

50501 rallies vs. Trump but not Democrats or imperialism

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Los Angeles — 50501 is a relatively new organization, having emerged only a few months ago, yet it claims to have already organized 50 protests across all 50 states. Its mission, as stated on its website, is to confront what it sees as the Trump administration's ongoing attacks on constitutional rights and the expansion of executive power at the expense of legislative democracy.

In Los Angeles County, the group has gained traction, drawing significant crowds. On April 5, thousands joined a march from Pershing Square to City Hall, signaling a growing base of support.

Looking ahead, 50501 is planning further actions that include appearances by prominent Democratic politicians, with particular focus on figures like Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who are expected to arrive in Los Angeles in mid-April.

However, the enthusiastic participation of the Democratic Party in these events raises important questions. While it's true that Trump-era policies incited widespread anger, the Democratic Party itself has long-standing contradictions that complicate its role in any genuine anti-war or anti-imperialist movement. Historically, both Democratic and Republican administrations have supported the expansion of NATO and U.S. military interventions abroad. Under President Obama, for example, the United States carried out mass deportations — more than any other administration — and participated in NATO-led operations that devastated countries like Libya.

These contradictions were apparent on April 5 in Los Angeles. The Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice had endorsed the protest and planned to send a speaker, this writer. However, the center's representative was removed from the speakers list after refusing to support continued U.S. military aid to Ukraine and voicing opposition to NATO.

And the exclusion came as a surprise. But then a flyer was circulated with the event's materials that included "Hands Off NATO" as one of the rallying demands. Had the Harriet Tubman Center been aware of this, it might not have endorsed the event at all. Given that the disinvited speaker was Black and representing an organization named after a person embodying the fight against slavery, the irony was difficult to ignore. NATO, after all, played a key role in the 2011 destruction of Libya — once Africa's most prosperous nation — leading to mass poverty and even the return of open-air slave markets.

When questioned, organizers claimed they could not platform a speaker who wasn't

in solidarity with Ukrainian refugees. Yet this narrow definition of solidarity excluded the Russian-speaking population of the Donbass region, many of whom opposed the 2014 U.S.-backed coup in Ukraine.

In 2022, as a Senate candidate and writer for Struggle-La Lucha, I traveled to Ukraine and Russia between May 1 and May 12 on a fact-finding mission organized by what is now known as the Struggle for Socialism Party and the Harriet Tubman Center. We sought to uncover stories suppressed by Western media — stories that challenged the prevailing NATO narrative of the war in Ukraine.

In the Lugansk People's Republic, I was guided by Alexey Albu, a leader of the socialist organization Borotba (Struggle) and a survivor of the May 2014 massacre in Odessa. During the [Maidan coup](#), which installed a far-right regime aligned with Western imperialist interests, violence erupted across the country. In Odessa, neo-Nazi mobs firebombed the House of Trade Unions, killing nearly 50 anti-fascists — some burned alive, others beaten or shot while fleeing the flames. Alexey narrowly escaped and later fled to Crimea for safety.

In March 2024, the European Court of Human Rights ruled that Ukraine was responsible in this massacre, yet Western media barely covered the verdict. The court's findings confirmed the Ukrainian government's complicity, through inaction, in enabling these atrocities.

While in Lugansk, I visited [the Rubizhne shelter](#) and the villages of Sokilnyky and Krymske, where recent fighting had driven out extremist militias like the Right Sector and Azov Battalion. Swastikas scrawled across walls, shell fragments, and testimonies from civilians painted a grim picture of life under these ultra-nationalist forces.

The people of Donbass responded to the 2014 coup by declaring independence, forming the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics. In referenda, 89% of Donetsk

and 96% of Lugansk residents voted for self-rule. Rather than honoring this, the Ukrainian government, backed by the U.S., labeled them terrorists and launched brutal military operations.

By early 2022, 150,000 Ukrainian troops were massed on the Donbass border. The death toll since 2014 had already reached 14,000. In desperation, the breakaway republics called for Russian assistance to protect their people.

If we want to understand what could have happened without that intervention, we need only look at Gaza. With U.S. support, Israel's military continues to devastate the region, killing or injuring 100 children per day. That same U.S. military-industrial complex fuels Ukraine's war machine.

