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# Military spending surges, domestic programs axed

By Gary Wilson

In case you didn't notice, the only thing on Trump's budget so far is military expansion.

On April 7, Trump announced plans for a \$1 trillion defense budget next year, a massive increase.

"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."

**Tariffs a step toward war**

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At the same time, severe cuts (DOGE) ravage domestic government programs.

The timing of this announcement speaks volumes. As working people grapple with reduced public services and slashed social programs, with tens of thousands of civil service jobs cut and other job losses, as well as cuts in

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**The Billionaire-Military Complex - The Pentagon.**



**MAY DAY NOLA**

New Orleans photo: National Nurses United

Cuba photo: Bill Hackwell



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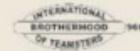
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# LA's Community Self-Defense fights ICE fascism

By John Parker

Los Angeles — There is an urgent need to build principled unity to confront the rising threat of fascism, a threat that spreads relentlessly like a virus, intensifying attacks on Black, Brown, and working-class communities at record levels.

While figures like Donald Trump and Elon Musk may be the loudest voices advancing this agenda, the Democratic Party under Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were complicit — funding and supporting Israeli genocide and deportations at home as tools of political control.

Barack Obama, despite his progressive reputation, oversaw more than 3 million formal deportations during his presidency — the highest number under any administration. That brutal legacy of “formal removals,” in which individuals are forcibly expelled from the U.S. under court order, set the stage. Biden and Harris continued down this path, even as they publicly claimed to support immigrant rights and racial justice.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass has likewise failed to live up to her rhetoric. Despite claims of prioritizing safety, she has remained silent on the LAPD’s long-standing cooperation with ICE, which continues to terrorize immigrant and migrant communities. The label “sanctuary city” becomes a cruel oxymoron when families are ripped apart in

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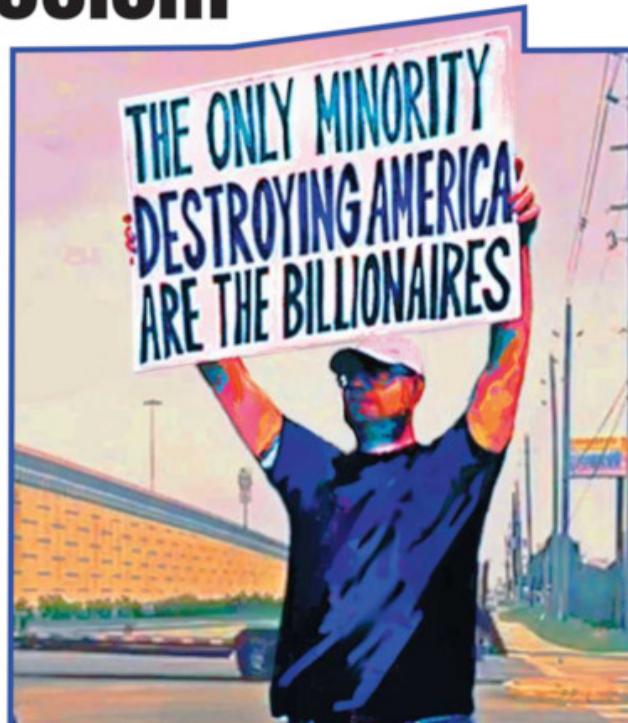
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Baltimore’s segregation law

