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The East Palestine, Ohio, train wreck

Capitalist greed fuels toxic nightmare

By Stephen Millies

The profits-first safety-last Norfolk Southern railway has turned East Palestine, Ohio, into a burn pit. Like the dumps operated by the U.S. military in formerly occupied Afghanistan and still occupied Iraq, the Feb. 3 train wreck poisoned a wide area.

The deliberate ignition of five tank cars on Feb. 6 released a mushroom cloud of toxins. A temporary evacuation didn't help much. Residents are reporting health problems, including bronchitis and skin rashes, while thousands of fish have died.

"The whole sky was black," was how Darlington, Pennsylvania, resident Amanda Kemmer described conditions after the cars were blown up. Darlington is just nine miles from East Palestine.

"And then you get this chemical smell in the house," the mother of four children said. "Everyone had a headache and didn't feel well and was sick to their stomach."

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine called this disaster a "controlled release" and said he approved of it. A hole was punched into each of the tank cars so that the vinyl chloride inside could pour into a pit and be set on fire.

Used to make PVC pipe, packaging and coatings, vinyl chloride is dangerous, according to the National Cancer Institute. Exposure to it increases the risk of liver, brain and lung cancers as well as lymphoma and leukemia.

That's a reason why vinyl chloride is being phased out around the world. Germany banned dumping it in landfills in 2005. Truckloads of the burned residue are now being shipped to Indiana, Michigan and Texas.

The excuse given by both the rail-



Food stamp benefits are being reduced across the board starting March 1, with 42 million seeing cuts. Congress and President Biden cut food stamps even as food price inflation is spreading, with no sign of letup. Above, a protest in Baltimore. See page 3

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road and Gov. DeWine for the deliberate burning of this poison was to prevent the tank cars from exploding. Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro thinks the real reason was more about clearing the tracks quicker.

"Amtrak Joe" in the White House knows about burn pits. President Biden blames them for killing his 49-year-old son Joseph "Beau" Biden III, who died from brain cancer.

So why doesn't Biden sanction Norfolk Southern CEO Alan Shaw like he does Cuba, Syria, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe? While Shaw raked in \$4.5 million last year, the U.S. government is trying to economically strangle these countries.

Saving money, wasting lives

Eighteen years ago a Norfolk Southern train hauling chlorine and other chemicals derailed in Graniteville, South Carolina, on Jan. 6, 2005. Poisonous chlorine gas was released, killing 10 people.

The train was operating in what railroaders call "dark territory"—a track without wayside signals. Only a small switch target warned engineer Christopher Seeling too late that the track was misaligned for a

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COP CITY: Racist police terror continues in Atlanta

By Lev Koufax

Almost three years ago, two Atlanta police officers executed Rayshard Brooks, an unarmed 27-year-old Black father of two, in a Wendy's parking lot. In the immediate aftermath of the shooting, the two cops were fired and charged with murder. The Atlanta Black community reclaimed the Wendy's as a community center and proposed the construction of a Rayshard Brooks memorial.

Unfortunately, the Atlanta storm troopers raided the Wendy's site in 2020 and violently cleared the community encampment there. Any plans for a memorial or community center were scrapped.

Pouring salt in the wound, racist cop Garrett Rolfe, who fired the shots that killed Brooks, was reinstated in May 2021. Just over a year later, in August 2022, Georgia prosecutors dropped all charges against Rolfe and his partner, Devin Brosnan.

This string of racist and reactionary actions taken by the Atlanta city and Georgia state governments, along with their allies in the mainstream media, continue to enact an agenda aimed at stifling anti-racist dissent and increasing surveillance of oppressed communities.

As part of this reactionary agenda, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms announced in April 2021 a plan for a brand new \$90 million, 85 acre police training facility on what has been a public forest for decades. Several months later, the Atlanta City Council rubber stamped the plan.

Even in the face of severe opposition and sustained protests, the city has forged ahead with construction of what has been dubbed "Cop City."

Cold-blooded execution

On Jan. 18, 2023, the police and officials demonstrated just how far they would go to secure the site for what is really a domestic military base. In short, they would kill to do so.