Consider Andriy Biletsky, the founder of the Azov Battalion and current commander of Ukraine's 3rd Army Corps. In 2010, Biletsky infamously stated that Ukraine's mission was to lead the "white race" in a crusade against "Semite-led Untermenschen." Untermenschen is an unscientific term used by Nazi Germany, implying an ethnic designation. They are supposedly inferior people who fall into a category of basically anyone not "accepted" by the German Nazis.

White supremacy morphs to serve the interests of U.S. imperialism. NATO and U.S. wars are never about democracy or freedom. They are about maintaining global dominance, fascism, poverty, and the subjugation of our international working class – starting with the Global South, Black and Brown, Palestinian, and anyone getting in the way of U.S. imperialism and its IMF and World Bank.

We must be wary of progressives who sidestep these issues, especially those who avoid discussing Palestine, minimize police brutality, or demonize countries like Iran, Cuba, China, Venezuela, Nicaragua, the DPRK, and Russia. Of course, no state is without contradictions — but we must focus on the largest contradiction of all: the unchecked violence of U.S. imperialism.

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “The greatest purveyor of violence in the world today is my own government.” To vilify nations resisting U.S. hegemony while ignoring our own country’s war crimes is not just hypocritical — it’s dangerous and the greatest contradiction. That cannot be tolerated.



Billionaires are the problem, not im/migrants

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Here are the facts

"Im/migrants are taking our jobs" is a huge lie

Immigrants do not have the power to hire and fire. Bosses and billionaires are laying off workers. This year alone, bosses announced 497,052 cuts to workers' jobs.

This year has marked the highest number of job cuts since the first quarter of 2009, when 578,510 layoffs were announced. The lion's share of these losses — approximately 60,000 — has resulted from firings and layoffs within the public sector ordered by Elon Musk and Donald Trump.

As reported by the Challenger Report, "It is up 93% from [the 257,254 cuts](#)

[announced during the same period in 2024](#) and an increase of 227% from the 152,116 cuts announced in the previous quarter.”

Not a single im/migrant is responsible for job or service cuts; they are not stripping and dismantling Social Security or Medicaid, or announcing mass layoffs in the high-tech and retail industries.

‘Im/migrants don’t pay taxes,’ another lie

Every time any worker, regardless of their citizenship status, buys clothing, gas, and other necessities, they can be taxed. Every paycheck is taxed. Who doesn’t pay taxes: the richest man on the earth, Elon Musk, and a bunch of other crooks who depend on government handouts like Amazon’s Jeff Bezos, Silicon Valley oligarch Peter Thiel, BlackRock’s Larry Fink, the Waltons who own Walmart, and dozens of other billionaires..

Not a word is muttered about the war profiteers who have sucked tax payers dry or the bottomless giveaways of bombs and military equipment to Israel to commit genocide of the Palestinian people.

There are so many more lies and half-truths to debunk, like why does anyone leave their beloved home and familiar life behind to take a death-threatening trip to migrate? We will save that for another time, but let’s get to the big question.

Why is Donald Trump, and for that matter, a lot of others, whipping up anti-immigrant fear?

The reason isn’t that different from the reason that racism and anti-transgender bigotry are being pushed and trumpeted.

Of course, Donald Trump, his MAGA supporters, and most of the billionaires and bankers, even if it’s behind closed doors, actually believe the most vehemently racist

things about Black and Brown people. And this includes their personal views of immigrants.

However, the deeper reason, and the reason that none of their ultra-rich so-called elite colleagues object, is that it is profitable for their bottom line. The game is to distract, shift the blame, and scapegoat groups with the least power.

By dividing and distracting workers, they can rob the entire working class, cut services, destroy our unions, and make it difficult to fight back. The end game is to create a pool of desperate and poor workers willing to work for the lowest possible wage, foregoing benefits.

This is profitable for big business and banks, especially during a recession, whether they are willing to declare a recession or not, and during a general capitalist contraction. The capitalist system and the capitalists themselves are driven to increase exploitation or toward destruction through war.

The result of the terror war on im/migrants is already apparent in Florida, where the legislature is proposing rolling back child labor laws to push younger workers into undocumented workers' jobs.

