



Young girls labor at a makeshift iron burner in Hyderabad, India, 2008. (AP photo)

The savage oppression of women is woven deeply into the fabric of all class societies, roping back into history and winding around the globe today, with the U.S. certainly no exception. No sooner is a girl born anywhere in the world than she is ensnared in a suffocating web of “you’re not capable of doing that” and life-sapping degradation—being told that her only purpose in life is to give birth to and raise a child and to subordinate herself to “my man”; or being forced into prostitution, maybe as part of the international sex-slave trade, in order to survive; or being physically beaten or raped, here in the U.S. or by “our valorous soldiers” in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the U.S., Dr. George Tiller, one of the most courageous abortion doctors in the country, was assassinated in May. And the “debate” around the health care bill in Congress has included as a central feature a move to deprive women of health care that covers abortion if they receive any form of government stipend or tax break. Taken together, these events represent an escalation in legal and extra-legal assault on women’s right to abortion beyond anything under the Bush regime.

All this, and so much more coming down on women everywhere, is criminal, intolerable and cries out for revolution, so that half of humanity can be liberated and can participate fully in all aspects of society.



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Women have been in the forefront of the uprising against the Islamic Republic of Iran regime. Above, protest in Tehran, June 2009.