

May 1st, 2024 International Workers Day

“Trump & Biden NO solution, Working Class for REVOLUTION”

As elections are approaching, it's crucial for the working class to unite and recognize that neither Biden nor Trump prioritizes the struggles of the working class. This doesn't imply opposition to the electoral process, but rather an acknowledgment that the global economic crisis and the US war machine, exacerbated by US imperialism, are intensifying. The working class is confronted with a rise in exploitation, along with inflation causing economic hardships that affect workers where living has become unaffordable.

The U.S war machine has become a global parasite, inflicting worldwide harm. Capitalists use our tax money to fund military interventions for genocide and the seizing of resources in various countries. Currently, we are witnessing a genocide funded by our tax money, as funds are being allocated to Israel for military intervention in Gaza, resulting in genocide of innocent civilians and land theft.

As the working class, we must remind ourselves that it is our labor that produces the material wealth that capitalists profit from. We must come together globally to end capitalism and US imperialism. With that being said, it is important to educate each other to make sure we don't vote against our own interests because the capitalists will benefit from it. **Remember, together we have the power!**

Working class for the REVOLUTION!

DEMANDS:

1. Union jobs with living wages for all workers: Reparations for Indigenous and African people.

Worker exploitation is on the rise, accompanied by an alarming surge in grotesque levels of wealth inequality. The capitalist class continues to exploit the working class and their families for their own financial gain. Meanwhile, the working class is overworking for minimum wage. The origin of worker exploitation and wealth inequality is rooted in a colonial economy born from the system of slavery of African people and the genocide of Indigenous people; **we demand reparations for the crimes of the colonial capitalist system.**

WE WILL NOT DIE FOR CAPITALISMS SURVIVAL!

2. Free and Universal Healthcare, Housing and Education:

The on-going health crisis has exposed the inefficiency of the privatized health system. We reject the pharmaceutical privatization of vaccines and medicines funded by our tax dollars. Workers demand an immediate prioritization of our tax monies to be used to ensure all communities can access quality, public health services as it constitutes a fundamental human right. Upholding women's right to bodily autonomy and the right to reproductive health care including the right to have an abortion.

Real estate has manufactured a housing crisis in California and the United States. We assert that housing is a Human Right and we all deserve affordable, accessible, safe and decent housing. **We demand an end to**

developer control and speculative real estate practices. Cancel rent debt accumulated from the crisis, freeze rent increases and house the homeless.

The public-school system is being defunded to respond to the privatization of education via the charter school movement. Education is a right for all students, and **we demand access to resources to fully fund public education including Ethnic, Chicano/Native, African and Asian Studies in all school curriculums with a focus on Critical Pedagogy and Democratic schooling. Cancel all student debt and make College/University education free.**

3. End to Police Migra (ICE) Terror;

The police, operating as the enforcers for the capitalist class, target and excessively harass the working class, especially if you are black and brown or profiled as a migrant. Black and Brown communities endure disproportionate criminalization in our nation. We reject the over policing, persecution and the systematic death and suffering that colonial laws, political borders, and police/ice, impose on working class families. **We demand abolishment of the Police, of the Racist Migra (ICE and Border Patrol), The demilitarization of the US border with Mexico.**

4. Abolish Colonial Borders:

Borders serve as a tool for U.S. imperialism and capitalism, confining people from various countries with fewer resources that have been exploited by U.S. imperialism and capitalism. These borders restrain them from migrating freely, while the U.S. profits from their confinement through the establishment of detention camps, the separation of children from their families, the confinement of children in cages, tragic deaths at border crossings and the funding of ICE and Border Patrols. These borders have inflicted extensive harm worldwide, and it's crucial to remember that the land beneath us was stolen. The concept of being an “immigrant” originated from colonialism as a means to divide, erase and a way for U.S imperialism and capitalism to remain powerful. Locally, we have been experiencing a migrant humanitarian crisis with the ongoing street-releases of asylum seekers by CBP and the creation of Open Air Detention Sites (OADS) at the SD border and Jacumba. AFSC has reported several deaths at the SD border from floods and wall crossing injuries.

