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Zohran Mamdani's win: A vote against racism, a mandate for class struggle

By Sharon Black

Democratic Socialist Zohran Mamdani's resounding victory for New York City mayor against billionaire-backed Andrew Cuomo was a vote against racism – and a direct rebuke to Trump's "Make America White Again."

The unabated Islamophobia in the campaign's final days was aimed at whipping up racism and division. Cuomo joined right-wing shock jocks who claimed Mamdani would "cheer for another Sept. 11." Trump called him a "communist," threatened to deport him – though Mamdani is a U.S. citizen born in Uganda to South Asian parents – and vowed to cut off federal funds to a Mamdani-led city.

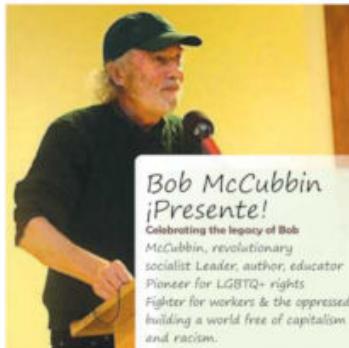
The electoral map tells the story. The wealthiest neighborhoods – the Upper East Side, TriBeCa, and longtime racist enclaves like Howard Beach – voted for Cuomo. But from Harlem and Washington Heights to the South Bronx, Jackson Heights, and the Black and Caribbean heart of Central Brooklyn, the working-class vote for Mamdani was overwhelming.

Cuomo, who made \$5 million last year and lives in Sutton Place, carried his wealthy

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Mass demonstrations against the U.S.-backed genocide in Gaza helped fuel Mamdani's campaign, galvanizing Muslim and working-class voters across the city.



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