

This piece—“There is a Way! There is a Day!”—was put out by World Can’t Wait. We think this represents an extremely important analysis of the situation, the vision of October 5, and the stakes involved in either success...or failure.

With that in mind, we call on our readers to read and take up this statement from World Can’t Wait...to get it out to your friends and relatives...and if you have a site, a blog, a radio show, a newspaper column, a classroom, a pulpit, or any other platform—even a bulletin board—to run it yourselves. And we also call on all readers, in this next urgent juncture, to support and pitch in to World Can’t Wait’s effort to raise half a million dollars by Labor Day, going on to its website to get the info and hook yourself into their efforts.



World Can't Wait rally, New York City, January 31, 2006.



Above: World Can't Wait rally in Chicago, November 2, 2005.



Right: Lower Ninth Ward residents, New Orleans, April 1, 2006.

Below: Santa Monica High School students break out of lockdown to join immigrants' rights march, March 31, 2006.



October 5: There is a Way! There is a Day!

Think of all the people who are deeply distressed over the direction in which the Bush regime is dragging the country—and the world... All the people who are outraged over the way in which this regime is arrogantly seeking to bludgeon into submission people in the Middle East, and throughout the world, while trampling on the rights of the people in the U.S. itself... All the people who care about the future of humanity and the planet we live on, and who recognize the many ways in which the Bush regime is increasingly posing a dire threat to this... All the people who are stirred with a profound restlessness by these feelings but are held back by the fear that they are alone and powerless; or who say that they wish something could be done to stop and reverse this whole disastrous course, but nothing will make a difference; or who hope that somehow the Democrats will do something to change this, when everyday it becomes more clear that they will not... All these people, who make up a very large part of the population of this country and whose basic sentiments are shared by the majority of people throughout the world...

Imagine if, from out of this huge reservoir of people, a great wave were unleashed, moving together on the same occasion, making, through their firm stand and their massive numbers, a powerful political statement that could not be ignored: refusing that day to work, or walking out from work, taking off from school or walking out of school — joining together, rallying and marching, drawing forward many more with them, and in many and varied forms of creative and meaningful political protest throughout the day, letting it be known that they are determined to bring this whole disastrous course to a halt by driving out the Bush Regime through the mobilization of massive political opposition.

If that were done, then the possibility of turning things around and onto a much more favorable direction would take on a whole new dimension of reality.

It would go from something only vaguely hoped for, by millions of isolated individuals, and acted on by thousands so far, to something that had undeniable moral force and unprecedented political impact.

There is a way to make this happen. There is a day, coming soon, on which people will be mobilizing to make this a reality. There is a vehicle and a means through which anguish, outrage and frustration can be transformed into truly meaningful, positive and powerful political mobilization.

On October 5, 2006, on the basis of the Call, The World Can't Wait—Drive Out the Bush Regime!, people throughout the country will be stepping forward in a day of mass resistance. The breadth, the depth, the impact and the power of that day depends not only on those in The World Can't Wait organization, and others, who are already organizing for this day — it depends on you, on us, on all those who have been hoping and searching for a means to do something that will really make a difference.

If we fail to act to make this a reality, then it will definitely make a difference — in a decidedly negative way. But if we do take up the challenge to build for this, and then do take history into our hands on that day, through political action on the massive scale that is called for — it can make all the difference in the world, in a very positive sense and for the possibility of a better future for humanity.

AS THE CALL, THE WORLD CAN'T WAIT—DRIVE OUT THE BUSH REGIME!, CONCLUDES:

“The point is this: history is full of examples where people who had right on their side fought against tremendous odds and were victorious. And it is also full of examples of people passively hoping to wait it out, only to get swallowed up by a horror beyond what they ever imagined. The future is unwritten. WHICH ONE WE GET IS UP TO US.” □



Students from San Fernando Valley in California join march for immigrants' rights, March 29, 2006.

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