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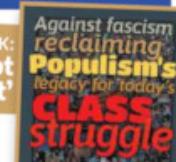
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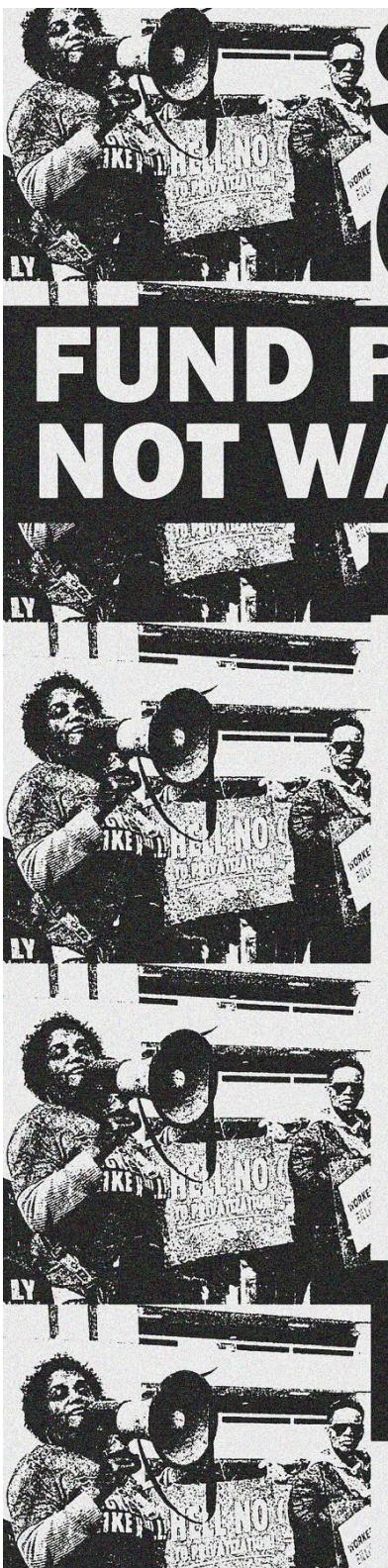
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# **Baltimore Tax Day Protest: Money for people's needs, not war & genocide, April 15**

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# STOP THE CUTS

Medicaid | Social  
Security | SNAP  
WIC | CHIP

## FUND PEOPLE'S NEEDS NOT WAR & GENOCIDE!

# TAX DAY

### RALLY & SPEAKOUT

### TUES APRIL 15 | 6 PM

Baltimore Main Post Office  
900 E. Fayette St.

### PEOPLES POWER ASSEMBLY

PEOPLE'S FIGHTBACK NETWORK  
PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS UNITED

## Baltimore Tax Day 2025: MONEY FOR PEOPLE'S NEEDS, NOT FOR WAR & GENOCIDE

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!



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## **Los Angeles: March on May Day**

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# Manifestación del primero de mayo en Los Angeles



@COMMUNITYSELFDEFENSECOALITION

¡Alto a deportaciones AHORA!  
¡Abolición de ICE!

¡Autodefensa comunitaria!

1 de mayo

Parque MacArthur

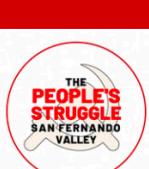
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¡LUCHA  
POR NUESTROS  
DERECHOS!



Organizado por:  
Coalición de Autodefensa  
Comunitaria de Los  
Ángeles

¡DÍA INTERNACIONAL DEL TRABAJAD@R!



**CRITICAL  
RESISTANCE**

LOS ANGELES CENTER FOR  
COMMUNITY  
LAW&ACTION

**SOCAL UPRISING**

**TEMPEST**  
A REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST  
COLLECTIVE



LA  
Educators for  
Justice in  
Palestine



**R.A.E**  
ASSOCIATION OF RAZA EDUCATORS





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# **Brooklyn, NYC: Palestinian Political Prisoners Day, April 12**

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لا تمت قبل أن تكون نداءً - غسان كنفاني

# PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS DAY

يوم الأسير السياسي الفلسطيني



**SUNSET PARK, BROOKLYN  
ENTRANCE ON 44TH ST & 6TH AVE  
SAT. 4/12 - 3 PM**

**FOLLOW ON INSTAGRAM @PALAWDA • TELEGRAM: T.ME/PALAWDA**

Event by [\*\*PAL-Awda NY/NJ\*\*](#)

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-known 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

DM or email [palaawda@proton.me](mailto:palaawda@proton.me) to endorse

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

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# SOCAL UPRISING

Queer & Forever Here

# 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 against the hate shown by bigoted adults.

Chino Valley Unified School Board Meeting  
April 17th 5:00 pm  
13461 Ramona Ave  
Chino, CA 91710



CODEPINK  
INLAND EMPIRE



Pomona Valley Pride



**Thursday, April 17 - 5:00 p.m.**

**13461 Ramona Ave, Chino, CA 91710**

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 solidarity 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.