That day, a Georgia State Trooper



Protesters march in Atlanta following the police murder of Manuel 'Tortuguita' Terán.

executed a queer environmental activist of color, Manuel Esteban Paez Terán (known by the nickname Tortuguita.)

Terán was involved in a two-year effort by local activists to organize forest sit-ins against the training center's construction. For Terán's dedication to anti-racism and anti-capitalism, the Atlanta police shot them 13 times.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation has kept the facts under lock and key, making the community and Terán's family question the "official" narrative that they fired upon police first. There is no reason to believe that account.

Based on all those who knew Terán, they were a fervent pacifist dedicated to the preservation of the planet's natural wonders. Nonetheless, the GBI has depicted them as a violent lunatic aimed at murdering police. Per usual, the police narrative does not pass the smell test.

Georgia police have only escalated their efforts against the community protesting the construction of Cop City. This has included multiple raids with heavily-armed officers deploy-

ing crowd dispersal weapons against all those in the forested area.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp took the outrageous steps of calling in the National Guard and charging several Cop City protesters with "domestic terrorism."

As racist police escalate their war against Black and Brown communi-

ties and the broader working class, so must the struggle for liberation maintain its efforts to uncover the capitalist system for what it is: rotten and racist at every level of society.

Stand with the Cop City protesters!
Down with fascist training centers!

Justice for Rayshard Brooks! Justice for Tortuguita! 📧

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factory siding.

Signals save lives, but profits come first to the railroad brass. Greed cost 28-year-old Brother Seeling, who was secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Division 85 - Teamsters, his life.

Last year Norfolk Southern reported profits of \$3.27 billion. The outfit has gotten rid of 12,000 workers since 2015 - 40% of its workforce.

The corporate model called Precision Scheduled Railroading is responsible for these cutbacks. PSR calls for longer trains with fewer workers.

The train that poisoned East Palestine was 150 cars long. Fortunately there were three railroaders in the lead locomotive: an engineer, conductor and a conductor trainee. They were able to cut off the locomotives from the burning train.

The railroad monopolies want to operate with just a one-person crew. Forty-seven people were killed when a runaway train with 72 oil tank cars crashed in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, Canada, on July 6, 2013. There was just one engineer on it, who had been instructed to leave the train.

Last year U.S. railroads reported 1,049 derailments. That's about three per day.

That's almost the same number of people killed by police last year. Of the derailments, 355 of them involved hazardous materials.

Gambling with safety

The train wreck in Ohio was caused by an overheated bearing on one of the train axles. Wayside defect detectors are supposed to catch

a failure before a tragedy occurs. But there's no government standard for how high the temperature has to be before the crew is alerted.

Around 30 miles before the train reached East Palestine, a detector showed the bearing was 103 degrees Fahrenheit above the surrounding temperature. A surveillance camera captured flames coming from underneath the car.

Norfolk Southern, however, set the detectors so they wouldn't report a problem until a bearing reached at least 170 degrees above air temperature. This was gambling a train could stop in time.

By the time the train reached the next detector near East Palestine, the bearing was 253 degrees above air temperature. The train crew was finally alerted, but it was too late to prevent the wreck, even though the engineer and other employees were blameless.

Why was the alarm set at such a high temperature? With the super long trains demanded by Precision Scheduled Railroading, the conductor might have to walk back a mile or more over stone ballast to check a car.

That is, if there wasn't a bridge or some other obstacle. Cutting off freight 100 cars back and then pushing the car with a "hot box" into a siding that might be miles away would cause delays.

An example of railroad management's recklessness is cutting the number of workers that specialized in checking the defect detectors. According to Christopher Hand, director of research at the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, as recently as three years ago there were five mem-

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STOP FOOD STAMP CUTS!

By Struggle-La Lucha
Baltimore bureau

Food stamp benefits are being reduced across the board on March 1, with 4.2 million seeing cuts ranging from \$82 to \$328 a month per household. Seniors could see reductions from \$281 to as little as \$23 per month.

