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In this age of globalization, when the capitalists and imperial oligarchs destroy all borders to amass power and wealth, they create a world without borders, and this allows them to mercilessly manipulate people everywhere and to invade all private spheres.

Now, we are experiencing a new colonialism and deeper exploitation than ever before on the planet. It affects us all – blacks and whites, natives and immigrants, Muslims, Hindus, and Christians, women and men, old and young.

And, alongside this new hegemony, there are other transnational forces. Doctors, lawyers, artists, librarians, sisters, writers, mothers, reporters, engineers, and now ‘Sociologists without Borders’. These all are reflective movements to crash/ break the monopolistic invasion of the masters of globalization. Sociologists without Borders (SSF), accompanied by other ‘*sin fronteras*’, must criticize the consequences of the domination of capital and power. They must ask:

- Which societies are under neo-colonial domination?
- Which groups and minorities (ethnic, religious, racial, gender, labour . . .) are oppressed, segregated, and discriminated against?
- Which workers and classes are at risk of poverty, malnutrition, and exploitation?
- Which socio-cultural institutions, non-governmental organizations and communities are at risk of manipulation?

Without Borders, *sin fronteras* (all these movements), have just one border which is *Human Rights*. If all the capitalists and their political agents in the world, as a Super Power, are advancing imperialism, fundamentalism,

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totalitarianism, monopoly and the concentration of wealth and power, and have converged against the people, we the sociologists, hand in hand with other social activists, come together to defend human rights. Sociology is a scientific discipline, but, like all other disciplines, it has the obligation and responsibility to promote social security around the world.

- We sociologists possess and defend our own academic freedom, and we must also defend the freedom of all people.
- Knowing that freedom and human rights go hand in hand, we have the obligation to defend the human rights of all people.

WE THE PEOPLE depend on sociologists to show and publicize our problems because we are being denied our fundamental human rights.

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