ABOLISH ALL BORDERS!

5. Abolish U.S War Machine; Cancel RIMPAC!

The increased war budget reveals the US war apparatus that now functions as a global parasite, causing worldwide harm. Capitalists utilize our tax dollars to finance military interventions aimed at genocide and resource seizure in various nations. 20 years following the unlawful invasion of Iraq, the US has embroiled itself in over a dozen global conflicts, either directly or indirectly through alliances such as NATO and the OAS. The ongoing Ukraine-Russia conflict has incurred billions in taxpayer expenses without any genuine effort to pursue diplomatic resolution. The utilization of the Philippines as a strategic military outpost to encircle China is heightening tensions, adversely affecting Philippine society.

The persistent war stance of the US and the utilization of economic sanctions must cease, as they represent unilateral and coercive measures with detrimental effects on working people. These blockades are designed to

inflict severe suffering on the citizens of targeted nations as a means to achieve "regime" change. Commercial, economic, and financial blockades amount to a policy of genocide. We are witnessing the use of our tax funding the genocide in Gaza, as allocations are directed towards Israel for military operations resulting in the genocide of innocent civilians and land theft. **We demand for the right of nations to self-determination for all peoples worldwide and call for an end to the US war machine.**

Hosted this year by Point Loma Naval Base's Third Fleet, the RIMPAC Exercises (or Rim of the Pacific Exercises) will bring military forces of the Philippines, Israel, Australia, France, Japan and 20 other nations to the shores of San Diego before leaving for Hawaii. The largest maritime military exercise in the world, its purpose is to increase imperialist militarization of the Asia-Pacific region and further line the pockets of weapons and military tech manufacturers. RIMPAC is a warmongering tactic and general show of force by those reactionary militaries who most seek to suppress global struggles for liberation. As working class San Diegans, it is our internationalist duty to other neglected working class communities and oppressed peoples around the world (many of whom might even be from countries that we, our parents, or our grandparents were forced to leave due to such terror) to wage a fight against the RIMPAC Exercises at our very doorstep. **We say NO to fascist military occupation in San Diego, Hawaii, the Philippines, Palestine, and across the world!**

Hands off Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Palestine, Africa, and the Philippines!

6. End U.S. Funding to Israel: Lift the Siege on Gaza

Israel has had a blockade on Gaza since 2007 and as of November 2, 2023 the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) have implemented an invasion and siege of the Gaza strip. Since then more than 30,000 people in Gaza have been killed as a direct result of IOF brutalities against the Palestinian people. Since Israel's establishment, the U.S. has given over \$124 billion in military aid and billions more are currently being allocated to fund Israel's aggression on the Palestinian people. Since Israel's genocidal war on Gaza the U.S. has promised Israel "whatever it needs" for its counteroffensive. The U.S. has also vetoed UN Security Council ceasefire and humanitarian aid resolutions despite advocacy groups in opposition of the U.S.'s stance. The actions taken by the United States have crossed into complicity in war crimes. **We must demand the U.S. divest from the Israeli military and condemn the atrocities committed by the U.S. and Israeli government!**

7. Defend the Right to Free Speech

The ability to freely express oneself is a fundamental human right that should not be restricted or censored. Protecting and upholding this right is crucial in ensuring that all voices are heard and all perspectives are considered in public discourse. When the right to free speech is unjustly limited for certain groups, it perpetuates inequality and silences the voices of those who are already oppressed. We must advocate for the defense of free speech for all individuals, regardless of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic. Only by respecting and protecting the right of free speech for everyone can we truly promote a just and inclusive society that holds those in power accountable. The act of challenging existing norms and beliefs is what has led to our progress and innovation in society thus far. **We will not allow our voices to be silenced!** In essence, free speech is the cornerstone of democracy and a fundamental pillar of a just and equitable society.