Defend Ward Churchill!
Prosecute the civil rights violators!

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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 Amerikans 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 fascistic 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.$. imperialists with his past books on government documents related to FBI repression of the American Indian Movement and the Black Panther Party.

Churchill’s speech titled “Some People Push Back” came from the quote: “You’ve got to learn, that when you push people around, some people push back.” Amerika pushes around most of the world, invading countries, aiding brutal military regimes, murdering key politicians, and destroying economies, all in the interests of making a profit. Some of those people being pushed around by Amerikan imperialism are going to push back. The real issue above all others is that Ward Churchill told Amerikans 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 Amerikans 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 governor of Colorado is not protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution. He is part of the government and the First Amendment contrasts between the “government” and the “people.” The governor along with his collaborators on government payroll are organizing this civil rights violation. The Governor proclaims that taxpayer money is funding Churchill, but the legislature only provides 7% of the University of Colorado’s money. What a bunch of cheapskate, posing windbags trying to create the impression that they actually do anything for education by lynching Ward Churchill.

MIM 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 Amerikan 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.$. government for violating the civil rights of unknown numbers of Arab and Muslim prisoners held in secret without evidence. Prosecute the U.$. government for violating the civil rights of the more than one million oppressed nationality prisoners held in Amerika 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.$. government for slowly eroding even the facade of protection of civil rights by passing the Patriot Act and related bills. The failure of the government thus far shows it is a participant in civil rights violations.

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