

Shut Down Ann Coulter! No Platform for White Supremacists!

Defend Immigrant Students and Berkeley as a Sanctuary Campus!
Build Community Defense Guards to Stop Racist Attacks and ICE Terror!
Make Eshleman Hall a Sanctuary for Immigrants!
Defend DACA! Trump Must Go By Any Means Necessary!
DACA Must Stay, Trump Must Go!

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 20th - 7:00PM Wheeler Hall

Wear a plain black t-shirt, blue or black jeans, and a plain blue/black baseball cap to show solidarity and ensure safety for protesters on our side. Bring a bandana to cover your face in case the police try to use teargas. Be on the look out for Alt-Right/neo-Nazi supporters that show up early to threaten, harass, and assault student protesters. Ann Coulter's appearance poses a direct threat to students and the campus community. If Coulter is allowed to speak, these fascist sympathizers will feel emboldened to openly attack and terrorize immigrant, black, Latina/o, Muslim, women, and transgender students. We need to send a message that this racist vitriol is NOT welcome here.

It's time for the Bay Area community to come out once again to prevent racist terror and show the nation what it means to be a real sanctuary and defend immigrant students by shutting down Ann Coulter. At this moment, Donald Trump's racist government faces its biggest challenge as the public impeachment proceedings make it look weaker by the day. At the same time, Trump is still getting away with many of his most vicious and dangerous policies. DACA is hanging by a thread, thousands of immigrant children are being held in dangerous, unhealthy, and traumatic detention, and Trump's foreign policy builds up the political and military threat of Putin's Russian and other right-wing dictatorships and encourages attacks on basic human rights around the world. At this very time, UC-Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ rolls out the carpet, yet again, for one of the most vicious and dangerous racist elements among Trump's supporters, to encourage the intimidation and terrorizing of immigrant students and the Latina/o and minority population generally on the campus and throughout the Bay Area community.

Ann Coulter's public appearances are not a matter of mere demagogic words. After the public events of racist extremists like Coulter, the communities to which they have issued their calls to racist attacks have experienced real increases in hate crimes and overall hostile environments for immigrants and minorities. Anne Coulter's appearance at UC-Berkeley presents an imminent, physical threat to the students and faculty of UC-Berkeley, especially

immigrants, other minority, Muslim, Jewish, trans, and women students—all regular targets of Coulter's vile attacks. Its only purpose is to bring dangerous Alt-Right and white supremacists to the campus to terrorize immigrant, Latina/o, and Muslim students. We must once again come out in mass numbers to shut down racist bigots and protect our campus and our communities from the hostile environment and violence their demagogy always encourages.

Ann Coulter is a racist ideologue and a favorite of the white supremacists in the Trump movement, a regular extremist commentator on Fox News and writer on far right-wing and white supremacist websites and other media outlets. She boasts that her work has shaped the most draconian anti-immigrant policies of the Trump administration and has inspired a white-nationalist and/or Alt-Right (neo-fascist) movement based on racism and xenophobia. Coulter has built a reputation as an anti-immigrant bigot helping to even shape some of Trump's most extreme campaign slogans, with vile statements like "In Nigeria, everyone is a criminal" or "Before breathing a sigh of relief that, unlike Western Europe, we don't have Muslim rapists pouring into our country, recall that we have Mexican rapists pouring into our country."

Coulter is no mere talker. She has openly made calls for shooting immigrants seeking asylum at the border, has called immigrant babies in cages "crisis actors," and has declared that Jews would be "perfected" by becoming Christians. Coulter is a longtime advocate for building and militarizing the border wall and the elimination of programs like DACA for young immigrants whom she calls "criminals." In her opinion piece in Tucker Carlson's *Daily Caller* on August 15, 2019 titled "The El Paso Shooter Learned from Immigrants," Coulter blames immigrants for the white supremacist El Paso massacre.

Ann Coulter will undoubtedly attack DACA. DACA students at Berkeley and all over the nation will be her primary target at this time. Her now defeated racist-demagogue friend Milo Yiannopoulos threatened to out the names of undocumented students on campus, and was only prevented from doing so by mass mobilization on campus that shut him down in a spectacular fashion multiple times and ended his pathetic career. We must take mass, militant direct action again for the safety of the DACA and immigrant students on campus and in the Bay Area community.

Coulter is so grossly racist that she has become a critic of Trump from the right, criticizing him for not being tough enough on immigration. Coulter also defends Stephen Miller, the mastermind behind Trump's racist anti-immigrant policies who was most recently outed by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) as having extensive ties to various white nationalist and white supremacist websites and organizations. Coulter has declared that Miller is her "favorite human being," and she called on Trump to make Miller his vice presidential running mate in the 2020 elections. Coulter has defended Miller even after the recent revelations that have exposed the scandal of Miller's white-suupremacist ties and after growing calls for his resignation.

