

Defend Ward Churchill!

Prosecute Civil Rights Violators!

DEMONSTRATION

Sunday, April 17 at Noon
Los Angeles City College
855 N. Vermont Ave. at Normal St.
(between Melrose and Santa Monica)

At the request of the Colorado governor, the University of Colorado is considering firing tenured professor Ward Churchill for a speech he made about 9/11 in which he called out civilian Americans for their complicity in this country's imperialist attacks on the world. Churchill compared at least some World Trade Center victims to a Nazi named Eichmann who was a bureaucratic cog in the fascist machine.

The firestorm set off by the lynch mob has resulted in over 100 death threats to Ward Churchill and a generally violent climate resulting in the cancellation of speeches. This is intolerable. The federal government should prosecute the leading activists involved and people on Colorado payroll running this witch-hunt for conspiring to deprive Ward Churchill of his civil rights.

The bureaucratic witch-hunt against Churchill should come as no surprise. Ward Churchill had badly hurt the U.S. imperialists with his past books on government documents related to FBI repression of the American Indian Movement and the Black Panther Party.

The real issue above all others is that Ward Churchill told Americans they have to take responsibility for their own actions. What he said about World Trade Center victims being little Eichmanns was in fact less extreme than what Americans told German civilians after World War II in 1945 and 1946, when there was a collective responsibility movement, the likes of which still present themselves in the commemorations of the Allied bombings of German civilians in Dresden in World War II.

Colorado should impeach its governor for organizing for Ward Churchill's firing. It's a violation of civil rights.

The Maoist Internationalist Movement calls on all who want to defend civil rights to defend Ward Churchill. Instead of attacking the messenger (who tells it like it is about American imperialism) we call for impeachment or prosecution of the civil rights violators, starting with the Colorado governor and the leadership of the University of Colorado.

We call for prosecution of the U.S. government for violating the civil rights of Arab and Muslim prisoners held in secret without evidence. Prosecute the U.S. government for violating the civil rights of the more than one million oppressed nationality prisoners held in America who never got a trial of their peers and who face discrimination and disproportionate sentencing simply because they are not white nationality. Prosecute the U.S. government for slowly eroding even the facade of protection of civil rights by passing the Patriot Act and related bills.



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