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# **Demonstrate April 5 in Washington, D.C., for Palestine!**

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EMERGENCY MARCH ON WASHINGTON



**FREE MAHMOUD  
FREE RUMEYSA**

**STOP *the* ATTACKS  
*on* FREE SPEECH**

**STOP THE REPRESSION · FREE PALESTINE!**

**APRIL 5 | 1 PM**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW & 3RD ST NW**

**MARCHFORPALESTINE.ORG**

**MARCH ON WASHINGTON**

**STOP THE REPRESSION**

**STOP THE  
GENOCIDE**

**ARMS EMBARGO NOW!**

**FREE PALESTINE!**

**APRIL 5 1 PM  
WASHINGTON D.C.**

**MARCHFORPALESTINE.ORG**



PALESTINIAN  
YOUTH  
MOVEMENT



ANSWER  
الحركة  
الطلابية  
الفلسطينية



JEWISH  
VOICE  
FOR  
PEACE



U.S. Palestinian  
Community Network  
(USPCN)



U.S. CAMPAIGN FOR  
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

Palestinian  
Feminist  
Collective

AROC  
ACTION

AI-Awda  
THE PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO RETURN FOUNDATION

Tamkeen





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# **U.S. attack on Iran imminent?**

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**Tehran has already warned that its missile forces are ready to retaliate in case of escalation. All this sets the stage for yet another U.S.-orchestrated destabilization of not just the Middle East, but the world as a whole.**



A U.S. attack on Iran has been on the agenda for nearly half a century at this point. After the 1979 Iranian revolution, the two countries have had an uneasy relationship, to say the least. Despite brief moments of covert and overt cooperation, Washington DC and Tehran have nearly unequivocally been geopolitical adversaries, supporting different sides in the Middle East and beyond.

Traditionally, Republican governments tend to be more aggressive toward Iran and the new Trump administration is no different in that regard. Since his first term, Donald Trump has been quite critical of Iran and its policies. This continued during his second term, with the U.S. escalating tensions by [directly attacking and bombing Iranian allies such as the Houthis](#) (officially known as the Ansar Allah).

Even the former Biden administration worked to pave the way for more American interventionism in the Middle East, [particularly by targeting Syria](#), which fell to [Western-backed terrorists](#) in early December. In the meantime, the mainstream

propaganda machine kept [galvanizing the U.S. public for war with Iran](#) (even before Trump took office).

Worse yet, in the last several months, there have been a number of concrete moves to facilitate such an attack, particularly in terms of deploying strategic assets. U.S. President Donald Trump himself has warned that his country could “launch a bombing attack the likes of which they have never seen before” if Tehran refuses to engage in negotiations and make the “necessary” concessions on its nuclear program.

“If they don’t make a deal, there will be bombing,” [he said, adding that](#) “U.S. and Iranian officials are talking” and that “there’s a chance that if they don’t make a deal, that I will do secondary tariffs on them like I did four years ago.”

[Trump made the statement in an interview on March 29](#), following the deployment of at least seven B-2 “Spirit” strategic stealth bombers to the Diego Garcia Naval Support Facility (officially belongs to the British military, but leased to the U.S. Navy and also often used by the USAF). The Pentagon operates only 19 B-2s, meaning that over a third of all operational bombers have been deployed to Diego Garcia.

Such a high concentration of these aircraft is certainly not reassuring if one is to maintain peace. Worse yet, [military sources report](#) there are also eight B-52 regular strategic bombers/missile carriers, seven C-17 “Globemaster III” heavy transports, ten KC-135 “Stratotanker” aerial refueling tankers and at least one P-8 “Poseidon” ISR (intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance) platform.

The remote position of the island in the middle of the Indian Ocean gives strategic bombers the ability to launch more sorties while operating outside of the range of most land-based missiles. USAF can (and almost certainly does) use Diego Garcia to strike targets all across the Middle East. Although it can be argued that aircraft such as the B-2 are pretty much obsolete against countries like Russia or China, the U.S.

seems to be confident that they can overpower Iran's advanced air defense network. They can carry both nuclear and conventional weapons, including the GBU-57A/B MOP (Massive Ordnance Penetrator) "bunker buster" bombs. Each B-2 can carry a pair of these monstrosities that are very well suited to destroy fortified bases and underground facilities such as [those used by the Iranian military](#).

The bomber's long range also significantly increases its operational radius while reducing the risk for host and support bases. Officially, [Iran still doesn't operate](#) missiles that could reach Diego Garcia, which is a major reason why the base is so important for the U.S. and its power projection capabilities in the region.

