

## Against globalization

„We are here, because you destroy our countries“.  
This statement by refugees in resistance certainly rings true by the fact that capitalist exploitation and global domination stem from the very industrial nations in which we live. Maximizing profits knows no boundaries. These ends are supposed to justify any means. The veneer of humanitarian aid or liberating oppressed women is only used by those in power as an excuse for wars to ensure capitalist nations' access to the labor and resources of exploited countries.

We are in solidarity with those who are resisting exploitation and domination – with the women who are struggling for humane working conditions in the maquiladoras, with the farmers who are resisting the genetic patenting of their crops, with those who are fighting worldwide privatization of water resources, and with women everywhere who are resisting male violence. We call for international resistance !

**The world is not a product – against capitalist exploitation and war!**

**Resistance without borders !**

**The feminist days of resistance has been organized across the country by various feminists and feminist groups. We wish to express our anger and rage through a wide variety of actions.**

**All abled or disabled women, girls, lesbians and transgendered folks who want to build ties with each other and who are otherwise not visible and who want to fight the isolation together are invited.**

**Let's fight together for self-determination and an end to domination for all!**

**Come to Berlin and bring your enthusiasm and your many ideas!**

**Take part! Take action!**

This flyer is also available in other languages. There will live interpretation in several languages at the days of action also.

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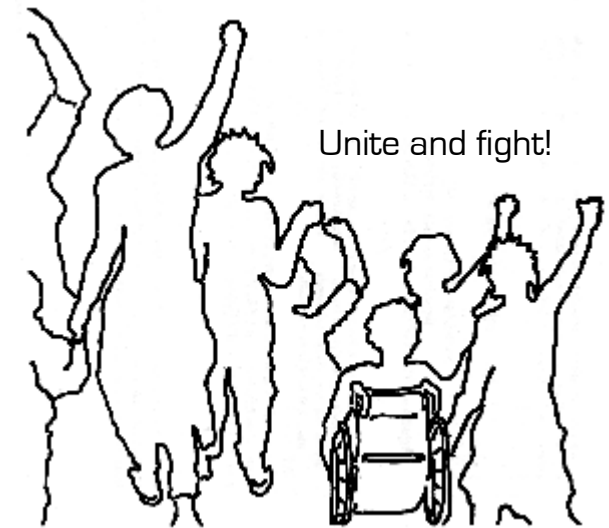
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**Feminist Days of Resistance: for self-determination and solidarity against misogynist violence, racism and social cutbacks**

**Berlin, September 9 - 12**

**We want to**

- **Bring to light the political and social dimensions of violence against women, girls, lesbians and transgendered people**
- **Thematicize and overcome the cynical racist status quo**
- **Discuss together, organize direct actions, laugh, struggle and develop perspectives**

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**weitere Unterstützerinnen im Internet: [www.feministischewiderstandstage.de](http://www.feministischewiderstandstage.de)**

## Why feminist days of action?

The current politics of the FGR means a massive worsening of living standards for women and girls. Isolation, impoverishment and lack of workplace security constitute the major consequences of these policies. World-wide, living conditions are worsening due to the proliferation of capitalist globalization and its strategy of maximizing profits. In all aspects of life, women bear the central burden of subjugation and control, marginalization and denial of human rights, degradation and direct violence, social cutbacks, exploitation and oppression.

Violence and oppression only function when they are considered the norm and stabilized by individual behavior.

### **According to UNICEF, violence against women is the most prevalent form of human rights abuse - the current policies ensure that it remains this way**

Starting in the 70's, women have increasingly broken taboos around male violence. The violence that was sequestered and hidden away in the domestic sphere was publically thematized and in turn politicized in the context of the women's movement. Demands were put on policymakers to take responsibility for this social problem. In times where there is supposedly a shortage of resources, necessary public services focused on specifically women's needs receive insufficient if not absolutely no financial support, many facilities no longer in existence and many more going under each year.

An example of this trend is encroachments on the autonomy of and cutting funds for women's shelters. Women who wish to get out of a violent situation now cannot choose which shelter they will go to. In the racist vein, migrants who possess only conditional residency papers will no longer have access to shelters at all.

**No closing of women's shelters!**

**For autonomous feminist projects !**

## Against patriarchy

Patriarchy lays the groundwork for this society. In patriarchy, women, girls, lesbians and transgendered people are affected by male violence, discrimination and exploitation on both a structural and an individual level.

We are confronted with gender role assignments daily and forced heterosexuality, since patriarchy is based on gender duality.

In this manner, the patriarchal order requires that every human being be assigned a gender role and they s/he identifies with same. If someone is born intersexed, that is, a person cannot be definitively assigned as boy or girl at birth, the newborn is operated on in order to fit into one category or the other. German transexual law defines trans-identified persons as sick and forces them to undergo extreme measures to obtain gender „uniqueness.“ Transsexuality is as multifaceted as transsexuals themselves. As long we hold dualistic assumptions in regards to gender, we must push for the protection of transsexuals under a radical shift in the current transexual laws toward self-determination.

**Abolish the patriarchal status quo!**

## Against racism

The nationalistic societal consensus is based on marginalizing people of other nationalities, skin colors and language as the „Other,“ as foreigners, or as asylants. This nationalistic consensus is what makes it possible for the majority of the population to support the criminalization of refugees and migrants in the form of asylum seekers' and foreigner laws. The new immigration laws entail, for instance, that refugees and migrants are sorted into categories of „desirable“ and „undesirable“ for the labor market. Moreover, asylum is primarily granted to women for reasons of sexualized violence, which still must be „verified“ first.

The rights of refugees and migrants are increasingly coming under the gun, and due to the residence laws, refugees still do not have freedom of movement

and live under degrading conditions in camps and departure centers. Finally, the practice of deportation is increasing in occurrence and severity.

Migrant projects and refugee initiatives that are defending themselves against further restrictions are experiencing financial cutbacks as well.

**Abolish all racist special laws!**

**All have a right to stay!**

## Against capitalist exploitation

Using the slogan „Agenda 2010,“ the federal government is carrying out its attacks on the „social welfare state.“ Maximizing profits and destroying social solidarity is the official order of business for those in power.

The „Hartz IV“ is one example of this, outlined in the following:

The planned fusion of unemployment assistance and general welfare assistance means an overall worsening of workplace and living conditions, increasing poverty and lack of job security. Who is „last hired, first fired“ depends on one's place in the social hierarchy, i.e. the first to go are the migrants, refugees and undocumented workers, then the regular citizens: and for the native-born, along the same lines: first the native-born women are fired, and last but not least, the native-born men.

During the course of our discussions at the feminist days of resistance, we want to prioritize the situation of women: already, women are the most affected by poverty. We often work without pay or with little pay. According to the Federal Statistics Bureau, the average income of women is only 75% of that of men. Therefore, every cutback, such as the planned destruction of the supplemental welfare assistance, has an especially severe impact on women.

Women, lesbians and girls with disabilities and chronic illnesses are feeling the harshest affects of this lack of solidarity in the context of so-called „health reforms.“

**Solidarity not divisions!**