In the final analysis, all of us are im/migrants with the exception of Indigenous people whose land was stolen and Black people whose ancestors were ripped from Africa and enslaved. The antidote for hate and division is unity and solidarity. Reject the anti-immigrant propaganda and unite to stop capitalist robbery. Defend all of our lives.



Golden eggs: While you shell out, companies rake in record profits

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You might be struggling with the cost of a dozen eggs, but the big egg producers are celebrating record profits! In just one year, egg prices have gone up approximately 59%, pushing what was once considered a dietary staple out of reach for many workers.

As a young girl, I can remember my mother making scrambled eggs for dinner when there wasn't much else in the refrigerator, and later as a mother myself, telling my family, "Don't complain, there's eggs to eat."

But that's changed.

The blame has been placed on the bird flu, which has killed flocks of chickens, undoubtedly reducing production. But another flu that has knocked prices up is called "predatory capitalist profiteering flu."

Take the example of the largest egg-producing company in the country, Cal-Maine.

This Mississippi-based egg giant just reported quarterly profits of \$509 million. This is three times what it made in the last year. In fact, Cal-Maine has had three years of incredible earnings since the avian flu outbreak in 2022.

During this period, Cal-Maine tripled the price of eggs.

In addition, Cal-Maine received tens of millions of dollars from the government through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The company received government handouts twice, first for \$22 million, then \$21 million.

Cal-Maine is not the only major egg producer benefiting from bailouts; Hillandale received \$53 million, Versova raked in \$107 million, and Rembrandt Foods \$26 million. None of these companies reports profit figures.

The only conclusion is that the avian flu might have been hard for the birds and the people who consumed eggs, but it was great for profits. Maybe it's time for pitchforks at their gates. I can almost hear their million-dollar execs and CEO's say, "Let them eat eggs."

Baltimore's long history of racist redlining

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On May 15, 1911, Baltimore became the first city in the United States to codify urban racial segregation into law. This policy, enacted by Baltimore Mayor J. Barry Mahool, enforced segregation in Baltimore block by block according to racial lines.

Although this act was deemed unconstitutional, the practice continued with full support from the dominating white population and all levels of government. During the 1920s, the city government entrenched and expanded this practice by setting up the Committee on Segregation and appointing the city solicitor as its chair.

The Committee utilized building inspectors, health investigators, the city's real estate board, and community organizations to enforce this apartheid. As the Second World War came and went, the influx of European immigrants pushed the native Black population deeper and deeper into what are known as the red-lined zones. These zones had no access to capital and saw disinvestment from all levels of

government, the banks, and industry. Also within these areas, due to the poor infrastructure, health defects like heart and lung disease, lead poisoning, asthma, and cancer were rampant.

In the 1930s, the map that marked areas in the city into Green, Blue, Yellow, and Red zones was created. And since its enactment, the city government and its wealthy backers have been enforcing this status quo through economic manipulation and brutal police occupation.

During the 1950s and '60s, the Federal Urban Renewal policy, joined by the city's own Urban Renewal plans, was responsible for uprooting over 10,000 Black households. This practice was designed to push out the remaining Black communities near downtown and the city's economic heart into the outskirts and redlined zones.

Utilizing the expansion of universities and hospitals along with the creation of highways, the government uprooted and forcefully displaced Black communities, pushing them into areas that did not have enough housing to accommodate the sheer number of people who now had nowhere else to go. To quote the 1950 Analysis of Redevelopment projects 1-A and 3-A:

"1,671 Negro families will be displaced by the redevelopment projects and Housing authority. The city's known facility for rehousing is a 500 unit project to be built in Cherry Hill. The Redevelopment Commission and the Housing Authority of Baltimore will be building at the same time. Hence, each will be evicting tenants simultaneously. ... It is readily apparent that additional overcrowding in other blighted areas is the only solution. Also these two projects require the City Council to give official approval to segregation in the name of redevelopment."

This forced concentration and uprooting of Black families continues. The communities around Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland

(UMD) here in the city have been driven out to make way for wealthier, whiter communities. Looking at a map of the city marked with demographics of neighborhoods, you will find that the zones containing majority Black communities are still left with no access to capital or investment. These zones today make up the Black Butterfly and are systematically plagued by the same issues from the 1900s. This Black Butterfly is juxtaposed by the “white L,” which contains areas ripe with fresh investments, access to capital, and more permanent infrastructure.