The emergency increase of food stamp benefits enacted during the COVID-19 pandemic was ended, effective March 1, by Congress and signed into law by President Biden last December.

The cuts will include the restart of eligibility determination for food stamps, Medicaid, and other social benefits, which was halted in March 2020 when the Trump administration declared that the COVID pandemic was a national emergency. Hundreds of thousands of households and individuals will be cut off every month, with millions cut by the end of the year.

The reduction in food stamps (officially called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP) actually began on Feb. 1, when 18 states began the cuts as soon as it was legally possible.

The numbers affected on March 1, state by state, are painful. The top 16 include: Calif., 2.93 million people; N.Y., 1.61 million; Texas, 1.34 million; Ill., 1.06 million; Pa., 1.04 million; N.C., 813,000; Mich., 705,000; Ohio, 673,000; Mass., 629,000; Wash., 518,000; Va., 470,000; Ore., 416,000; Ala., 393,000; N.J., 388,000; Md., 360,000; and Wis., 347,000.

Congress cut food stamps as food price inflation is spreading, with no sign of letup. Food at home prices rose by 11.3% in 2022. Eggs led the way, up 32.2%. Cereals and bakery products were up 15.6%; meats, poultry, and fish were up 8.1%; dairy was up 14%.

At a Feb. 27 protest of the food stamp cuts in Baltimore, the Peoples Power Assembly, the Matthew Henson Neighborhood Association,

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SNAP BENEFITS CUT	
10 lbs ground beef	\$47.00
3 gal milk	\$12.40
3 doz eggs	\$12.60
4 loaves bread	\$10.00
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the Unemployed Workers Union, and others demanded that the cuts be reversed immediately and that the food stamp program be expanded due to the continuing inflation crisis.

Dr. Marvin “Doc” Cheatham, Matthew Henson Neighborhood Association and civil rights advocate, said: “The federal government must address this crisis, but local, state, and city governments can and must act too. Everyone from the mayor to the governor can and must find the resources to keep people from starving and suffering!”

The Rev. Annie Chambers, Douglas Homes housing advocate and Peoples Power Assembly organizer, declared: “They can find \$100 billion for the Ukraine war, but nothing for the people. This is an outrage! Food stamps must be extended, not cut.”

Baltimore is already hard-hit by “food deserts” (neighborhoods with little or no access to affordable, nutritious food) and what activists are calling “Baltimore food apartheid.”

Groups have banded together in a campaign to “End Food Apartheid in Baltimore.” They are demanding that the food stamp program be expanded, including lowering requirements to allow seniors and low-wage workers more access.

The campaign has called for rolling back prices, including enacting a people’s control board that has the power to freeze and rollback prices, and enacting stiff penalties for price gougers.

‘Our program’

Following is the program organizers announced at a news conference

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outside Baltimore City Hall:

“Baltimore community groups are joining together to fight for people’s right to affordable, nutritious food. If Under Armour can receive ‘opportunity zone’ status and downtown businesses can receive financial benefits, why not Baltimore’s neighborhoods?”

“We believe that it is time to put an end to food apartheid in Baltimore. When we began our work there were four areas that we identified as ‘food deserts,’ including West Baltimore, Pigtown, Oliver East and Cherry Hill. Those boundaries have widened and with growing inflation most communities, with the exception of wealthy areas, are facing hardship and hunger.

“This is why we are submitting the following proposals for change. Where it is possible, we welcome government officials negotiating with existing supermarket chains to locate in these neighborhoods. But we cannot wait or rely on the goodwill of for-profit food chains. Comprehensive action is needed!

“Action is needed on a city, state, and federal level. It includes city council members, the mayor, the Baltimore Health Department, and the governor.

“Create publicly owned and subsidized markets at the previous sites of closed markets or at locations designated by the community.

- Train and hire residents from each affected area.



