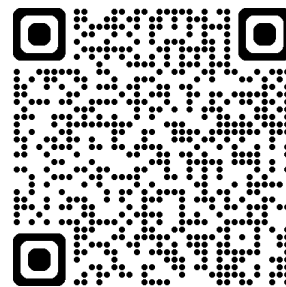


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Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the neverending quest for ever-greater profits.

Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQIA2S+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment and lack of hope for the future. No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people

are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

WWP fights for socialism because the working class produces all wealth in society, and this wealth should remain in their hands, not be stolen in the form of capitalist profits. The wealth workers create should be socially owned and its distribution planned to satisfy and guarantee basic human needs.

Since 1959, Workers World Party has been out in the streets defending the workers and oppressed here and worldwide. If you're interested in Marxism, class solidarity, and joining us in the fight for a socialist future, please sign up at www.workers.org/join-form and an organizer will get back to you. Or contact a WWP branch near you. □

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Coordinated protests Nov. 15-23 to Stop U.S. war against Venezuela

This call to action is posted on the United National Antiwar Coalition web site (unacpeace.org)

Calling all anti-war, peace and justice, union and solidarity activists! An emergency network is calling for local actions, large and small, during the week of November 15-23, also actions within 24 hours of any major U.S. escalation.



Visit www.unacpeace.org to

- **Register your action.**
- **View actions taking place.**
- **View and Endorse this Call.**

Organize rallies, street meetings, vigils, speakouts, teach-ins, sign holdings at busy intersections, banner drops, protests at weapons manufacturers or federal buildings and events where pro-war politicians show up.

The U.S. military is hurrying its aircraft carrier battle group — with destroyers, jet warplanes and nuclear submarines — to the shores of Venezuela, while threatening Colombia and amassing U.S. troops in Puerto Rico and throughout the Caribbean.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio is calling for the military overthrow of President Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela and the replacement of President Gustavo Petro in Colombia. This is a buildup to another

endless U.S. war — a war to militarize the whole Western Hemisphere. Relentless U.S.-funded war on Palestine and throughout West Asia continues unabated.

Meanwhile the use of federal troops and thousands of ICE agents in raids and mass arrests, along with massive increases in health costs and cuts to government services, are an attack on all working people in the U.S.

Using the false claim that it is combating drug trafficking, U.S. missiles have murdered crews of small boats in the Caribbean and in the Pacific. The U.S. has killed dozens of people, so far from four countries, in secrecy, without evidence or due process of law.

At the same time, they are sending their troops and ICE agents to our cities, with the false claim that they are fighting crime. They allege there is no money for SNAP benefits or health care benefits while the rich are getting yet another tax cut.

This move toward all-out war has nothing to do with drug trafficking. Venezuela has the greatest known oil reserves in the world — five times the U.S. oil reserves. The Venezuelan government refuses to be dominated by the U.S. It is determined to use its own oil, gas, coal, diamond and gold resources for health care, housing and education for the people of Venezuela, not for U.S. billionaires. The U.S. attacks and open threats of regime change in Venezuela and Colombia are a blatant violation of international law.

It is time to take to the streets and resist these U.S. government and corporate attacks on people in Venezuela, Colombia, all of Latin America and the Caribbean, while militarizing and repressing the people of the U.S.

Let's join together, November 15-23, and build actions in cities, towns and campuses throughout the country. Let the war makers know that we are opposed to war on people anywhere in our Americas. Build a Zone of Peace across our hemisphere.

We will continue to mobilize in local and regional actions in December, focusing on the December 17 anniversary of the death of Simón Bolívar, "The Great

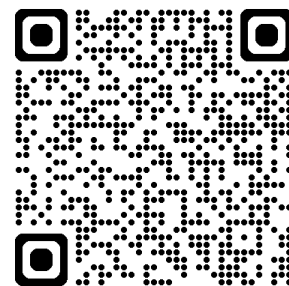
Emancipator," against colonial domination in Latin America.

Resist U.S. Wars

This emergency call for coordinated national actions includes activists from the following 35+ groups:

United National Antiwar Coalition, Venezuela Solidarity Network, U.S. Peace Council, All-African People's Party-GC, All-African People's Party, Alliance for Global Justice, Code Pink, Chicago ALBA Solidarity, Nicaragua Solidarity Coalition, Peace and Solidarity Commission of the Communist Party USA, School of the Americas Watch, Task Force on the Americas, Alberto Lovera Bolivarian Circle, Freedom Road Socialist Organization, Minnesota Solidarity Network of the Americas, Sanctions Kill Campaign, Workers World Party, Periodismo de Verdad, Resist U.S.-Led War Movement, Honduras Solidarity Network, Cross Border Network, National Network on Cuba, Black Alliance for Peace, Anti-War Action Network, Women Against Military Madness, Bronx Anti-War Coalition, Kawsachun News, Popular Resistance, International Action Center, Casa Baltimore Limay, Friends of Latin America, Veterans For Peace, Orinoco Tribune, Los Ronderos de las Redes, Diáspora Pa'lante Collective, Peoples Power Assembly, Rochester Committee on Latin America (ROCLA), Green Renaissance-Sovereign Rights Movement. □

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Corporate greed vs people's need for food

It was bad enough that President Donald Trump's big, bad budget bill would slash \$230 billion over 10 years from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), popularly called food stamps. But arguing that funds were "not legally available" to cover benefits past the end of October, Trump ordered the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) not to release \$5.5 billion agency reserve funds to cover continuing SNAP benefits after Nov. 1.