On the other hand, Washington, D.C., still has many other bases within the range of Iranian missiles and Tehran has already demonstrated that attacks on its homeland will not go unpunished. Thus, America's ability to wage war against Iran with impunity is highly questionable. In fact, [Tehran has already warned that its missile forces are ready to retaliate in case of escalation](#). All this sets the stage for yet another U.S.-orchestrated destabilization of not just the Middle East, but the world as a whole.

What's more, such a move would certainly have detrimental consequences on Trump's plans to reduce fuel prices in the troubled U.S. economy. Not to mention the fact that Iran is far more heavily armed than was the case only a decade ago. In addition to SAM (surface-to-air missile) and EW (electronic warfare) systems, Tehran has also upgraded its fighter jet fleet, including top-of-the-line Russian-made Su-35 air superiority fighters.

Thanks to its advanced avionics and sensors, particularly the OLS-35, this Russian-made jet has enhanced anti-stealth capabilities that would certainly come in handy in countering aircraft such as the B-2. In addition, [its already battle-proven ability to network with other weapon systems](#), particularly air defense assets, makes it perfectly suited for defending against such attacks.

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### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025

# Attempted trans genocide is a warning to the whole working class

By Melinda Butterfield

*Talk given by Melinda Butterfield of the Struggle for Socialism Party at the International Women's Day March and Teach-In in Baltimore on March 8, 2025.*

Hello friends, comrades and siblings. Happy International Women's Day.

Thank you to the organizers for inviting me to speak today. I admit that I really struggled with what I would say. On an important occasion like this, I'd like to give an inspiring, hopeful message about historic victories women have won and the battles ahead.

But as a trans woman living in Donald Trump's United States, it's hard to find anything positive to say. All of our communities are being attacked. The whole working class is under siege.

My immigrant sisters are subject to ICE terror and deportation, with their families being ripped apart. My Palestinian sisters are engulfed in ongoing genocide in Gaza, despite the ceasefire agreement, with Israel not only making military attacks, but cutting off food, medicine and electricity. My Black sisters here in Baltimore are mourning spouses and children murdered by police or jailed.

And right now, transgender people hold the distinction of being targets for eradication.

Let me say it again: The fascists running the government plan to eradicate us.

It's taking a toll.

About 10 days ago, an Indigenous trans woman from out west, someone I respect and admire, posted a suicide note on social media. She'd been targeted for months by white supremacist groups. They hung "wanted" posters with her photo in her neighborhood calling her a "groomer." She was exhausted from fighting so hard for so long, she wrote. She was simply done.

My heart ached for her, for our community's loss if she went through with it. But I understood. I've felt the same way more times

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SLL Photo: Melinda Butterfield  
Oppressed genders lead march to Baltimore women's jail on International Women's Day, March 8, 2025.

**FREE MAHMOUD KHALIL**



**LOUISIANA WORKERS COUNCILS**

**Stop Billionaires' War on the People**

**STOP THE CUTS**

*Expand Medicaid, WIC, CHIP, SNAP*

*Defend Postal & Federal Workers' Jobs*

*Lower Rents & Insurance*

*Raise Wages*

*End Tax Breaks for Corporations and Super-Rich*

**EMERGENCY RALLY**

*Saturday, March 29*

*2 pm, Canal & Elk St.*

► Hands off Rep. Al Green!

► NYC protests genocide in Gaza

► 'New Syria' & Zionist collaboration

► Who murdered Marielle Franco?

► Bleeding Europe - waging war on China

► Trump, Elon Musk and South Africa

► Ukraine guilty in Odessa massacre

► Release Venezuelan migrants

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## Stand with South Africa's fight

# **against the racist Musk-Trump regime - NYC, March 21**

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**65th COMMEMORATION OF  
THE SHARPEVILLE  
MASSACRE.....**



**STAND WITH SOUTH AFRICA'S FIGHT  
AGAINST THE RACIST MUSK-TRUMP  
REGIME**



**Friday, March 21st, 2025 1pm Rally**

**US Mission to United Nations**

**45th St. & 1st Ave.**



- Protest the Trump Administration's expulsion of South African Ambassador for standing up against racism
- South Africa defends their land reform policy from the attacks of Elon Musk
- Remember that South Africa took Israel to International Criminal Court for genocide against the Palestinians
- Pan-Africanism is Our Duty



**March 21st, 1960  
Sharpeville Protests**