The Black connection to the land has been under constant attack, predating slavery. Black bodies were stolen from Mother Africa and had their entire ways of life from before the shackles beaten or burned out of them. Black bodies were put in cages on display at zoos, all for the entertainment of white people. Black bodies were used as science experiments. It was Black bodies that worked the fields and factories that produced the immense wealth of this nation, and it was Black bodies that built the seats of power that this country’s ruling class uses to continue to oppress and kill us.

Self-sustaining Black communities had their residents massacred and the locations bombed or burned off the map. All of the musical styles originating from Black communities along the Mississippi Delta were plundered by white musicians and repackaged to erase any connection to the Black population. Black families can never live comfortably due to the threats of kidnapping and locking away of Black parents and the murder of Black children by the police.

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The Trump administration is about to release it's own anti-trans, junk-science 'Cass Review'

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News is emerging that the Department of Health and Human Services is preparing to release a review of transgender care intentionally slanted to oppose it. The review is expected to follow the same playbook as Governor DeSantis' [Florida Board of Medicine review](#) and the [Cass Review in England](#)—both of which excluded gender-affirming care experts and were engineered to justify crackdowns on care. According to anti-trans organizations, the report is expected by April 28, and could be used to undermine not just youth care, but adult care as well.

The foundation for the new review was laid out in Trump's [executive order issued on January 28](#), which instructed the Department of Health and Human Services to “publish a review of the existing literature on best practices for promoting the health of children who assert gender dysphoria, rapid-onset gender dysphoria, or other identity-based confusion” within 90 days. The language of the order already set the tone for what many expect to be a deeply biased and predetermined report. Notably, “rapid-onset gender dysphoria” is a disputed and scientifically unsupported

term frequently used by anti-trans advocates to cast doubt on the legitimacy of trans youth identities. The inclusion of this terminology in the mandate signals that the forthcoming report may be more about ideology than medicine.

Adding to concerns, then-acting NIH director Matthew Memoli recently sent out [an internal email](#) directing the National Institutes of Health to fund research focused on the “chemical and surgical mutilation of children and adults”—a phrase rooted in anti-trans rhetoric. The email, obtained by *Nature*, outlined the two main areas of focus for the review: “regret and detransition following social transition,” and outcomes in youth who have undergone what the administration terms “chemical and surgical mutilation.” Given this highly charged language and the apparent lack of participation from experts in gender-affirming care, the review is expected to follow the model used by the DeSantis administration in Florida and the Cass Review in the UK—both of which have faced [strong backlash](#) for misrepresenting evidence in order to justify restrictions on care. If released as expected by April 28, this review could become a cornerstone document used to justify sweeping restrictions on gender-affirming care for both youth and adults across the country.

This has been tried and weaponized successfully before. In Florida, [a similar review](#) was created to justify bans on trans care in the state—a process criticized as politically motivated by the [Human Rights Campaign](#). [Patrick Hunter](#), a member of the anti-trans Catholic Medical Association, played a significant role in the development of the Florida Review and Standards of Care under Republican Governor Ron DeSantis. Patrick Hunter was chosen specifically by the governor, who has exhibited fierce opposition towards LGBTQ+ and especially transgender people, and then immediately got to work on targeting transgender care. The Florida review was purportedly designed and manipulated with the intention of having “care effectively banned” from the outset, [as revealed by court documents](#). The Florida Review was [slammed by Yale Researchers](#) as “not a serious scientific analysis, but rather, a document crafted to serve a political agenda.”

More recently, [the Cass Review](#) in the United Kingdom took a similar approach, handpicking members of SPLC-designated hate groups to serve on its advisory board. The lead reviewer and members of the team also met with appointees from Governor DeSantis's Board of Medicine, with [at least one advisor working closely](#) with the Florida team. Though the Cass Review has been rejected by dozens of international [medical societies](#), updated standards of care in countries like [Germany](#) and [France](#), and researchers at [Yale University](#), it has still been used to justify sweeping crackdowns on transgender healthcare in the United Kingdom.