- Protect and guarantee union rights for all workers in subsidized supermarkets.
 - Rollback food prices.
 - Restore emergency allotments for food stamps to address the inflation crisis.
 - Lower requirements to extend food stamp programs especially for seniors and low wage workers.
 - Workers’ and people’s control board to rollback and freeze prices.
 - Enact penalties for price gougers.
 - Support and fund Black owned food-coops, gardens and farms.
 - Community control of vacant city lots for people’s gardens.
 - Immediately enact transportation and food distribution plan for seniors, youth, disabled and poor residents.
 - Weekly bus routes to supermarkets from affected communities.
 - Delivery of food to those in need and emergency preparation.
 - Community control of redevelopment.
 - Form Community Action Committees in each area.
 - Citywide Commission made up of representatives from affected communities to determine action.
- “Mayor and City Council to call for national aid – over \$100 billion has already been spent on the U.S./NATO proxy war on Russia. Time to feed the people, not the Pentagon.”

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members of the union, called “electronic leaders,” assigned to inspect Norfolk Southern’s wayside detectors in parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Now there are none.

The obvious solution is to run shorter trains and keep more employees on the payroll. But that means less profits for Wells Fargo and the hedge funds that are Norfolk Southern’s biggest stockholders.

Right-wing clown show

Bringing a pallet of bottled water with his name on the label, Donald Trump has visited East Palestine. So did that well known public health expert Rudy Giuliani.

When he was New York City’s mayor in 1995, Giuliani sought to sell three public hospitals and get rid of 1,000 hospital beds.

Why should anybody think these two racist clowns care about poor and working people in East Palestine?



At a town hall meeting attended by more than 200 people, East Palestine residents made a list of demands including: Relocation for anyone who wants it; independent environmental testing; ongoing medical testing and monitoring; safe disposal of toxic waste; and for Norfolk Southern to pay 100% of costs.

Tucker Carlson on Fox News is claiming that people in East Palestine are being ignored because they are overwhelmingly white. That’s what a fascist demagogue sounds like.

Where were Trump and Fox News when the water systems in Jackson, Mississippi, and Flint, Michigan, failed? Both cities have Black majorities. Black people were mocked as

they were drowning in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina.

Tucker Carlson attacks defunding killer cops, but he says nothing about the defunding of the Federal Railroad Administration and its safety inspectors.

The genuine anger at Norfolk Southern management has helped force it to discuss giving sick days to

3,000 track workers. They’re members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, part of the Teamsters union.

Talks with other railroad unions will follow. Last year the railroad outfits refused to budge on this issue.

Nobody should be fooled by pseudo-populist attacks on rail companies by right-wingers. The railroad monopolies are envied by other capitalists for their above average profits.

By slashing jobs, Precision Scheduled Railroading delayed service to many shippers. Even containers from West Coast ports were embargoed for a time.

Norfolk Southern has its own defenders in the media. One of the CNN talking heads is David Urban, a Norfolk Southern lobbyist.

The real answer to the East Palestine disaster is a people’s takeover of the railroads. They’re a public utility that should be run in the interests of people, not super-profits.

The writer is a retired Amtrak worker.

Hey Joe Rogan, who built the White House? How Black workers made the United States rich

By Stephen Millies

One of the biggest lies of capitalist propaganda is that Black people “live off” white workers. This racist falsehood has been used for decades to justify cutbacks that hurt all poor and working people. It was even hurled against the Freedmen’s Bureau, which was set up after the Civil War to help formerly enslaved Black people.

The truth is that it was enslaved Africans who produced most of the U.S. exports before the Civil War. Cotton alone accounted for half of U.S. export earnings in 1860.

So Black labor overwhelmingly paid for imports of machinery and other industrial goods from Britain. Crews on U.S. vessels and whaling ships included Black sailors, as portrayed in the novel “Moby Dick.”

From Maryland to Texas, it was enslaved Africans who cleared the forests and plowed the fields on land stolen from Indigenous nations. Every plantation mansion was built by Black carpenters. Frederick Douglass worked in a Baltimore shipyard.

Black labor was also essential to New York City, which had a municipal slave market on Wall Street. The metropolis became the country’s financial center by being the bankers for the slave owners.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis doesn’t want students to know this truth. That’s why this bigot is trying to ban Black history.

