

Unite to Defend Human Rights

Today we march together against the Patriot Prayer group's so-called Freedom Rally in downtown Seattle, because it is in reality a thinly veiled gathering of racists.

Patriot Prayer preaches bigotry

Under the guise of Christian patriotism, Patriot Prayer is an ultra-conservative organization emboldened by Trump's agenda. It invites hysteria over claims of "Islam seeping into America," "anti-white indoctrination," and invasion of the U.S. by "the insanity of the liberal left."

Patriot Prayer rallies have become a magnet for white supremacists, Nazi enthusiasts, anti-Muslims and anti-Semites, feminist bashers, homophobes, anti-communists, and immigrant haters. They welcome far-right militia groups such as the Proud Boys who are thugs with bigoted politics. They advocate "closed borders and reinstating a spirit of Western chauvinism during an age of globalism and multiculturalism."

For a multi-issue, multi-racial united front

The Freedom Socialist Party and Radical Women stand for *all* victims of right-wing violence, as well as those brutalized by budget cuts, union-busting, loss of civil liberties, police brutality and cruel ICE raids. Patriot Prayer, Proud Boys and an assortment of increasingly hard-line fascists have been organizing frequent rallies on the West Coast in an attempt to grow their numbers. Working people of all colors, beliefs, genders, sexualities and homelands have a common need to defeat the far-right before it grows any stronger and lays the foundation for fascism — the last desperate ploy of a foundering capitalism to maintain itself.

Yesterday in Charlottesville, Va., a gathering of about a thousand Nazis and Klansmen were far overmatched by a crowd of 5,000-6,000 counter-protesters, according to a local organizer interviewed on MSNBC, causing the scheduled far-right rally to be canceled. But this victory for anti-fascist forces was tragically marred when someone drove into the counter-demonstrators, murdering one woman and injuring dozens of people. Reprehensible, cowardly acts like these will not deter us! We know what is at stake and we will continue to confront racist hate-mongers whenever they show themselves.

The democratic coalition that built today's counter-protest in Seattle is a firm step in the right direction. What's needed now is an ongoing united front with a working-class program in defense of every targeted community. This will give us the ability to strike quickly in a unified way while maintaining respect for different experiences and points of view. Together we can stop this menace!

Stop all right-wing attacks! An injury to one is an injury to all!

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