Coulter's event at Berkeley is titled after her 2015 book "Adios America" which, according to the SPLC, "contains citations from a number of extremists, including Brimelow, Robert Spencer and Fjordman, a Norwegian anti-Muslim blogger known for inspiring Anders Breivik, who murdered 77 of his countrymen who he thought were enabling Muslim immigration into his country."

Coulter is the type of racist demagogue that provides the gateway for white supremacists to crawl out of their holes and onto our streets and college campuses to spout their racist hate and encourage violence against immigrants, minorities, LGBTQ, Muslim, women, students and community members. In other words, Coulter is one of the on-the-ground active forces promoting the welldocumented increase in hate crimes under the Trump presidency. Coulter's appearance is not an event that any college campus should condone—it threatens the safety and well-being of the students and faculty, and threatens the academic mission to promote learning and leadership. Latina/o, black, and other minority students face the problem of a hostile environment at UC-Berkeley. Coulter's appearance is certain to make that hostile environment more hostile. The racist confrontations that Coulter will be encouraging at UC will not be confined to the time and place of the event; hate crimes will escalate, and innocent people will suffer verbal and physical abuses. We must defend Berkeley's progressive tradition against the threat of racist violence that follows every event where racist ideologues are given a platform to attract white supremacists. Our stand must be clear: no white supremacists at UC-Berkeley.

Berkeley has a proud history in the era of Trump of shutting down racist attacks and setting an example and an inspiration for cities all over the nation showing what it means to be a real sanctuary community. The movement has already prevented Coulter from coming to campus, not just once, but twice. We can do it again. Shutting down Ann Coulter is not just a rejection of her racist ideology and preventing the growth of fascism in America. For the

movement in the Bay Area to shut down one of the most vicious racist ideologues in the nation and prevent white supremacists from having a platform to congregate and organize violence against our communities, we will strengthen our community as a sanctuary and bring us closer to once and for all getting rid of Donald Trump.

What the nation most desperately needs at this moment is an assertion through action of the true sentiments of the majority of people in this nation and the world. We are closer than ever to ending the nightmare of Trump's presidency. Mass struggle in the streets is the last push needed to tip him over the edge. By now we know too well the failures of the movement when we rely on politicians and so called "community leaders" alone. Trump has been President for 3 years too long because of the weaknesses and unwillingness of the Democratic Party to fight. We have to take matters into our own hands.

The Berkeley College Republicans are attacking the interests of the campus community and should cancel this event. Chancellor Carol Christ is enabling white supremacist violence by telling students that the best thing we should do with Ann Coulter is to "turn our backs on her," to ignore her. How stupid and utterly dangerous! That is only a guaranteed method for our enemies to march right up to our backsides and knock us over the head. This ostrich mentality of sticking our head in the ground while danger grows unchallenged around us to the point of threatening our very lives, has been the method of the Democratic Party and the liberals who follow them blindly. This is a defeatist method that cannot provide any solutions to the ongoing crises of the world, because this method leaves us incapable of doing what is necessary to protect our communities and change the world. History has already shown only all too clearly the tragic danger of the Chancellor's "do nothing about it" approach. Through the rise of Hitler, the German liberals followed precisely this "ostrich sticking its head in the sand" period. The result was the Holocaust. Thankfully, we are neither ostriches nor Chancellor Christ. We know how to take collective mass action to confront the threats of our enemies head-on to protect our communities.

At a time when the movement is returning to the streets with high school walkouts and mass protests to defend DACA and to support Trump's impeachment, forcing even a number of leading Republicans to distance themselves from Trump, the UC-Berkeley Republicans are supporting not only Trump's attacks on immigrants but attempting to strengthen the most violent, racist and reactionary forces of the Trump movement to prevent his impeachment. If Coulter is given a platform by UC-Berkeley, Chancellor Carol Christ and her administration will be directly responsible for aiding and allowing a bigoted and racist attacker to endanger students at UC-Berkeley. The only force capable of preventing the resurfacing of a fascist movement in defense of Trump in America is our independent mass civil rights/immigrant rights movement.

As long as Donald Trump is President, the Alt-Right and fascists will be emboldened and continue to organize and make attacks. The Resistance movement against Trump can force Trump to resign or be removed, if we continue to organize independently and fight in the streets, our schools, and workplaces NOW. In the context of the mass movement against Trump, we have even seen the rebirth of the willingness of the American organized labor movement to strike in defense of workers. Taking matters into our own hands, mobilizing our own community defense, we have the power to stop racist and fascist attacks now and to force Trump out of office. Join BAMN to organize, fight, and win.

BAMN meets Mondays at 7pm at Dwinelle Hall, Rm. 130