Statement by Youth United Against War and Imperialism  
on Peoples’ Struggles in Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, Yemen  
on Workers Struggles in France, Italy, Portugal  
and on Youth Struggles in Puerto Rico, UK, Ireland

Those living within the national boundaries of the United States of America have much in common with the struggling peoples of the nations of Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, the students of Puerto Rico and the UK and working people throughout western Europe who are rising up against dictatorship, against austerity, against spiraling tuition and fees, against overpriced food and spiraling unemployment. We are in solidarity with your struggles and in support of your goals as we look to you for the example that you set to struggle for a better future here within these United States.

Like you, we face a lack of democracy where we might get to vote for a Democrat or Republican but the system is rigged to continue to throw our generation into endless war while billions are reaped by the owners of the war industry – where in order to pay for the war, schools are being cut, tuition and fees are being hiked, public services are being gutted and public workers in states throughout the United States are under attack.

We also face escalating health costs and lack of a national health plan, food prices that are going to double, growing hunger, massive joblessness and continued foreclosures and homelessness.

We witness in the videos of your struggle the sacrifices that you are making at the hands of your repressive regimes, as members of your ranks are beaten and some are killed or severely injured by weapons and brute force of your repressive regimes. We witness the resilience of your challenge and your refusal to back down as you face off against the most severe forms of state violence. We see pictures of the riot control weapons used against your people stamped as MADE IN USA - a factual metaphor of the whole situation.

We understand and support your grievances – against corruption, for jobs, for affordable food for your families, for an end to repression and for freedom, for control over the destiny of your nation, for international solidarity and sovereignty over your foreign policy.

We witness the historic role that the youth are playing in the struggles unfolding in your nation.

We hope that we too can play a leadership role here – in demanding that the US stop supporting the repression of your people militarily and in every other way, in demanding an end to the US wars and occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan and illegal violent US drone and other attacks in several other nations, in demanding an end to the cutbacks in funding for education and the hikes to university tuition and fees, in demanding an end to the cuts in public services and the proposed attacks on Social Security, in demanding an end to the attacks on immigrant workers, and in supporting the struggles of public employees.

Your struggle is the wave of the future and a sign of change that will sweep this world and end the set up where 95% of the world’s population toils to enrich the richest 5 percent. The sand is shifting and you are at the forefront of a whirlwind and we hope to catch our sails into this wind so that we can be part of a world wide movement demanding peace and demanding justice for oppressed and downtrodden, to shake off the worsening conditions of austerity, to rise against tyranny and oppression.

Victory to the people of Egypt, Tunisia and other nations in struggle, to the students of Puerto Rico and the UK struggling against fee and tuition hikes and to working people in Europe and elsewhere struggling against austerity, for jobs and to end rising hunger and homelessness. Let the battles be joined and let your victory be our victory.

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