Now, SPLC-designated hate group Genspect [is reporting](#) that the Trump administration's HHS review will be released on April 28. "When the HHS review is published, it will catalyze a transformation in American healthcare," Genspect boasts, predicting legal attacks, insurance denials, and the collapse of gender clinics. Their vision isn't subtle: they want to replace evidence-based care with ideological warfare—recasting transgender healthcare as fringe pseudoscience while ignoring the overwhelming global consensus on its safety and efficacy.

This report will mark another escalation in the dismantling of science within the Department of Health and Human Services under Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a man whose war on vaccines and water fluoridation has already reopened the door to once-eradicated diseases. When the report drops, it won't be a scientific review—it will be a political weapon. Researchers, physicians, and advocates must be ready not only to debunk the coming wave of disinformation, but to meet it with unrelenting truth. The future of transgender healthcare in the United States may depend on it.

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Trump's escalating trade wars and military ambitions

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Tariffs spike to 125% on China amidst market chaos

On April 9, President Donald Trump escalated his trade war with new reciprocal tariffs but then, within hours, announced a reversal, suspending the new tariffs for 90 days for all but China, while raising tariffs on China to 125%. The crashing stock market experienced a rollercoaster swing upwards, yet the prospects look harrowing. The stock market had similar swings entering the recession known as the dot-com crash.

Just two days before, on April 7, Trump announced plans for a \$1 trillion defense budget next year, a massive increase reflecting the escalation of war plans.

Tariffs as a tool for military funding, not economic revival

During a press event with the Zionist war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu, Trump

outlined the expanded defense spending as part of his larger plans for U.S. military aggression.

“We’re going to be approving a budget, and I’m proud to say, actually, the biggest one we’ve ever done for the military,” he said. “\$1 trillion. Nobody has seen anything like it.” A \$1 trillion war budget would represent an increase of nearly 12% from current spending levels.

Trump’s trade war is partially designed to fund this significant rise in military spending.

The hollow promise of tariffs in a service-dominated economy

A close look at Trump’s tariffs shows that they aren’t about creating new jobs or increasing wages for workers in the U.S. or eliminating deficits — they’re focused on restoring corporate profitability and enhancing military production. Remember that Elon Musk is one of the leading military contractors who has already made billions in new government contracts since he started DOGE.

Trump’s tariffs apply exclusively to manufactured goods, excluding services.

The United States holds the world’s largest trade surplus in services, dominating sectors such as technology, software, and other so-called “intellectual property,” as well as finance, education, and entertainment. This surplus — where the U.S. earns more from exporting services than it spends on importing them — offsets the deficit in goods trade (e.g., imported electronics or vehicles).

Global trade’s shifting landscape: services surge, manufacturing stalls

In 2024, global trade reached a historic \$33 trillion, growing by 3.7% (\$1.2 trillion). However, this expansion was not fueled by traditional manufacturing or physical goods, which experienced only a 2% rise (\$500 billion). Instead, services accounted

for 60% of the growth, soaring by 9% (\$700 billion), highlighting the shift in the global economy toward high-tech industries.

However, services still represent only 20% of total world trade. And overall trade growth has been declining since the end of the Great Recession of 2007-09. The era of globalization is coming to an end.

The illusion of manufacturing revival in an automated age

Trump's tariff strategy to "make America great again" does nothing to address the underlying stagnation of the U.S. domestic economy; in fact, it makes it worse.

For the past 40 to 50 years, industrial workers have seen their wages stagnate. Data shows that since 1973, wages for workers without college degrees have either declined or remained flat. When manufacturing jobs vanished, they were too often replaced by precarious service work — low wages, no job security, and no union representation.

But Trump's tariffs won't turn back the clock. The main reason? Rising productivity and automation — today's factories simply need fewer workers to produce more goods.

Even if Trump were able to completely eliminate the non-services trade deficit (which won't happen), manufacturing employment would only increase about 1%, rising from 8% to 9% of the workforce.

From post-war dominance to Bretton Woods' collapse

The manufacturing boom of the 1950s, which Trump idealizes, arose from distinctive historical circumstances. Following World War II, the U.S. industrial base remained intact while other nations lay in ruins, providing the U.S. with temporary dominance.

The Bretton Woods system, created in 1944, was the final version of a global gold standard. Unlike earlier systems where people and businesses could exchange money for gold coins or bars, Bretton Woods allowed only governments and central banks to swap U.S. dollars for gold bars (not coins). The U.S. dollar became the world's main currency, backed by gold at a fixed rate of \$35 per ounce. But this system had a critical flaw: It relied on the U.S. having enough gold to back all the dollars other countries held.