Hollywood helps cover up the role of Black labor in making the United States so wealthy. With some exceptions, when a television show does feature workers, they’re usually white guys. Think of Jackie Gleason in “The Honeymooners” or Kevin James in “The King of Queens.”

The latest example of this ignorance is podcaster Joe Rogan. He attacked Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg’s mild statement urging more diversity in construction jobs.

“Do you know that he gave a speech the other day about how there’s too many white people working in construction sites,” was how Rogan characterized Buttigieg’s remarks. That’s poison.

It’s saying fighting discrimination hurts whites. That’s par for the course for Rogan, who’s had to apologize for using racial epithets dozens of times on his shows.

Rogan went on to say, “That’s skilled labor. Like, you have to hire people that are really good at that. And if they don’t exist in that community, you have to hire them from outside that community.”

Who do you think built the White House, Joe Rogan? As Michelle Obama pointed out, it was skilled Black carpenters who could be sold on the auction block.

Always remember John Henry

The 9,000 miles of railroads in the South before the Civil War were built by enslaved Africans. Thousands of more miles were laid afterwards by Black prisoners.

They included “the steel driving man” John Henry, who was worked to death building the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, now part of the gigantic CSX rail system. Forcing railroad monopolies to pay reparations to Black people also guarantees that cities like East Palestine, Ohio, that have been devastated by train wrecks will be compensated.

On some southern railroad lines, Black workers accounted for as many as 90% of the locomotive firemen. (“Brotherhoods of Color: Black Railroad Workers and the Struggle for Equality” by Eric Arnesen)

Starting with Philadelphia and going south, at least half of the dockworkers are Black. These include the ports of Baltimore; Norfolk, Virginia; Charleston, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; New Orleans; and Houston.

At one time a majority of Alabama’s coal miners were Black. In 1930 there were 55,000 Black coal miners, including 22,000 in West Virginia. (“Black Coal Miners in America” by Ronald Lewis)

By 1910 there were more than 37,000 Black workers in U.S. steel mills. (“The Harder We Run: Black Workers since the Civil War” by William H. Harris)

The violent overthrow of the Reconstruction governments in the South was a tragic defeat for Black freedom and all poor people. Decades of lynchings and Ku Klux Klan terror followed.

This was the period when railroad tycoon Jay Gould bragged he could hire one half of the working class to shoot the other half. Almost every big strike was met with violence from the employers.

While hundreds of white strikers

— including many immigrants — as well as Black strikers were shot down in the North, thousands of Black people were lynched in the South.

Agents scoured eastern and southern Europe to hire workers for the 12-hour workdays in Andrew Carnegie’s steel mills. But these labor recruiters didn’t go south of the Ohio River to hire Black or white sharecroppers.

They were needed to produce ever-increasing amounts of cotton, the production of which leapt from 4 million bales in 1870 to 16 million in 1911. Despite the rapid growth of U.S. manufacturing, cotton still accounted for 29% of U.S. exports that year.

Summoning Black labor north

World War I changed that hiring scheme by cutting off the European labor supply while fueling an economic boom. Big capital summoned Black workers north, where they became indispensable to heavy industry.

By 1917, a quarter of the 50,000 meatpacking workers employed in Chicago’s Union Stockyards were Black. There were 7,000 Black workers in Pittsburgh’s steel mills in 1918.

Dennis C. Dickerson’s book, “Out of the Crucible: Black Steelworkers in Western Pennsylvania, 1875–1980,” emphasizes their increasing role: “By the end of the 1920s, Black workers had entrenched themselves in the steel mills of Western Pennsylvania. In 1929, they comprised at least one fifth of all shop employees in area mills and foundries.”

By 1920, African Americans were 11.4% of the “steel labor force” in Illinois, 14.2% in Indiana and 10.9% in Pennsylvania. (“Steelworkers in America: The Nonunion Era” by David Brody)

The Black percentage of these states’ population in 1920 was only 2.8% in Illinois, 2.8% in Indiana and 3.3% in Pennsylvania. So a century ago, Black workers were concentrated in the steel industry far above their percentage of the population.

