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## Stop the raids and deportations NOW!



Hundreds of Clevelanders, mostly youth, rallied and marched through the city's Near West Side neighborhood on Jan. 25, voicing their outrage at the program of President Donald Trump. Chants, signs and speakers addressed the multitude of issues facing workers and oppressed people, from the latest attacks on immigrants, people of color and trans people to gentrification and the ongoing U.S.-armed Israeli genocide in Palestine. About two dozen progressive, campus and community organizations came together to build the demonstration.

– Report and photo by Martha Grevatt

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Organized by the Philadelphia Palestine Coalition, on Jan. 25, over 100 people participated in a march to celebrate the Palestinian resistance. Withstanding 15 months of genocidal U.S./Israeli violence, Hamas and other people's forces came out of it still determined to fight on until liberation. This is an example of determination and unity to all the world's people struggling against imperialism.

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# Palestinian Resistance shows the way with unity, solidarity

**WW COMMENTARY**

By Monica Moorehead

Once the second ceasefire between Israel and Hamas was formally agreed to on Jan. 16, the first hostage exchange for the first phase of the agreement began on Jan. 19. Three Israeli women were freed, and 90 Palestinian hostages, most of them women and youth held in Zionist torture dungeons for months, even years, were released in the West Bank. These exchanges were shown in real time on social media for the whole world to see.

And what the world saw was a shocking reality: how well treated the Israeli hostages were by Hamas in contrast to the horrific treatment the Palestinian hostages endured at the hands of the Zionist jailers.

Palestinian hostages had visibly lost a considerable amount of weight due to starvation and malnutrition, suffered mental degradation, horrendous beatings resulting in untreated broken bones, torture, rape and humiliation.

Many of the detainees were randomly kidnapped by the occupation and held under “administrative detention” with no charges since Oct. 7, 2023. And once they were allowed to go home, the occupiers threatened them with being rearrested if there was any display of open celebration by family members and friends for their return.

The second round of hostage exchanges took place on Jan. 25 when four Zionist women soldiers, dressed in their fatigues, were released during a rally-type atmosphere in Gaza as they were escorted to the stage by Hamas fighters while waving to thousands of cheering Gazans. One can only imagine how the Israeli officials reacted viewing smiling Zionist soldiers waving to a population that they were trained to commit genocide against.

The four soldiers made the following statement in Arabic on social media as they were leaving: “Peace be upon you, hello. Thank you to the Qassam Brigades for treating us well. Thank you for the food, water and clothes. Thank you for the men who would protect and look after us during the bombing. I hope this is a happy day for you, the best day.” The bombing they were referring to was by the Zionists who killed a number of the hostages, including three who attempted to escape from their captivity.



The treatment of Zionist hostages and stripped Palestinian detainees is as different as night and day.

On the same day, 200 Palestinian prisoners were released in the second group in the first phase of the ceasefire. These included 120 serving life sentences: 81 from Hamas; 23 from Islamic Jihad; 13 from Fatah; two from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine; one from the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine; and 79 more with even longer life sentences. Some prisoners have been incarcerated for decades, such as Mohammed Al-Tous from Bethlehem and Raed Al-Saadi from Jenin, who have spent 40 years and 36 years, respectively, in the occupation’s prisons.

All told, 33 Israeli hostages and 1,900 Palestinian hostages are scheduled to be released during the first phase if the ceasefire holds up.

## Israelis continue to violate the ceasefire

Another major point agreed on under the ceasefire is the right of thousands of displaced Palestinians in central Gaza to return to their destroyed homes in northern Gaza and to allow in hundreds of trucks of humanitarian aid, long delayed due to genocide. Instead and in violation of this, occupation troops can be seen on social media firing live ammunition at unarmed people attempting to go home, especially in Gaza’s Netzarim Corridor.

In the early days of the ceasefire, Israeli troops also carried out murderous assaults on the occupied West Bank where dozens of

Palestinian men were falsely detained and residents were killed by airstrikes and bullets, including the fatal shooting of a two-year-old in the head in Jenin.

Hamas has denounced the Israelis for the disruption in the enforcement of the ceasefire deal, including preventing the right to return from the south to north Gaza.

The main objective of the heroic Al-Aqsa Flood on Oct. 7, 2023, was to bring attention to the plight of thousands of Palestinian detainees and to gain the freedom of as many of them as possible. That began with the first ceasefire agreement in November 2023.

The fact that Hamas negotiated for the release of not only their members but members of other Palestinian factions regardless of ideological differences speaks volumes about the unity and solidarity needed to resist, demoralize and eventually defeat a terrorist regime — one armed with the most technically advanced weaponry by U.S. imperialism.

Donald Trump lifted the ban on 2,000-pound bombs being sent to Israel that Joe Biden imposed before leaving office. Trump shares the same vision as Benjamin Netanyahu to deport as many Palestinians as possible to other countries, similar to the illegal deportations of migrants in the U.S.

