Roe v. Wade*. This is a blatant assault on all workers and on poor, working-class women in particular. The history of abortion access in the United States illustrates this clearly. Even when abortion was generally illegal, wealthy individuals had no trouble obtaining access to it. Even now, when it is supposedly legal, it is unaffordable and inaccessible to those who must work for wages to make a living.

And yet, this state of affairs is not enough for the Republican wing of the ruling class, which seeks to ban abortion outright and has sponsored monstrous legislation such as the six-week abortion ban in Ohio and Texas's attempt to impose the death penalty for physicians performing abortions and women getting them. As for the Democrats, they have played an equally pernicious role in rolling back abortion rights and access over the last few decades.

In the face of such attacks, we cannot depend on the capitalists' courts to protect our rights—as so many liberals would have us do. The fight to defend the right to free and accessible abortion is a working-class question and it requires a working-class solution. Yes, we must flood the streets in protest, organize the defense of women's clinics, and expose and denounce the fake "crisis pregnancy" centers. But none of this will be sufficient if it not linked to broader working-class demands and the struggle for the socialist transformation of society.

The US section of the International Marxist Tendency calls for universal healthcare as one of the basic demands for achieving socialism. This includes all reproductive care—up to and including abortion—to be provided free of cost to the patient at the point of service without the slightest bit of shaming or stigma. But we also link this to the fight for well-paid jobs for all, free, quality education and daycare facilities, affordable housing capped at no more than 10% of a person's income, and much more. Although we can win some reforms under capitalism, these will always be limited and in danger of being rolled back until we establish a government of, by, and for the working class.

**The labor movement must take the offensive to defend abortion rights and access!**

**Nationalize the hospital networks under democratic workers' control—free and safe abortions must be part of a universal healthcare system!**

**Only a workers' government can protect abortion rights and provide women with a life of genuine equality and dignity! To win this we need a mass working-class socialist party!**

**Join the International Marxist Tendency and the fight for socialism in our lifetime!**

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