During World War I, the 38,723 Black shipyard workers accounted for a tenth of those employed in the industry, according to Harris. In 1919 there were 4,500 African Americans working at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. (“The Informer,” Cleveland,

April 1919)

Black workers key to union victories

Black workers were crucial to the working class upsurge of the 1930s. Millions of workers won union wages and benefits. Social Security was established.

In the 1934 West Coast dockworkers’ strike, union leader Harry Bridges won support from the Black community.

According to labor historian Philip Foner, 85,000 of the Steel Workers’ Organizing Committee’s 550,000 members were Black.

The Black communist Benjamin Careathers personally signed up nearly 2,000 Black employees of Jones & Laughlin at the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, plant for the union.

The 1937 “Little Steel” strike — waged against the smaller rivals of U.S. Steel — was drowned in blood. Chicago cops killed 10 workers in the Memorial Day massacre. Largely because of Careathers’ effort, J&L became virtually the only “Little Steel” outfit to sign a union contract.

Black workers were key for the United Auto Workers forcing Henry Ford to sign a union contract in 1941. The victories of the Packing House Workers Organizing Committee were based on Black workers.

In Chicago’s stockyards, the bosses used Polish women to segregate some of the departments. The Black communist union organizer Henry “Hank” Johnson learned a little Polish from his Polish American comrades. After Johnson gave a short speech in Polish, hundreds signed union cards.

Racist hiring practices continued even as U.S. plants needed workers for war production. A. Philip Randolph, leader of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, led the March on Washington Movement to demand jobs during World War II. President Franklin Roosevelt was forced to set up the Fair Employment Practices Commission.

It was hardest of all for Black women to get hired in factories. Black women had always been more likely to work outside of their home than white women. But almost 80% of their jobs in the cities before World War II had been as maids. They’re workers, too.

It was Black women domestic

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The long shadow of the 1919 Chicago race riot



by Stephen Millies

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Black steel workers on strike in Tampa, Florida.

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workers who were the backbone of the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott – a big blow to Jim Crow racism.

Racism hurts all poor and working people

During the post-World War II period of capitalist economic expansion, U.S. big business increasingly depended on Black labor. The two biggest U.S. industries were auto and steel. One out of four auto and steel workers were Black in 1968.

That year General Motors was the world's largest corporation, while Ford, Chrysler and U.S. Steel were also among the 10 biggest U.S. companies. Black workers were the bedrock of the United Auto Workers.

In his book, "The Company and the Union," author William Serrin estimated that the UAW's membership was 30% Black in 1972. Forty percent of UAW members in Detroit's metropolitan area were Black.

With their strikes, UAW workers won dental insurance and other benefits not only for themselves but also for many other workers. Non-union employers were often compelled to offer some of these benefits in order to attract workers.

Massive job discrimination persisted. For years, Harry Bradley, a founding member of the John Birch Society, refused to hire Black workers at his Allen-Bradley factory in Milwaukee that made electrical controls.

How did that help the 6,000 workers employed there, members of United Electrical Workers Union Local 1111? The last union workers were let go in 2010.

The greatest example of how discrimination in hiring hurts all workers is in textiles, where over a million workers were employed in 1973.

Yankee textile companies fled New England in order to escape unions and immigrant workers. By 1960, 89% of U.S. textile production was in the South.

Wages in Southern mills were up to 40% below the Northern average. ("Testing the New Deal: The General Textile Strike of 1934 in the American South" by Janet Irons)

Excluding Black workers from textile mills was seen as a way to keep unions out. It was vital to manipulating and brainwashing white workers who were so desperately poor themselves.

Not all white workers believed this rubbish. The 29-year-old union supporter Ella May Wiggins was shot to death on Sept. 14, 1929, during the Gastonia, North Carolina, strike. Typical of the poverty suffered by white textile workers was that four of her children died of whooping cough.

Hiring Black workers in Southern textile mills is one of the greatest triumphs of the civil rights movement. When Ezell Blair Jr., Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeill and David Richmond began their sit-in at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, on Feb. 1, 1960, just 3.3% of textile workers were Black.