Nixon devalues the dollar, unleashing stagflation

As the U.S. printed more dollars for spending (like on the Vietnam War), foreign governments lost confidence and began demanding gold in exchange. By 1971, the U.S. couldn't meet these demands, so President Nixon ended dollar-gold convertibility, collapsing Bretton Woods. This marked the end of the gold standard era.

Nixon's move changed the dollar from being credit money (convertible into a fixed amount of gold) into token money (a variable amount of gold). By separating the dollar from a fixed gold standard, the U.S. was able to devalue the dollar, making exports less expensive and reducing its trade deficit. The Vietnam War debts were paid with devalued dollars.

Removing the dollar from the gold standard did not change the status of the dollar as the world's main currency. Prices on the world market continued to be set in dollars, not in gold.

While Nixon secured the dollar's dominance, he also set the stage for further declines in U.S. manufacturing industries throughout the 1970s.

Volcker's Shock and the neoliberal turn

Since prices in terms of the depreciating dollar were rising faster than the central

banks were printing it, interest rates soared and credit froze. Credit-sensitive industries such as construction and automobiles fell into sharp recession. But there were also big movements into oil and many other primary commodities as the capitalists sought to rid themselves of dollar — and other currency — denominated assets.

The overall result was that demand was stagnant, real wages were rapidly declining, and interest rates were rising sharply. Stagflation had arrived.

Finally, in 1979, Federal Reserve Chair Paul Volcker raised interest rates to a historic peak of 19%, known as the Volcker Shock. While this succeeded in curbing price surges, it triggered a severe recession in the U.S. and reverberated globally, crippling economies dependent on dollar-denominated debt.

The policy also caused the dollar's value to skyrocket, rendering U.S. exports prohibitively expensive and accelerating the offshoring of manufacturing to lower-wage countries. This marked the rise of neoliberalism — an era prioritizing free-market deregulation, globalization, and financial sector dominance over domestic industrial production.

The Plaza Accord and deindustrialization

By 1985, the U.S. sought to recalibrate trade imbalances through the Plaza Accord, a pact with Japan, Germany, and other major economies to devalue the dollar by strengthening their own currencies. While the agreement succeeded in weakening the dollar, it dealt a devastating blow to Japan's industrial powerhouse, which had thrived since the 1960s through sectors like automobiles and electronics. However, the Accord failed to revive U.S. manufacturing; instead, production shifted to emerging economies like South Korea and, later, China. The U.S. increasingly pivoted toward a service- and finance-driven economy, leaving its industrial base hollowed out — a legacy of deindustrialization that persists today.

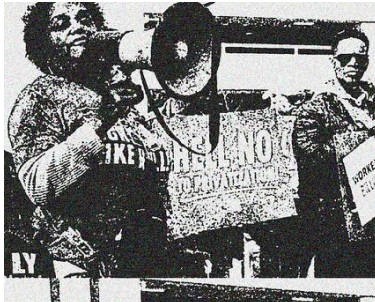
Trump's tariffs, somewhat like Nixon's policies, are designed to offset the massive war debts that have built up over the last two decades, with Pentagon budgets exceeding record levels every year. And they are meant to finance an increase in military expansion.

The threat of war is escalating, with Trump aiming particularly at China.



Baltimore Tax Day Protest: Money for people's needs, not war & genocide, April 15

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Rally & worker speakout

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

6 pm

Baltimore Main Post Office

900 E. Fayette St. Baltimore MD

Where are our taxes going, exactly?

Trump, Musk, and their billionaire buddies have already begun the mass layoffs of federal workers. It's the first step in a sabotage of vital public services in order to privatize them later.

Social Security, SNAP, Medicaid — just a few of the survival programs the billionaires have already started looting.

These are the same survival programs that were fought for and won by the righteous, fighting mass movements of the past.

And what do you think the billionaires want to do with all that freed up federal money?

It'll mean more money to funnel into the most profitable enterprise of all: war. And when their system (capitalism) is in crisis, war is certainly on the menu.

The billionaires make it no secret that they want war with countries like China, Russia, Iran. The saber rattling has been resounding through the press for decades, escalating with every single presidential administration.

