

The endless war on all fronts continues at home and abroad, but so does the resistance. Here are two recent examples:

Anti-ICE protesters shut down Hartford block for more than an hour

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HARTFORD -With chants, peace songs and call-and-response shouts, 400 anti-ICE protesters, most wearing white, closed down a one-block section of Main Street in Hartford Wednesday, directly in front of the federal courthouse where agents take detained immigrants from around the state.

The highly organized protest blocked off the main thoroughfare for one hour and five minutes starting at 4:25 p.m. For a while, the protesters sat down in the middle of the street as organizers of the event - an umbrella group called Hands Off! Hartford - performed a skit depicting federal agents removing immigrants. About a dozen officers from the Hartford Police Department stood a block away, waiting for the protesters to end the action.

Both police and organizers said the protest was not sanctioned by the city and police did not know about it in advance.

Protesters held up signs showing the names of immigrants detained by ICE, many of whose whereabouts remain unknown. That is the case, for example, with an immigrant who was detained a few blocks away two weeks ago at the state courthouse on Lafayette Street.

Organizers and the crowd told the story of brutality by ICE, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, with call-and-response exercises.

"It is here that the violent deportation machine in Connecticut is most active," a leader shouted into a bullhorn on the sidewalk directly in front of the Abraham A. Ribicoff U.S. Court House.

"Over 1,100 people in Connecticut have been kidnapped."

The crowd repeated those exact words.

"Our friends and neighbors have been kidnapped."

"From all corners of the state."

Protesters, many of them active as organizers in the movement to monitor and oppose ICE actions, said they fear rising activity by federal agents and their contractors such as what happened in Minneapolis and what is happening now in New Jersey, where allegedly poor conditions at a detention facility in Newark have led to hunger strikes by detainees and clashes between protesters and police.

(Full article: <https://www.ctinsider.com/news/article/hartford-anti-ice-immigration-main-street-blocked->)

Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6: In New Haven, Hartford, Manchester and other towns in Connecticut and throughout the region, the De-ICE Citizens Bank Coalition held protests at Citizens Bank branches to demand that the bank sever its financial ties with The Geo Group and CoreCivic, two of the country's largest private prison companies and the leading operators of for-profit ICE detention centers. In addition to lack of adequate medical and mental health care, unsafe food and drinking water, and multiple, repeated human rights and safety violations at the facilities themselves, detainees are being denied due process. Thus, organizers point out, Citizens Bank is participating in illegal and unconstitutional actions by financing these two companies.

In New Haven, "roughly two dozen protesters stood on the sidewalk on the east and west sides of the Church Street-Crown Street intersection and waved signs reading 'Citizens Bank Stop Financing ICE Prisons' and sang (to the tune of 'When the Saints Go Marching In'), 'We're going to love and protect our neighbors, abolish ICE right now, right now.'" *(For fuller descriptions of the New Haven protest, see <https://www.newhavenindependent.org/2026/06/05/anti-ice-protest-targets-citizens-bank/> and <https://www.wtnh.com/video/advocates-in-new-haven-protest-banks-ties-to-ice/11858681/>)*

Silence is not an option!

Resist this endless war. Resist fascism now (before it's too late.)

New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice: June 7, 2026

<https://newhavensundayvigil.org>