

Resolution: United University Professions Must Demand an End to ICE Terror, U.S.-led War, and Genocide

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We condemn U.S.-sponsored violence and its structural, economic, and militaristic intensification. The escalation of force is pushing the U.S. toward increased authoritarianism that is negatively affecting democratic ideals, academic freedoms, collective bargaining, and workers across the globe. We understand these foreign and domestic events to be interconnected, relying upon racist and xenophobic narratives that undermine dissent and collective organizing at home. We understand the links between these patterns of violent engagement and call for the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have killed and wrongfully detained numerous people in the past year ([Evident Media, Inc., 2026](#)), have maintained inhumane detention conditions leading to documented deaths ([AILA, 2026](#)), and driven entire working class communities into hiding because of the racial and ethnic profiling that was legitimized by the U.S. Supreme Court ([Noem v. Vasquez Perdomo, No. 25A169, 606 U.S. \(2025\)](#)); and

WHEREAS, immigration enforcement actions such as large-scale workplace raids by ICE are widely criticized by labor organizations and worker-rights advocates for undermining labor protections by deterring workers from reporting labor law violations, wage theft, and unsafe conditions, thereby increasing immigrant worker vulnerability and weakening labor standards for all workers ([ILO, 2024](#)); and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2026, the U.S. and Israel launched a war on Iran, for which the U.S. had spent \$11.3 billion at day 6 and \$16.5 billion at day 12 ([CSIS, 2026](#)) that has killed thousands across the region, in Iran's capital ([Reuters, 2026](#)) and other areas across the country, including the Shajareh Tayyebah girls' elementary school in Minab, Iran, killing at least 168 people, many of whom were children ([UNICEF, 2026](#)); and

WHEREAS, the war on Iran is part of the U.S.-Israeli quest for domination across West Asia, and cannot be separated from the U.S.-Israeli genocidal war on Palestine ([UNOHCHR, 2025a](#)), which includes the Trump administration's "Board of Peace," a joint, U.S.-Israeli plan to place Gaza under imperialist rule ([Beinart, 2026](#)), and as of October 2025 caused:

- the death of 67,074 Palestinians and 168,716 wounded
- 436,000 (92%) homes damaged or destroyed
- 2.1 million (95%) Palestinians displaced

- 654 attacks on health care facilities with more than 1,700 health workers killed
- 518 (90%) of schools damaged or destroyed, leaving 745,000 children and university-age students out of formal education
- only 1.5% of cropland suitable for cultivation ([Burke et al., 2025](#))
- resource shortages and starvation due to the blockade ([WHO, 2025](#))
- cultural sites destroyed ([UNOHCHR, 2025b](#))
- Palestinians subject to human rights abuses while in detention ([B'Tselem, 2026](#))
- and a record number of journalists wrongfully detained and killed ([Committee to Protect Journalists, 2026](#)), the most grave kind of attack on academic freedom; and

WHEREAS, since 1967 large numbers of Palestinian workers from the West Bank and Gaza have relied on employment in Israel, which is governed by a permit and checkpoint system that tightly regulates Palestinian workers' movement and employment, often requiring daily passage through military checkpoints and leaving workers vulnerable to permit revocation, long delays, and other restrictions that affect their ability to reach workplaces and sustain livelihoods ([ITUC, 2021](#)); and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2026, the U.S. bombed the capital of Venezuela, kidnapped their leader, and seized control of their government ([Marquez et al., 2026](#)); and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has leveraged its control of Venezuela alongside threats of crippling economic sanctions to cut off Cuba's oil supply in an attempt to topple their government ([Stechyson, 2026](#)); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. manufactured oil scarcity in Cuba is leading to a major humanitarian crisis for the people who live there who now endure the collapse of their energy-dependent healthcare systems, food systems, and public services ([UNOHCHR, 2026](#)); and

WHEREAS, economic sanctions and other coercive economic measures imposed by the U.S.—including longstanding sanctions on Cuba and Iran, and expanded sanctions on Venezuela—are documented to reduce economic activity, disrupt employment, and contribute to inflation and shortages that fall heavily on working people, while the resulting economic instability directly contributes to migration pressures that place workers in more precarious labor conditions both in their home countries and abroad ([UNHRC, 2025](#)); and

WHEREAS, international labor institutions and scholars document the linkages between increased globalization, militarization, and neoliberal economic policies that reshape international labor markets by destabilizing economies, increasing forced labor migration, and destroying humanitarian efforts, reinforcing the longstanding principle of labor internationalism that workers share common interests in defending labor rights and economic security across national borders ([Taran & Geronimi, 2013](#); [Vigersky, 2026](#)); and

WHEREAS, we recognize the interconnected nature of all these attacks that serve the interests of the billionaire class at the expense of the global working majority; and

WHEREAS, these acts of structural violence abroad and ICE and CBP killings at home

undermine U.S. workers that demand that our government prioritize basic needs for affordable education, food, healthcare, and housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that our union denounces ICE’s attacks on immigrant communities across the U.S., publicly advocates for the New York for All Act, and demands the New York State Common Retirement Fund be fully divested from Palantir Technologies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our union condemns the U.S.-Israeli genocide of Palestinians, and accordingly demands the New York State Common Retirement Fund cease all future investments in Israel Bonds, and lets all existing investments in Israel lapse at their expiration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our union calls for an immediate end to all U.S. military violence and economic intervention in Iran, Venezuela, Cuba, and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our union will mobilize members to call on their locally and federally elected leaders to reject increased militarized terror of immigrant and other displaced peoples in the U.S. and imperialism abroad; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our union will provide members with information on local events happening in solidarity with immigrant communities, Iran, Venezuela, Cuba, and Palestine, and will encourage their attendance as proud union members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our union supports the lawful mobilization of workers—including but not limited to mass demonstrations, civil disobedience, boycotts, and general strikes—to disrupt and oppose the federal government’s immoral and illegal policies and practices, and encourages members to participate in solidarity with unions engaged in such actions, provided that all participation remains voluntary, lawful, and does not constitute or imply any strike or work stoppage within our own bargaining unit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, at this critical moment in human history, the UUP President will urge the AFL-CIO, AFT, NYSUT, and other labor organizations in New York to support an end to U.S.-led wars and to direct union resources and organizing capacity towards encouraging worker action against the war machine, including against ICE and CBP inside the U.S.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the UUP President will communicate this resolution to the U.S. President, the members of Congress from New York, the New York governor, and all members of the New York Senate and Assembly.

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