Eighteen years later, in 1978, Black workers held a quarter of the textile industry's jobs. ("Hiring the Black Worker: The Racial Integration of the Southern Textile Industry, 1960-1980" by Timothy Minchin)

Deliberate deindustrialization

Victor Perlo in "Economics of Racism II: The Roots of Inequality, USA," showed how discrimination allowed capitalists to make super-profits. A history of racist terror is why only 2% of workers in South Carolina are union members.

That's the reason Michelin Tire has 14 plants and other facilities in South Carolina, employing over 9,000 workers. None of these workers have union protection.

Just as U.S. textile outfits fled Northern states to run away from unions, Michelin wanted to escape

from the French working class. Black, white and Latinx workers in the Palmetto State get lower wages as a result.

Poor and working people in the United States have been pushed back for over 45 years. The destruction of six million factory jobs is the biggest reason for the decline in union membership.

In 1980, young workers in Flint, Michigan, had higher average incomes than those in San Francisco. Then General Motors closed nine of its 10 auto plants.

By 2017, half of Flint's population was living in poverty. Flint's children were poisoned by a polluted water supply.

Dozens of cities that were manufacturing centers were devastated. The Black metropolis of Detroit was a special target of Big Capital.

Automation helped destroy thou-

sands of jobs held by Black workers in coal mines and factories.

There's a stench of fascism in the air. Donald Trump Jr. claims East Palestine, Ohio, was neglected after the recent train wreck because it's an overwhelmingly white city. Charlie Kirk, who's featured on Fox News, says there's a war against white people.

Joe Rogan is part of this bigoted chorus. Hate doesn't fight for higher wages, lower rents or better retirement benefits.

Three years ago, 26 million people marched to demand Black Lives Matter! Using its media stooges, the wealthy and powerful have counter-attacked.

Unity is the greatest weapon poor and working people have. Inspired by the Palestinian struggle, we need a multinational working class Intifada. 🇵🇸

Look forward to a new groundbreaking book

The history of African Americans

in the Int'l Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) in San Francisco is indeed worthy of documentation. Such an individual is Cleophas Williams, whose distinguished career as a member of the Local 10 spanned 38 years.

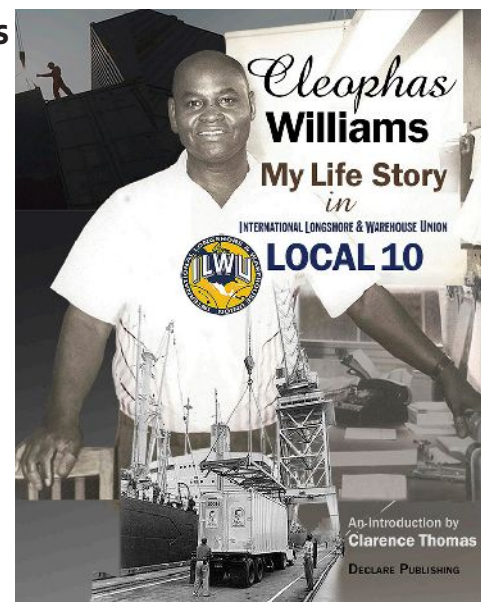
Cleophas Williams' election as president of ILWU Local 10 in 1967 made him the highest elected African American to serve as an officer in the entire ILWU.

Born in rural Camden, Arkansas, and part of the great migration to the Bay Area, he arrived in Oakland, California, in 1942 – seeking to escape the horrors and multifaceted structures of systemic racism and white supremacy.

He was amongst the leaders who placed Local 10 into the vanguard of the labor movement by engaging in civil-rights unionism and other social movements in the 1960s and 1970s.

Here is Cleophas Williams' historic journey – his rise in Local 10 within the greater context of the Black liberation movement.