Trump's order contradicted the USDA's long-standing shutdown lapse policy that said "Congressional intent is evident that SNAP's operations should continue" in the event of a shutdown. Trump revised the policy to reserve funds for disasters, not to cover regular benefits. This unprecedented move marks the first time in the mandatory program's 61-year history that SNAP benefits were stopped.

Trump's budget bill overwhelmingly benefits millionaires and billionaires by extending his 2017 multitrillion-dollar tax cuts, while slashing \$1.2 trillion in funds for Medicaid and food stamps. The budget increased annual funding for the Pentagon to over \$1 trillion, while tens of thousands of people in military families will not receive food program benefits they rely on.

An estimated 730,000 federal employees are currently working without pay. Another 670,000 federal workers were temporarily laid off, also without pay. This has drastically increased demands on food pantries, many of which experienced significant cuts in federal grant funds in the spring. At the same time, food prices keep rising due to Trump's tariff fiasco and his other failing economic policies.

Cutting SNAP is a crime! It is especially a Trumpian crime!

In the U.S., 1 in 8 people — some 42 million — depend on SNAP benefits averaging \$187 per month per recipient, for a monthly total of \$8 billion. Disproportionately 70% of recipients are children, older adults and/or people with disabilities. Some 44% are people of color. A majority of the adult recipients work full-time, at low-wage jobs, with 1 in 10 workers employed by grocery stores, negatively impacted by SNAP benefits elimination.

Rely on courts or take to the streets?

Responding to lawsuits filed by a coalition of attorneys general and governors of 25 U.S. states, on Oct. 31 a federal judge in Rhode Island ordered the Trump administration to tap into \$5.5 billion in USDA contingency funds to continue to pay SNAP benefits. A federal judge in Massachusetts also ordered the administration to provide a plan on how it will continue to fund the program by Nov. 3. But these court rulings fail to resolve the problem.

On Nov. 3, Trump replied to the courts that the USDA would restore half the benefits for the month, but not saying when this would happen. And as he has with so many other legal

challenges to his policies, Trump will likely turn to his hand-picked U.S. Supreme Court justices to overturn the lower court rulings. Even if the lower federal courts' rulings are upheld, the USDA says it will take over 10 days to get SNAP benefits flowing again.

Some state governors are releasing millions of dollars in funds to cover the gap, but even if reserve USDA funds are released, this will fall short of covering recipients' benefits for the entire month of November, especially at a time when grassroots efforts to provide food are proving insufficient.

With the delays, and knowing benefits won't last the entire month means parents won't just skip meals for themselves. They will face the impossible decision no parent should have to make between feeding their family or falling behind on utility bills, medical care or risking evictions if they forgo paying rent.

Food crisis – an indictment of capitalism

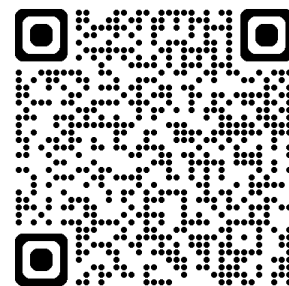
The Trump administration has no problem finding billions of dollars for Israel to wage genocide and a campaign of intentional starvation against Palestinians in Gaza. It found ample funds to send an armada of ships to threaten war against Venezuela. Trump also increased funds for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities, which included \$30 billion to hire more officers and \$45 billion to expand prison camps for migrant workers and their children.

Historically, when economic crises threatened the foundation of the capitalist economy, the federal government found the funds to keep profits flowing. This happened during the bank failures in 2008, when Congress used trillions of dollars to bail out finance capital.

Workers, especially those facing food emergencies, can't rely on capitalist courts to resolve the crisis which will only get worse as Trump's economic policies play out. We need to take it to the streets to force the Department of Agriculture to provide benefits to meet people's needs or face the prospect of justified rebellions by hungry masses.

It's time that workers and oppressed communities demand an emergency economic bailout. □

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¡Detengan la escalada en el Caribe!

