

WE
WILL
WIN!

PROTEST CHANTS
FOR A BETTER WORLD



WHOSE OUR STREETS? STREETS!



chanting tips

making it sustainable

Chanting can be exhausting! To help keep your chanting sustainable:

1. Use call and response. It gives you and the crowd a chance to take a breath.
2. Rotate responsibility. Coordinate with your comrades so that when you need to drop and rest, someone else is ready to take your place.
3. Drink water! Water is vital to avoid quickly losing your voice. Make sure you or your group bring enough water to last the whole action. If you are masked up find someone to hide you while you quickly lower your mask to drink.
4. Change up your chants. After a couple minutes with the same chant, the crowd will get bored and drop out. Have a variety ready and don't be afraid to switch!

teaching the chant

Give the crowd a chance to learn the words and rhythm of your chant. Teach your comrades your chants before going to an action, and when you want to launch a new chant, coordinate with them so that you have an audience ready to demonstrate the response half of your chant.

using gender neutral language

Remember that trans people exist! Avoid chants like "Her body / Her choice" that erase trans bodies and associate body parts to specific genders. Consider whether your chants should avoid gendered pronouns and would be better if you substituted more neutral "they / them" pronouns.

avoiding appropriation

Consider the sources of your chants and whether they belong to specific movements. Avoid taking chants created and popularized by specific marginalized groups (like "Black Lives Matter!") and modifying them such that they lose their original subject matter.

drowning out bad chants

If you hear someone shouting ignorant, appropriative, or otherwise harmful chants, you have the power to change it! Coordinate with your comrades so that when you begin a new chant, you have a ready audience to complete it. If you start strong, the rest of the crowd will switch with you.

making use of megaphones

If you find you or your group attending actions often, it may be worth investing in a megaphone. Megaphones are powerful tool, with a lot opportunity to help, but it's also important to use them responsibly.

1. Don't drown out organizers. Know when to stop and be quiet.
2. Be careful where you point it! It can hurt to walk in front of a loud megaphone.
3. Consider loaning it out. If organizers or other participants have a message they need to share, you can help by letting them use your megaphone.
4. Megaphones are heavy! Consider investing in one with a shoulder strap.
5. Know your wattage. 20W-30W will boost your volume, but you will have trouble being heard over a crowd. Invest in 40W-50W if you need to be heard over a crowd for organizational purposes.
6. Don't kill the mood! Often, megaphone users become the sole voices responsible for the call half of chants. When you drop out to rest, coordinate with comrades to take over, or else you might kill built up energy and momentum.

having fun with it!

Especially if you're leading chants, the crowd can tell if you're passionate and if you're having fun. Don't be afraid to use your full voice and full body! The crowd will react to your energy, and the more into it you seem, the more of the crowd will participate and the louder they will be!

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Primer on Building Revolution as Needs-First Politics
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Need is a social category...the social and natural aspects of need cannot be separated from each other as secondary and primary, in order to erect a hierarchy of satisfactions. Hunger, conceived as a natural category, can be satisfied with locusts and mosquito cakes...The satisfaction of the concrete hunger...[of the proletariat] implies that they are able to eat something that does not disgust them, and between the disgust and its opposite the entire history is reflected. The same is the case with all needs.

-Theodor Adorno, "8 Theses on Need"

Revolution is often depicted as a result of large groups of individuals coming together in a sudden eruption of revolutionary violence; but in reality, revolutions are sustained by the organizations and communities that build networks of mutual support around a central concern: meeting human needs. By meeting each other's needs we are not only enacting a radical gesture of mutual love and care - we are also participating in a process of building the revolution. Under a society that is founded on the exploitation of need rather than their fulfilment, revolutionary strength is found in entering into conflict and struggle with the strength and trust of the community that meets our needs behind us.

The revolution aims to reorganize society in such a way that the ways of producing (food, medicine, education, housing, etc.) put human needs first. Capitalism is a society built on the exploitation of need, requiring people to return again and again to the labor market so that they do not starve. The revolution confronts capitalism as protesters do a police lineup: one side defends exploitation, and the other fights for those who have their needs exploited. And yet, it is the shared bond among the protesters themselves, their shared commitment to a revolutionary future, the possibility of a better world, that gives them strength. It is always a shared organizational bond, a real bond based in the mutual fulfilment of need, that exists in the background that makes revolution possible.

Just as Rosa Parks' act of civil disobedience was supported by an entire grassroots movement, seldom discussed in U.S. educational contexts, so individual protests, or at least the most successful ones, are sustained by the kind of organizing one does off the streets as much as one's tactics on the streets. It is important to build the revolution, not just to "show up" for it. A boycott is an act of democratic protest; a blockade, however, is an act of war. By building networks for the fulfilment of need, this builds the revolution because it is a "blockade from the inside," a kind of internal refusal to meet needs by way of a system that exploits such needs. As we organize in solidarity with each other, we become the revolutionary body that alone can rid us of this world that exists purely for the exploitation of the needs of the ordinary person and the fulfillment of every greedy desire of those in power. We have every right to demand an end to the intolerably dreary and violent means of meeting needs under capitalism, and to demand an incomparably brighter future in which needs will shine forth alongside genuine human value.

