



Current Affairs

RIGHT TO PROTEST: UK'S NEW POLICING BILL IS A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

BY ISABELLE WALKER

The ability to protest is a fundamental human right, and an essential component of democracy. There have been many protests across Europe and the world that have changed the course of history, from the storming of the Bastille in 1789, seen as the symbol of the French Revolution, to the Black Lives Matter protests in Summer 2020 as a result of the murder of George Floyd. However under the recent announcement of an anti-protest bill in the UK, the right to protest has come under threat.

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THE RIGHT TO PROTEST IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF DEMOCRACY - AND AS A SOCIETY WE SHOULD NOT BE SILENCED FOR SPEAKING UP FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN.



Kill the Bill protesters on Westminster Bridge
Credit: Isabelle Walker



DOMESTIC ABUSE BILL LACKS PROTECTION FOR MIGRANT WOMEN

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**AT HOME
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MEAN** 
AT RISK

BY AARON GATES-LINCOLN

After years of development and turmoil, the Domestic Abuse Bill returned to the House of Lords in the UK on the 8th March 2021 to complete its report stage, one of the final stages before being enshrined in law.

The Bill is expected to completely transform the effectiveness of current responses to domestic abuse among a variety of services. Its main features include placing safe accommodation service funding on a statutory footing and outlawing threats of non-fatal strangulation, post-separation abuse and sharing intimate images. It also intends to ban the direct cross-examination of survivors by their abusers in court and will importantly give the first ever legal definition of domestic abuse.

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Interviews

ANDREÏ VAITOVICH: “JOURNALISM HAS BECOME A CRIME IN BELARUS”

BY ANDREÏ VAITOVICH, THÉO BOUCART, TRANSLATED BY JUUSO JÄRVINIEMI

Ahead of the “Democracy Under Pressure” campaign week organised by the Young European Federalists (JEF), our magazine is giving the floor to citizens who are taking action against violations of fundamental rights in their countries. Andreï Vaitovich, a French-Belarusian journalist who has covered the large-scale demonstrations that his country of origin has seen for more than six months, agreed to give an interview to our French edition Le Taurillon.

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Image text: “interview of the month!” the French-Belarusian Andreï Vaitovich has been covering political events in his country of origin since the beginning of the upheavals
Andreï Vaitovich / Le Taurillon

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BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY





Europe in the World

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT NAVALNY

BY SONJA AFANASJEVA

Alexei Navalny began his official political career the same year Vladimir Putin was first elected President. 20 years later, Alexei Navalny is known both in Russia and abroad as the most vocal Kremlin-critic. Today, he is the face of the fight against corruption and, by extension, of the fight against Vladimir Putin and his crony allies.

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