

# THOUSANDS ATTEND FRESNO'S NO KINGS PROTEST

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Fresno took part in the nationwide No Kings protests on March 28 as millions across different U.S. cities rallied against the current government and their policies.

Thousands gathered in the midday heat of Fresno's River Park, lining the sidewalks of both the north and south sides of Blackstone, from Nees Ave. down to Alluvial Ave. The protest was non-violent, as were most of the protests around the country.

Countless signs waved towards the cars passing by, some with criticisms of President Trump's presidency, some with calls to action and others with pleas for peace.

These protests began in response to many of Trump's policies, and as the name suggests, are a push back against what many feel is an encroachment upon American democracy, by an increasingly monarchal or oligarchal regime.

The constant sound of car horns honking in solidarity with the protestors was heard over cheers, cries and music all throughout the streets during the protest, which lasted from 10 a.m. to noon.

Among the most widely mentioned issues were the war in Iran, ICE's detainment of immigrants, the Epstein Files and the U.S. backed genocide of Palestinians.

This was the third No Kings protest held nationwide. The first two were held June 14 and Oct. 18 of 2025 and were hosted by thousands of cities and towns, garnering crowds of 5 and 7 million people, respectively. This round of collective protests were held in even more places and is believed to have had even larger crowds than the first two, with all 50 states having events.

The crowd was diverse and contained all types of people.

Among the crowd were members of the

Fresno Resistance, who danced around the sidewalk carrying a speaker playing cumbia. One member, Alfred Aldrete, spoke of the continuously growing number of people who are unhappy with the Trump presidency.

"Today is a gathering of people all across the nation that are standing in solidarity with people that are fed up with this regime and what's going on all across the United States," Aldrete said.

He also spoke on the way people in Fresno are affected and how there's concern for people in the community, saying, "The marginalized communities are always affected by the decisions of the rich. For instance, people that were immediately affected were people whose document status is in question or are working on becoming citizens here, those were the first people affected."

Trump's deployment of immigration officers and border patrol has been a widely criticized topic, and has sparked outrage throughout the country after many cases of cruel treatment, unlawful detainment of U.S. citizens and immigrants and several deaths at the hands of officers. Videos and reports of these incidents have been widely shared through social media, creating even more protests separate from the No Kings protests.

These detainments and deportations have caused fear within immigrant communities, making even daily tasks a dangerous mission.

Different protestors spoke out about this issue, sharing stories of family and community members who fear being separated from their families.

"Coming from immigrant parents, I'm first generation here," protestor Gloria Aguirre said. "So my mom can't go to the

grocery store without the fear of thinking, 'What if ICE is there?' I mean she's got a green card and she's here legally, but that doesn't matter anymore. I have that fear that one day I'm going to get that call from someone saying that my mom was taken. My heart breaks for my culture and not being able to show it and this is how we can."



Protesters holding signs expressing hope for change during the No Kings protest by River Park on March 28. Photo by Kenneth Fulton.



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## FINALS WEEK MEETS WORLD STRESS

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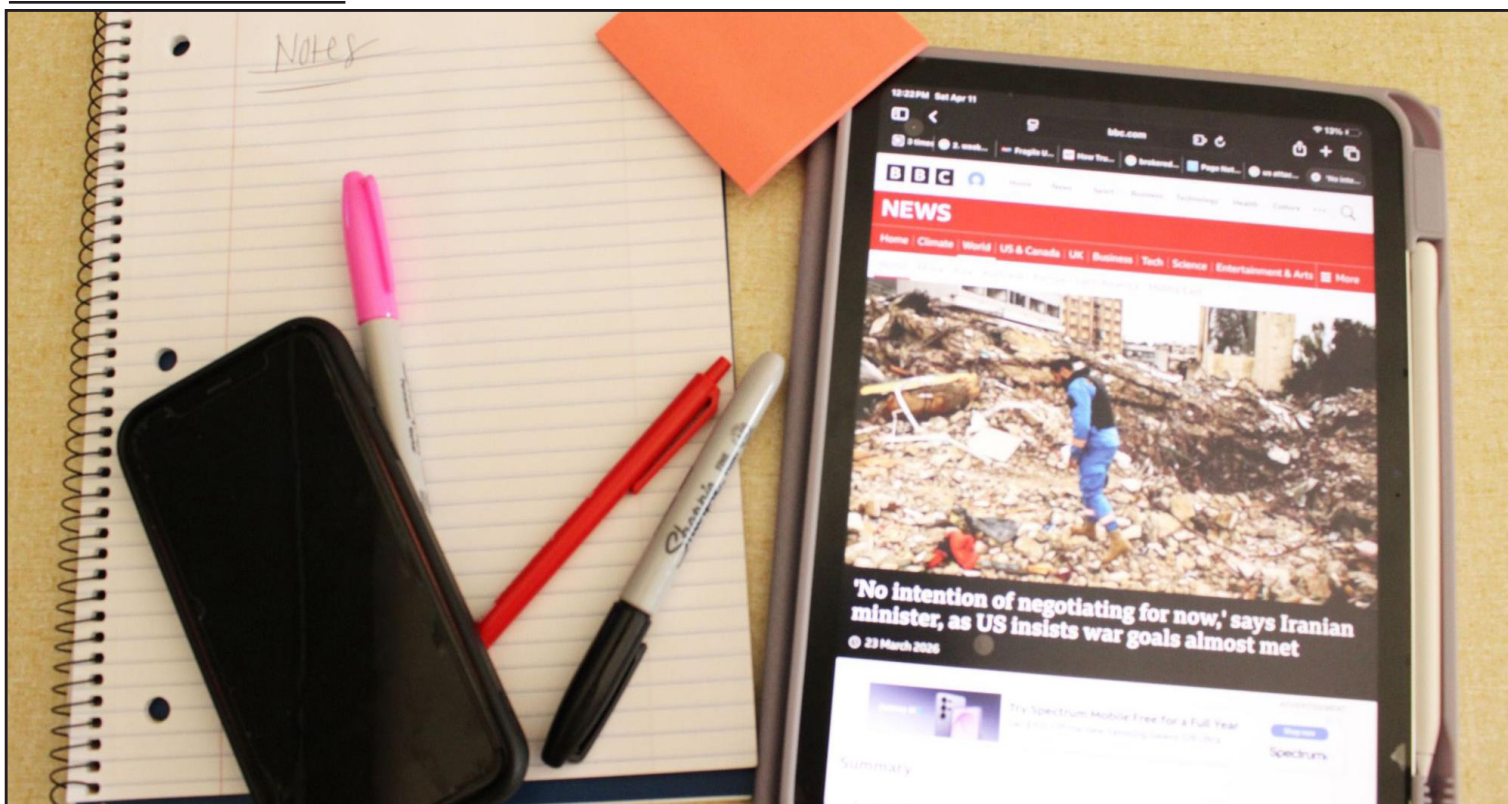


