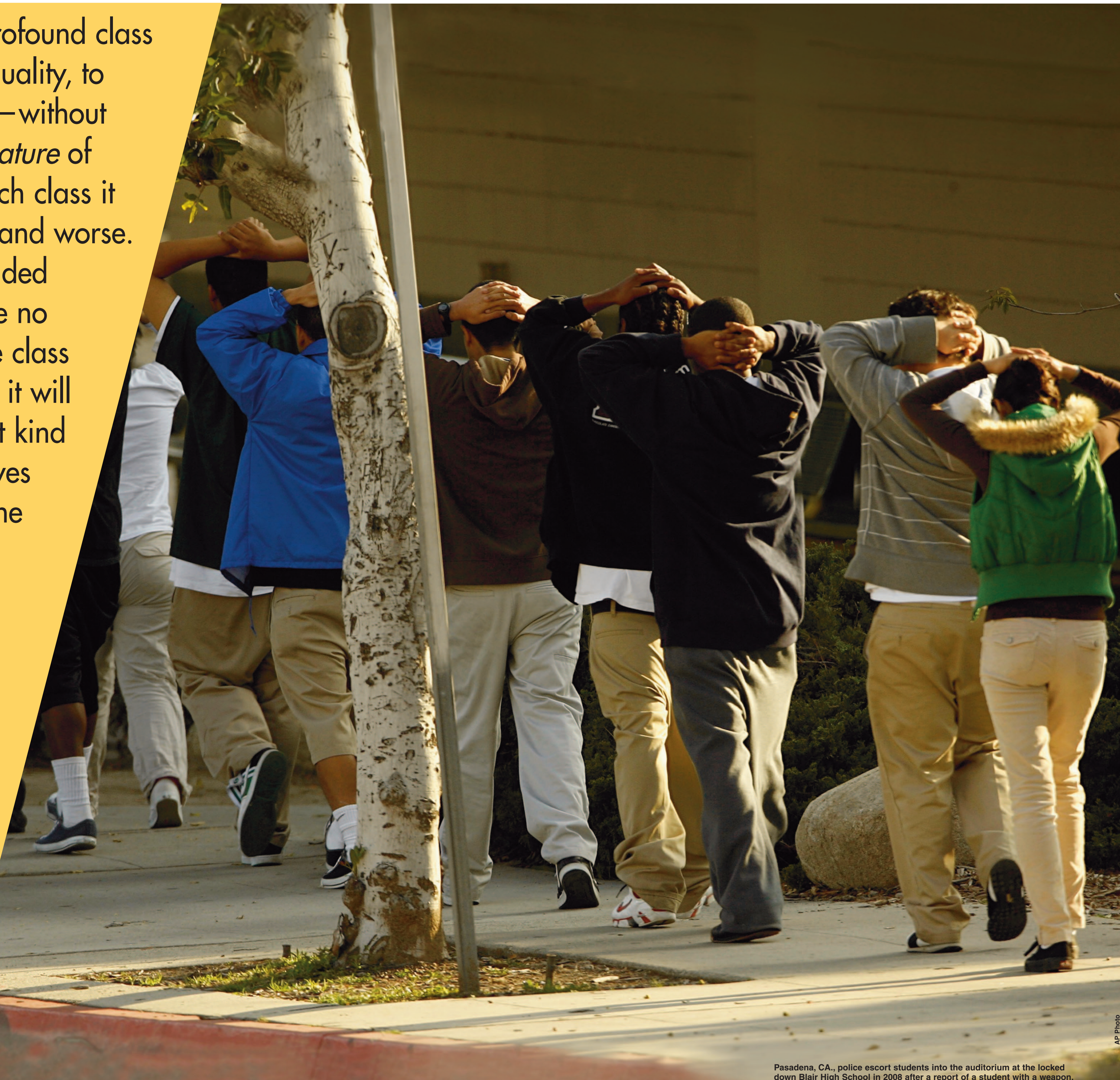


In a world marked by profound class divisions and social inequality, to talk about “democracy” — without talking about the *class nature* of that democracy and which class it serves — is meaningless, and worse. So long as society is divided into classes, there can be no “democracy for all”: one class or another will rule, and it will uphold and promote that kind of democracy which serves its interests and goals. The question is: *which class* will rule and whether its rule, and its system of democracy, will serve the *continuation*, or the *eventual abolition*, of class divisions and the corresponding relations of exploitation, oppression and inequality.

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Pasadena, CA., police escort students into the auditorium at the locked down Blair High School in 2008 after a report of a student with a weapon.