It is incumbent upon the pro-Palestine movement inside the U.S. to do everything possible to stop any more military aid being sent to Israel by the U.S. government to escalate the genocide in Gaza. □

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# Will U.S. troops refuse to brutalize migrants?

**WORKERS WORLD**   
*editorial*

The billionaires' new administration in Washington is putting its violent and reactionary anti-migrant program into effect. Its enforcement relies on shock and awe. On force. It relies on obedience. In the end, it counts on the U.S. Armed Forces. But will all troops follow their orders, including illegal orders?

Workers World raises this question, because there is increased evidence that within the U.S. military, some of the troops are thinking for themselves. It shows first among military veterans. The U.S.-armed genocide in Gaza – together with the courageous Palestinian resistance – has spurred this opposition. Aaron Bushnell's self-immolation in Washington last year sent a wake-up call, and veterans and troops have woken up with a start.

The 1,500 U.S. troops already sent to the Mexican border follow social media as much as the rest of the people. They have seen the Israeli war crimes. They've seen charges brought against Israeli leaders. They've seen Israeli reservists refuse to report to duty. And the U.S. troops know that Washington has been supplying arms to Israel for the genocide in Gaza.

Individual U.S. military veterans, some active-duty troops and veterans' anti-war organizations have made statements encouraging active-duty troops to protest against genocide and protest U.S. participation in these war crimes. (See veterans-forpeace.org)

We expect that the resistance regard-



Anti-migrant policies protested in Chicago, Jan. 25, 2025.

ing Gaza will impact Trump's plan to use U.S. federal troops in his illegal war against civilian migrants. He has already begun to round up workers. He plans to deport their children. Even children born in the United States.

It is against U.S. law to use U.S. federal troops against civilians. You can look up Posse Comitatus. It is a crime to use troops that way. This point can be central to the struggle for migrants' rights.

Some U.S. troops will abhor orders to round up workers and their families and force them into camps or onto planes. Some will refuse those orders. Some will object even to being used in the background

while police and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) carry out the dirty work.

Troops might even worry that someday if they obey criminal orders, they may be prosecuted for crimes. They should.

Activists who want to aid the fight for migrant rights should consider how to reach out to rank-and-file military members. Working-class troops have a class interest in building solidarity with their undocumented class comrades. The U.S. oligarchy has targeted migrants, scapegoating them with the obvious goal of keeping the working class divided.

Donald Trump and his billionaires might claim they deport migrants for some other reason, but all the other reasons roll into one Big Lie. Deportations only disorganize production and the delivery of goods and cause much personal misery. They will solve no problems. The advantage (to the bosses) is only that the practice keeps workers divided and provides a scapegoat for the ills of capitalist society.

If any individual troops refuse to carry out these crimes against migrant workers, they deserve the full support of the movements fighting for migrant rights and battling war and racism.

If troops get together to denounce these criminal orders or refuse to obey them, they will be striking a blow for class solidarity. This kind of class solidarity can be the most effective tool against the Trump oligarchy and against the entire U.S. imperialist ruling class. □

## Trump 2.0 terrorizes migrant workers

By **Otis Grotewohl**

Upon being sworn in on Jan. 20, President Donald Trump abruptly unleashed racist attacks against undocumented workers and migrant families.

Trump used the inaugural address as a forum for his assault. In his speech, he threatened to pass "a series of historic executive orders" aimed at targeting migrant workers and their families. At one point, Trump threatened to invoke the use

of the archaic "Alien Enemies Act" of 1798 as a tool for mass deportations.

### **Day one: executive orders against migrants**

Trump reportedly signed more executive orders on the first day of his second administration than any previous U.S. president. Many of the executive orders focused on immigration.

Among the various actions was declaring "a national emergency" to increase

military presence at the border with Mexico, suspending asylum and the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and restarting the border wall construction. Trump also made promises to "dismantle" all the previous Biden administration's immigration policies and programs.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement units made sweeping arrests across the U.S. overnight. The president's executive orders now allow ICE agents to conduct

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# Trump 2.0 terrorizes migrant workers

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raids in public places that were previously off-limits, such as schools, hospitals and places of worship.

Immigrants who come from Haiti, Africa or Latin American countries are targeted and abused by ICE officials and agents, as well as by racist, armed MAGA militias, such as the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers. Due to rampant homophobia and transphobia, LGBTQIA2S+ migrants are particularly vulnerable to vile mistreatment by these government and neofascist forces.

One executive order that is facing major pushback is the new administration's attempt to overturn "birthright citizenship." In signing the controversial order, Trump brazenly defied the bourgeois U.S. Constitution by directing government agencies to no longer recognize the citizenship of children born in the U.S.