Photo of a study setup with a phone, notes and an ipad displaying world news taken on April 11. Photo by Miley Araujo.

As finals season approaches, college students aren't just battling an academic challenge. Constant world news and global crises adds emotional stress to college students' mental health.

Between study sessions, phone addiction causes students to instantly reach to check their phones, turning it into hours of doomscrolling and less focus on their finals.

Stanford Law School's newspaper (SLS Blogs) wrote about the concerns of social media addiction for the younger generation, causing a growing mental health crisis.

While wandering on social media, students fall into the addiction of the algorithm the media puts on their feed, only to be met with a constant load of information around the world.

This cycle creates a different level of stress combined with typical everyday news and personal stress.

With the reminders about friends, global news and assignments, students find it hard to balance with what they're already dealing with.

With what's going on about ICE, the war with Iran and finals, it's a lot to take in for students.

Ongoing conflicts contribute to rising gas prices, increased costs of living and economic growth. It affects lives everyday.

It all comes from larger global issues like the attacks on Iran and war with the US and Israel that's still going on. It disrupts economies, leading to higher prices in gas and housing, making it harder for college students to maintain focus on school.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

**April 11** Mena Film Festival 1:30 - 9 p.m. (OAB Auditorium)

**April 14** National University Student Outreach 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. (University Mall)

**April 14** ASG Meeting 3 p.m.- 5 p.m. (Senate Chambers)

**April 14** Human Trafficking - A Talk by Jessica Pittman From The Central Valley Justice Coalition 6 p.m.-8 p.m.- (Location TBA)

**April 15** Wellness Wednesday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (College Mall)

**April 15** FLYP & Fresno City College Student Mixer 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. (OAB 251)

**April 16** Transfer Thursday 8:30 a.m. -12 p.m. (West Fresno Campus)

**April 16** 2026 Spring Job Fair 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Various Classrooms around campus)

**April 16** Club Rush 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**April 16** Affirming Medical & Mental Health Care 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (OAB 139)

**April 16** UC Santa Cruz Student Outreach 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Transfer Center)

**April 16** ICC Meeting 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. (Senate Chambers)

**April 16** City Dance Sneak Peak Spring 2026 Fundraiser 7:30pm (Theater)

**April 17** 6th Annual Rising Scholar Symposium 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (OAB Auditorium)

**April 17** Spring Student Music Recital 12 p.m. (OAB Auditorium)

**April 17** City Dance Spring 2026 Concert 7:30 p.m. (Theater)

**April 18** City Dance Spring 2026 Concert 7:30 p.m. (Theater)

**April 19** City Dance Spring 2026 Concert 2 p.m. (Theater)

**April 20** Fresno State University In Person Appointments 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Transfer Center)

**April 20** NAISA Earth Day: When Earth Speaks 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Yokuts Plaza)

**April 20** Serving Success 11 am - 2 pm (West Fresno Center-Academic Building Room: Multi Purpose - A127)

**April 20** California Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Information Session 1 pm - 2 pm (SO-110)

**April 20** 41st Annual Brass Bash 7:30 pm (Theatre)

**April 21 - 25** Spring Vendor Fair 12 p.m.

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