Todas las dudas sobre los objetivos de Estados Unidos, todos los rastros de la gran mentira sobre una «guerra contra las drogas» se desvanecieron cuando el secretario del Pentágono, Pete Hegseth, anunció el 24 de octubre que el grupo del portaaviones USS Gerald Ford sería enviado al mar Caribe. No se necesita la Estrella de la Muerte de Darth Vader para detener lanchas rápidas. El objetivo de Estados Unidos es el gobierno popular de Venezuela y todos los pueblos del hemisferio occidental al sur de Estados Unidos.

Incluso los medios de comunicación corporativos tuvieron que admitir que las maniobras de Trump, Hegseth y Marco Rubio en el Caribe no tienen nada que ver con mantener el fentanilo fuera de Estados Unidos. Esa batalla debería haber comenzado con los monopolios farmacéuticos en relación con el OxyContin.

Los ocho buques de guerra estadounidenses que ya [el 26 de octubre] se encuentran en la región han destruido diez pequeñas embarcaciones y asesinado a más de cuarenta tripulantes. Las embarcaciones necesitarán docenas de reabastecimientos de combustible para llegar siquiera a las costas estadounidenses. Ahora llegará el grupo USS Gerald Ford con 35 aviones de combate, lo que duplicará el número de aviones desplegados en las bases aéreas de Puerto Rico, gobernado por Estados Unidos, y con un total de más de 15 000 soldados, marineros, marines y pilotos estadounidenses preparados para la batalla.

Todos los líderes imperialistas mienten. Es parte de su trabajo. Pero es peor con Trump, que nunca ha tenido ni la más mínima conexión con la verdad. Es alérgico a la realidad. Especialmente si la verdad perjudica sus estrechos intereses materiales.

Trump está ordenando a las Fuerzas Armadas de Estados Unidos que cambien el gobierno de Venezuela. Si libran una guerra agresiva, Trump, Hegseth, el secretario de Estado Rubio, los comandantes de la Marina... todos están ordenando a los militares que cometan crímenes de guerra. Los que no están de acuerdo dimiten a



Miembros de la milicia venezolana realizando ejercicios.

tiempo, como hizo el máximo comandante de la Marina en el Caribe, por razones no reveladas.

Se debe advertir a las tropas rasas de esos barcos que están siguiendo órdenes ilegales y que cualquier ayuda al esfuerzo bélico les convierte en cómplices. Tienen el derecho, incluso el deber, de rechazar estas órdenes ilegales.

¿Cómo se desarrollará esta escalada de Estados Unidos, con qué calendario y durante cuánto tiempo? ¿A cuántos venezolanos apuntará la maquinaria bélica del Pentágono? ¿Se arriesgará la camarilla Trump-Hegseth-Rubio a una invasión real con fuerzas terrestres para ocupar Venezuela con una «guerra eterna»?

Eso es lo que hizo Estados Unidos en Afganistán e Irak. Venezuela, un país más grande en superficie que cualquiera de ellos, tiene una población de 30 millones de personas. En agosto, unos 4,5 millones de adultos se alistaron oficialmente en milicias populares, y se informa de que millones más se han ofrecido como voluntarios después de que Estados Unidos comenzara sus amenazas de guerra. Las milicias están realizando ahora ejercicios de entrenamiento coordinados con las fuerzas armadas regulares.

Combatientes voluntarios de Brasil y otros países latinoamericanos ya han declarado su intención de formar brigadas internacionales para ayudar a los venezolanos a expulsar a las fuerzas estadounidenses con el fin de defender la soberanía del hemisferio de la recolonización estadounidense.

¿Qué podemos hacer ustedes en el

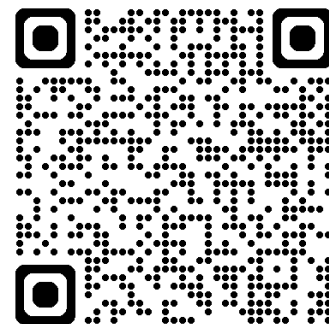
movimiento antiimperialista de Estados Unidos? Primero deben encontrar la manera de mostrar su solidaridad con el pueblo de la Venezuela bolivariana y, a continuación, poner palos en las ruedas de la maquinaria bélica estadounidense. El primer paso es movilizar protestas unificadas contra la intervención estadounidense. El siguiente es organizar estas fuerzas para encontrar todas las formas posibles de impedir el ataque —antes de que comience, si es posible— y asegurar su fracaso si la camarilla de Trump lo lleva a cabo.

Las manifestaciones masivas que muestran repulsa por la ambición de poder de Trump demuestran el potencial para movilizar una resistencia real. Y el desafío. El movimiento aquí en Estados Unidos está luchando en muchos frentes: defendiendo a los migrantes contra el ICE, deteniendo el envío de armas a Israel, deteniendo los recortes para los trabajadores, deteniendo los ataques contra la comunidad negra, luchando contra la llamada a la ley marcial... y esa es solo una lista parcial.

Los últimos acontecimientos muestran que el movimiento debe dar prioridad a otra demanda: ¡Detener la guerra contra Venezuela! □

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