All this while U.S. billionaires commit a genocide in plain view of the entire world. They do this via their military occupation dressed up like a proxy nation known as

Israel. The israeli military budget is a line item in the U.S. federal budget.

It's not just Trump and Musk. It's their entire class and their system: their representatives in the White House and Congress; their enforcers in the police stations, prisons, courts, and military bases.

That's where our taxes are going on this Tax Day of 2025.

Only a fighting mass movement can beat the billionaire attack!



Los Angeles: March on May Day

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Manifestación del primero de mayo en Los Angeles



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¡Alto a deportaciones AHORA!

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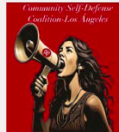
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1 de mayo
Parque MacArthur

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DERECHOS!**



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Ángeles

¡DÍA INTERNACIONAL DEL TRABAJAD@R!





Brooklyn, NYC: Palestinian Political Prisoners Day, April 12

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لا تمت قبل أن تكون ندأ - غسان كنفاني

PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS DAY

يوم الأسير السياسي الفلسطيني



**SUNSET PARK, BROOKLYN
ENTRANCE ON 44TH ST & 6TH AVE
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Sunset Park Brooklyn

ALL OUT TO SUNSET PARK • SAT 4/12 • 3 PM

As the Zionist entity continues to escalate the genocide and starvation in Gaza and the annexation of the West Bank, it now holds over 10,000 Palestinians in torture facilities. Here in the imperial core, the repression campaign against the movement for Palestinian liberation has drastically expanded.

It is critical now more than ever to fight for our prisoners, as the Zionist entity and their imperialist backers in the US perpetuate their crimes of illegal kidnapping and administrative detention. The US government, like the Zionist entity, is targeting movement leaders, from campus organizer Mahmoud Khalil to Alfredo “Lelo” Juarez Zeferino, a well-know organizer of farmworkers in Washington State. These targeted arrests, along with the current indiscriminate kidnapping of Black and brown immigrants by ICE, are being justified in the name of “national security.”

How many more have to be killed from torturous conditions in prison, like 17 year-old Walid Khalid Abdullah Ahmad in Megiddo Prison? At New York City’s Rikers Island jails, four incarcerated people have been killed in the past month alone.

Our struggles have always be linked and we will uphold this legacy. At the time of Black political prisoner George Jackson’s assassination, a poem by Palestinian poet Samih al-Qasim was found pinned up on his cell, which reads: “I shall not compromise/ And to the last pulse in my veins/ I shall resist.”

From the HLF5 to Mahmoud Khalil to Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, our prisoners represent the beating heart of our movement. Free our prisoners, free them all!

Sunset Park, Brooklyn

Entrance on 44th St & 6th Ave

Sat. 4/12

3 pm

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Chino, Calif.: Fight back against attacks on trans youth

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Sonja Shaw Has Been Targeting Trans Youth

Shaw claims to be "protecting" children with hostile, discriminatory and anti-trans policies towards trans youth. *This is unacceptable.*



Shaw is now running for State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2026.



**We are coming together
on this day to stand in
solidarity and
compassion with our
trans youth to fight
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**Chino Valley Unified
School Board Meeting**

April 17th 5:00 pm

**13461 Ramona Ave
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Just two weeks ago, Sonja Shaw, the Chino Valley School Board President, publicly ripped up a cease and desist letter written from a concerned parent of a transgender child and student. This is one of several hostile instances in where Sonja Shaw has made it clear, she will continue to harm trans youth as long as she remains on the Chino Valley School Board.

Trans children have been targeted in Shaw's anti-trans and discriminatory policies. She claims to be "protecting" children but she is willingly harming them in the process.

This is our time to stand together against bullies and bigots like Sonja Shaw that are targeting all of us when they target our younger generations. Trans kids deserve safety, visibility and protection from hostile adults like Sonja Shaw. Fighting for trans youth is a fight for all of us.

We will be standing in soldarity with our trans youth this April 17th at 5:00pm at the CVUSD board meeting.

Please join us and show these bullies that we do not stand for harmful policies that target our trans communities. We must stand strong and together against hateful groups that aim to oppress our lgbtq+, trans, immigrant and black and brown communities.

We are Queer and Forever here.