Let us come together and explode the future into being - a future whose process of arrival is the very same as its destination: the mutual meeting of all human needs, so that humanity can move beyond meeting needs and begin living, together!

**SAY IT LOUD
SAY IT CLEAR
REFUGEES ARE
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NO HATE!
NO FEAR!



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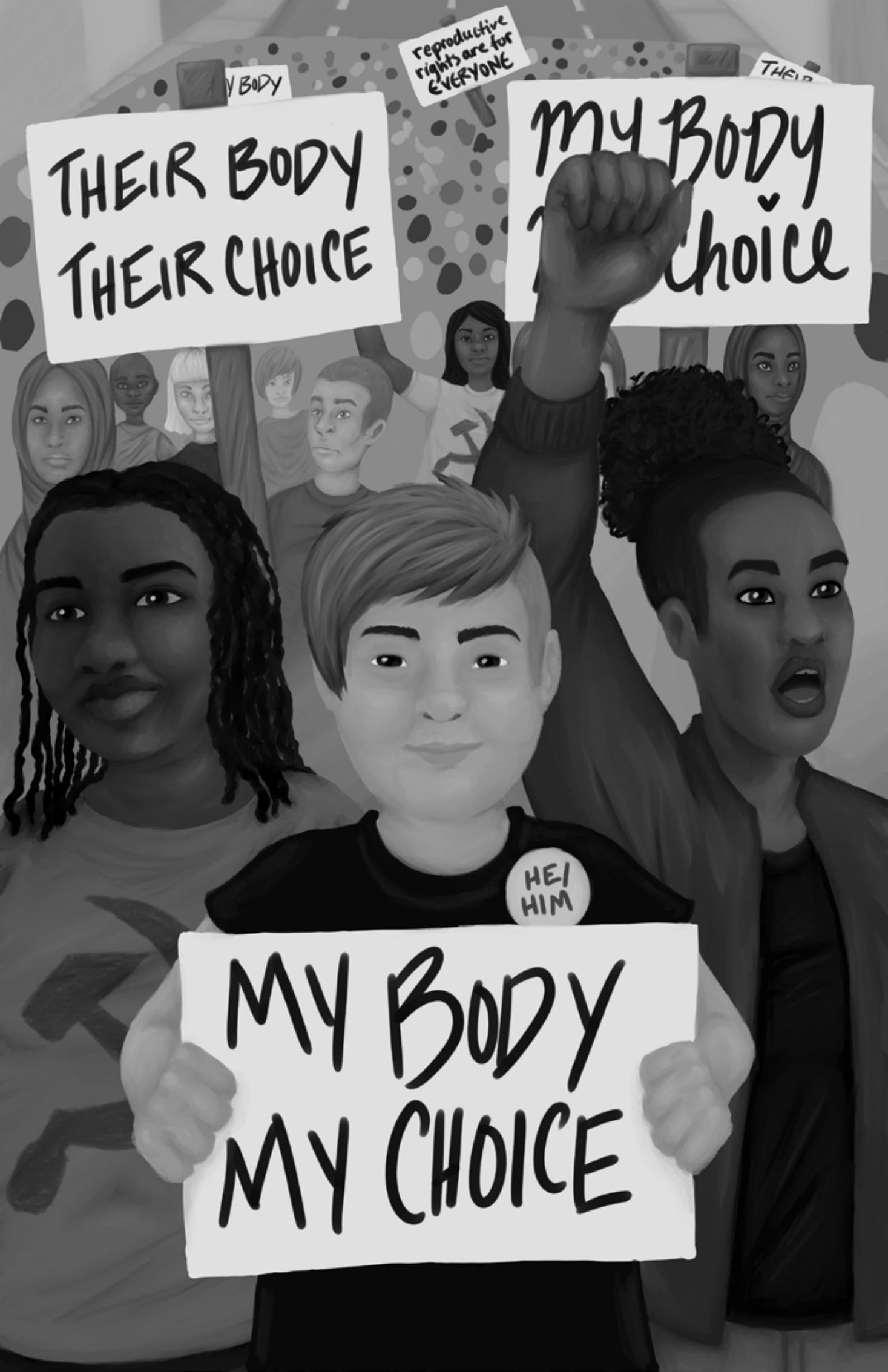


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rights are for
EVERYONE

THEIR BODY
THEIR CHOICE

my BODY
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WE'RE HERE! WE'RE QUEER!



WE WILL NOT LIVE IN FEAR!

Get your
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From
Palestine to
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Border Walls
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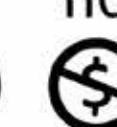


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