



# Speak Out Now

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## We Will Not Be Silenced!

It has been over 100 days since the war on the people of Palestine began. People around the world have watched in horror at what the State of Israel, with backing of the U.S. government, is doing.

Since October 7th, over 26,000 Palestinians have been killed and more than 61,380 injured from the Israeli invasion and bombing campaign. The Israeli military has made a deliberate effort to bomb schools, hospitals, and refugee camps. Over 70% of the homes in Gaza have been destroyed.

Most Gazans who have survived these indiscriminate bombings have been pushed to the southern border with no escape. The Israeli military has corralled civilians into smaller and smaller areas while pushing the occupation further south. Civilians have been deprived of basic necessities like food, water, medicine, electricity, and internet. These conditions are spreading preventable diseases and famine.

In reaction, students and other people around the world have mobilized. Millions have taken to the streets across the U.S., Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, with protests as recent as January 13th. People are blocking ships and occupying bridges, politicians' offices, and public transportation stations. People around the world have made it clear they will not stand by idly while this genocide is carried out against the Palestinian people.

We live in the wealthiest country in the world, and it is our labor that has created all of this wealth. We aren't the ones who benefit from this. The super rich – the bosses of the big corporations and banks – keep the wealth and make all the decisions. Working people do the work that makes society run, and we can organize to unite our forces. When we do, we have enormous power to change things and make a better world.

**Get in touch with us to fight  
for a better world!**



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Supporters of the Israeli state's assault on Gaza insist that disagreeing with Israel's policy on Palestine is the same as being prejudiced against Jewish people. They say that to be anti-Zionist is to be anti-Semitic. That is a lie. In fact, many, many Jewish people in Israel and around the world strongly disagree with Zionism and with Netanyahu's genocidal war on Gaza.

Yes, the October 7th attack by Hamas on Israelis was horrendous. But it was only one day in the 75-year-old war by Zionists that threw millions of Palestinians out of their homes by force and violence. We have to look deeper than the events of a single day to understand the forces that led to this extreme level of brutality. One people occupying another can never be free of violence themselves.

Calling opponents of Zionist policies anti-Semitic is just a way to try to shift people's focus away from the deliberate bombing of people's homes, hospitals, and water supplies. And it is a lie. It is an attempt to stir up bigoted hatred against those who protest Zionist genocide. Those who protest this war must not allow themselves to be intimidated. We will not be silenced!

**We Will Not Be Silenced!  
Sun. Jan. 28 at 4pm**

Come to our townhall against the repression of free speech by equating anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism.

**East Bay Community Space  
(507 55th St, Oakland)**

Can't join in person? Join on Zoom:  
[tinyurl.com/JAN-TH-24](https://tinyurl.com/JAN-TH-24)

## Massachusetts Teachers Fight Back

Massachusetts teachers across 10 schools in Andover went on an illegal three-day strike in November 2023. Bargaining sessions had been dragged out by the School Committee for over 10 months and members of the Andover Education Association were rightfully fed up. Through their illegal strike, they won better work conditions, including paid family medical leave, fewer staff meetings, and the extension of lunch times for students.

The strike's gains were made possible by years of organizing. Educators across the state had led individual school actions, set up committees, and reached out to teachers in other schools. They built necessary connections to fight against the school district and the laws that serve to exploit teachers and other workers.

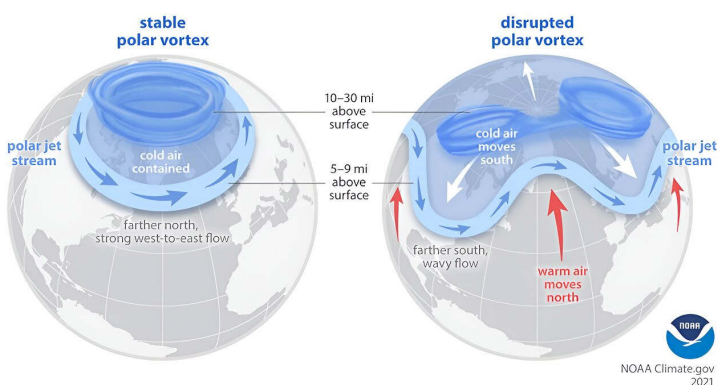
Massachusetts educators show that we can win when we rely on each other and don't let the laws of the ruling class stand in our way!

### Extreme Cold:

#### Another Part of Global Heating

North America has been hit by a wave of extremely cold arctic air. The polar jet stream, the super cold air circulating around the arctic pole, is becoming weaker as global heating worsens. Extreme cold events like this could become more frequent, at least temporarily, as the polar jet stream dips down over large regions, like what we saw in Texas in 2021.

Already in 2024, tens of millions of people in the U.S. have been impacted by the extreme cold. Over 90 people have died. We're all feeling it in our heating bills and the stress of getting to work or getting childcare when schools are closed. Despite the headlines of record-breaking temperatures, cold weather events are overall decreasing. Hot or cold, these extremes are part of climate change. It will keep getting worse as long as the capitalist class are in power.



## 2024 Election: Billionaire vs. Millionaire

As states attempt to remove Donald Trump from their presidential primary election ballots we must ask: should Trump be ineligible to run for reelection?

Donald Trump is a clear threat to many people's rights. He gets even richer off the backs of his companies' workers, boasts about sexually assaulting women, and plays on fear and hatred to pit workers against one another.

As horrific as all that is, Trump himself isn't the root of the problem, and keeping him off the ballots won't save us from our daily struggles.

There seems to be no alternative to Trump vs. Biden for president and neither represent the interests of ordinary people. Biden might not be Trump, but he has failed to take the climate emergency seriously and has expanded oil drilling. He has undercut railroad workers' fight for safer working conditions. He recently came down heavily on the side of the Israeli state's genocidal attacks on the people of Gaza. Biden is no friend of working-class and other oppressed people.

Taking Trump off of ballots will not end the root causes that allowed him to rise. There will still be millions who feel ignored by the political system, left behind by capitalism, and therefore susceptible to conspiracy theories that play on their rage and hatred for the system. And they see no other choice.

Working and other oppressed people must build our own alternative against the One Percent and their lying politicians. Only a revolutionary mass movement could challenge their system, and ultimately put an end to it.