The 14th Amendment of the Constitution reads: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

As of this writing, state officials in at least 20 states, along with the American Civil Liberties Union, have filed lawsuits challenging the plan to reverse birthright citizenship. U.S. District Court Judge John C. Coughenon in Seattle temporarily blocked the order on Jan. 23.

## **Ruling class strategy: Deception, fear and division**

The U.S. ruling class has spread lies and misinformation about immigrants for centuries. Anti-migrant propaganda is commonly pushed by capitalist rulers and fascist demagogues to instill fear and sow division within the working class.

One big lie that is often spread is the false association of immigration with "crime." This xenophobic narrative has been weaponized against immigrant workers for centuries and was commonly used as propaganda against Catholic immigrants in the early 1900s. Bigoted



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**Counterinaugural protest, Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 25, 2025.**

politicians, the capitalist state apparatus and the corporate media have historically linked immigration and crime to serve their own agenda.

In fact, a 2019 report conducted by the conservative CATO Institute admitted that "undocumented immigrants were 37.1% less likely to be convicted of a crime." (NPR, March 8, 2024)

A more recent study released by the U.S. Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice office determined that "undocumented immigrants are arrested at less than half the rate of native-born U.S. citizens for violent and drug crimes and a quarter the rate of [U.S.]-born citizens for property crimes." (nij.ojp.gov, Sept. 12, 2024)

Another lie that is often peddled is the incorrect concept that undocumented workers somehow "threaten" job security of other workers. This notion is a blatant attempt to pit working and oppressed people against one another. It is bosses, and not migrant workers, who hire, fire, evaluate and lay off employees.

Undocumented workers are often subjected to the most dangerous and low-paying jobs. Additionally, they pay billions of dollars in taxes each year for government services they cannot legally receive.

According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy: "More than a third of the tax dollars paid by undocumented immigrants go toward payroll taxes dedicated to funding programs that these workers are barred from accessing.

Undocumented immigrants paid \$25.7 billion in Social Security taxes, \$6.4 billion in Medicare taxes and \$1.8 billion in unemployment insurance taxes in 2022." (July 30, 2024)

Statistical facts have not stopped Trump and his ilk from spreading deliberate lies about migrant communities. Trump consciously recognizes the leverage his new administration has in promoting division and fear. The billionaire class that Trump surrounds himself with benefits most when the working class is disunited.

## **Working-class fight back needed**

Workers and oppressed people who remember the last Trump administration are rightfully nervous about the new one.

The Democratic Party leadership is now crying "foul" against Trump's executive orders, but they are partially responsible for the new onslaught being carried out against undocumented workers and their families. The Biden-Harris administration spent the last four years moving politically to the right on immigration, normalizing attacks against undocumented workers.

Marxist-Leninists unconditionally stand with all workers, regardless of citizenship or nationality. An independent movement of working-class solidarity and collective unity is necessary to combat the vicious attacks against migrant families.

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# Trump 2.0 aterroriza a los trabajadores migrantes

Por Otis Grotewohl

Tras jurar su cargo el 20 de enero, el presidente Donald Trump desató de repente ataques racistas contra trabajadores indocumentados y familias migrantes.

Trump utilizó el discurso inaugural como foro para su ataque. En su discurso, amenazó con aprobar «una serie de órdenes ejecutivas históricas» dirigidas a los trabajadores migrantes y sus familias. En un momento dado, Trump amenazó con invocar el uso de la arcaica «Ley de Enemigos Extranjeros» de 1798 como herramienta para las deportaciones masivas.

## Primer día: órdenes ejecutivas contra los migrantes

Según se informa, Trump firmó más órdenes ejecutivas el primer día de su segunda administración que cualquier otro presidente estadounidense anterior. Muchas de las órdenes ejecutivas se centraron en la inmigración.

Entre las diversas acciones se encontraba la declaración de «emergencia nacional» para aumentar la presencia militar en la frontera, la suspensión del asilo y del Programa de Admisión de Refugiados de EE. UU. y la reanudación de la construcción del muro fronterizo. Trump también prometió «desmantelar» todas las políticas y programas de inmigración de la anterior administración Biden.

Las unidades de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas realizaron arrestos masivos en todo Estados Unidos de la noche a la mañana. Las órdenes ejecutivas del presidente ahora permiten a los agentes del ICE llevar a cabo redadas en lugares públicos que antes estaban prohibidos, como escuelas, hospitales y lugares de culto.

Los inmigrantes procedentes de Haití, África o países latinoamericanos están en el punto de mira y son víctimas de



Día Internacional del Migrante, 18 de diciembre de 2024, Nueva York

abusos por parte de funcionarios y agentes del ICE, así como de milicias racistas y armadas del MAGA, como los Proud Boys y los Oath Keepers. Debido a la homofobia y la transfobia desenfrenadas, los migrantes LGBTQIA2S+ son especialmente vulnerables a los viles malos tratos de estas fuerzas gubernamentales y neofascistas.

Una orden ejecutiva que está enfrentando un gran rechazo es el intento de la nueva administración de anular la «ciudadanía por derecho de nacimiento». Al firmar la controvertida orden, Trump desafió descaradamente la burguesa Constitución de EE. UU. al ordenar a las agencias gubernamentales que dejaran de reconocer la ciudadanía de los niños nacidos en EE. UU.

La 14.<sup>a</sup> Enmienda de la Constitución dice: «Todas las personas nacidas o naturalizadas en los Estados Unidos, y sujetas a su jurisdicción, son ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos y del Estado en el

que residen».

En el momento de redactar este informe, funcionarios estatales de al menos 20 estados, junto con la Unión Americana de Libertades Civiles, han presentado demandas judiciales para impugnar el plan de revertir la ciudadanía por derecho de nacimiento. El juez del Tribunal de Distrito de los Estados Unidos John C. Coughenon, en Seattle, bloqueó temporalmente la orden el 23 de enero.

## Estrategia de la clase dominante: engaño, miedo y división

La clase dirigente estadounidense ha difundido mentiras y desinformación sobre los inmigrantes durante siglos. La propaganda antimigrante es comúnmente impulsada por gobernantes capitalistas y demagogos fascistas para infundir miedo y sembrar división dentro de la clase trabajadora.

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# Trump 2.0 aterroriza a los trabajadores migrantes

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Una gran mentira que se difunde a menudo es la falsa asociación de la inmigración con la «delincuencia». Esta narrativa xenófoba se ha utilizado como arma contra los trabajadores inmigrantes durante siglos y se utilizó comúnmente como propaganda contra los inmigrantes católicos a principios del siglo XX. Los políticos intolerantes, el aparato estatal capitalista y los medios de comunicación corporativos han vinculado históricamente la inmigración y la delincuencia para servir a sus propios intereses.

De hecho, un informe de 2019 realizado por el conservador Instituto CATO admitió que «los inmigrantes indocumentados tenían un 37,1% menos de probabilidades de ser condenados por un delito». (NPR, 8 de marzo de 2024)

Un estudio más reciente publicado por la oficina del Instituto Nacional de Justicia del Departamento de Justicia de EE.UU. determinó que «los inmigrantes indocumentados son arrestados en menos de la mitad de los casos que los ciudadanos estadounidenses nativos por delitos violentos y de drogas, y en una cuarta parte de los casos que los ciudadanos nacidos en EE. UU. por delitos contra la propiedad». (nij.ojp.gov, 12 de septiembre de 2024)

Otra mentira que se difunde a menudo es el concepto incorrecto de que los trabajadores indocumentados de alguna manera «amenazan» la seguridad laboral de otros trabajadores. Esta noción es un intento flagrante de enfrentar a los trabajadores y a las personas oprimidas. Son los jefes, y no los trabajadores migrantes, quienes contratan, despiden, evalúan y cesan a los empleados.

Los trabajadores indocumentados están sujetos a los trabajos más peligrosos y peor remunerados. Además, pagan miles de millones de dólares en impuestos cada año por servicios gubernamentales que no pueden recibir legalmente.

Según el Instituto de Política Fiscal y Económica: «Más de un tercio de los



dólares de impuestos pagados por inmigrantes indocumentados se destinan a financiar programas a los que estos trabajadores tienen prohibido acceder. Los inmigrantes indocumentados pagaron 25 700 millones de dólares en impuestos de la Seguridad Social, 6400 millones de dólares en impuestos de Medicare y 1800 millones de dólares en impuestos del seguro de desempleo en 2022». (30 de julio de 2024)

Los hechos estadísticos no han impedido que Trump y los de su calaña difundan mentiras deliberadas sobre las comunidades de inmigrantes. Trump reconoce conscientemente la influencia que tiene su nueva administración para promover la división y el miedo. La clase multimillonaria de la que Trump se rodea es la que más se beneficia cuando la clase trabajadora está desunida.

## Es necesaria la respuesta de la clase trabajadora

Los trabajadores y las personas oprimidas que recuerdan la última administración Trump están justificadamente nerviosos con la nueva.

Los líderes del Partido Demócrata ahora están denunciando las órdenes ejecutivas de Trump, pero son en parte responsables de la nueva embestida

contra los trabajadores indocumentados y sus familias. La administración Biden-Harris pasó los últimos cuatro años moviéndose políticamente hacia la derecha en materia de inmigración, normalizando los ataques contra los trabajadores indocumentados.

Los marxistas-leninistas apoyan incondicionalmente a todos los trabajadores, independientemente de su ciudadanía o nacionalidad. Es necesario un movimiento independiente de solidaridad de la clase trabajadora y unidad colectiva para combatir los crueles ataques contra las familias migrantes.

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