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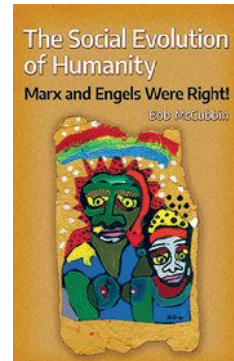
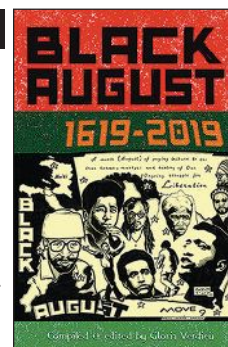
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The Social Evolution of Humanity Marx and Engels were right! by Bob McCubbin

This study of the evolution of humanity focuses on human social/sexual relations and, in particular, the changing social status of women. It offers a selection of scientific evidence that updates and augments the viewpoint expressed in Frederick Engels' masterful work, 'Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State.'

McCubbin is the author of 'Roots of Lesbian and Gay Oppression: A Marxist View.' Published in 1976, during the rise of the modern LGBTQ2S movement, McCubbin's unparalleled achievement was to offer a historical analysis of how LGBTQ2S oppression developed.

‘Azov’ fascist units in Ukrainian National Guard and Army are being expanded

By Susann Witt-Stahl

The Ukrainian military is recruiting forces for new offensive brigades. In addition to a police unit and a border guard unit, six brigades of the National Guard are said to belong to them. These assault units will be made up entirely of volunteers, most of whom have “been through hell” and “driven by patriotism,” Interior Minister Igor Klimentko said on Feb. 2. “There are a lot of those in our country.” So far, more than 27,000 applications are said to have been received.

The new offensive formation also includes the best-known fascist elite unit of the National Guard, which has achieved cult status in Ukraine and throughout the Western world as the “heroic defenders of Azovstal.” Recently, an Azov delegation with celebrities from France’s politics, business and culture – including former President François Hollande – celebrated the premiere of the propaganda film “Glory to Ukraine” by right-wing publicist Bernard-Henri Lévy in Paris.

A Nazi special unit commanded by Azov founder Andriy Biletsky, which was formed in February 2022 and shortly afterwards incorporated into the regular army, was expanded to a brigade three weeks ago. Recently, however, Azov has also again become a paramilitary organization inside the National Guard, where it was originally created in 2014 – a large association that can operate independently.



PHOTO: JUNGE WELT

Fascist ‘Azov’ units deployed at embattled Bakhmut, Feb. 6.

“It’s time to go on the offensive” was the call for supporters to volunteer. “Write history with us. Come to Azov!” As a reward, there are privileges that regular soldiers of the army, who are often driven into the meat grinders of the Donbass without any significant training and adequate equipment, can only dream of: several months of intensive training in artillery, tanks and drones by experienced officers, a lucrative salary, medical treatment in state hospitals, later a university degree or a career in the Ministry of the Interior.

The announcement that “We guarantee combat operations on the front lines with like-minded people” is likely to attract militant right-wingers with a great bloodlust. Ultimately tempting for them is the destination of the “combat trip,” which Biletsky praised as the “most

difficult area”: Bakhmut. “The decisive battle of this war is yet to come. It requires a new standard. That’s why the military command is giving us a new responsibility,” Biletsky boasted on Jan. 26 about the increase in power of his troops. He announced a “hot winter” for the Russian enemies: “We are preparing many surprises for you.”

Azov has launched an extensive recruitment campaign. The promotional videos are designed according to the highest cultural-industrial standards of Hollywood war films. With extremely fast cuts from dramatic action images, underlined with archaic battle horns and Wagnerian bombast sounds as well as beats made of pulses to increase the adrenaline output, the lowest violent instincts are appealed to. “Without a fight there is no glory!” was the motto. On Tuesday, Azov al-

ready presented footage of the first days of its army brigade’s deployment in Bakhmut.

In January, U.S. tech giant Meta, which owns Instagram, Facebook and other social media outlets, removed Azov from its list of dangerous organizations. Hundreds of Azov accounts were unlocked. Since then, Azov as a movement – which, in addition to the combat units, also includes militias for terrorizing opposition members and minorities inside Ukraine, a political party, its own fashion and music labels and a merchandise network – has been able to operate worldwide without restrictions.

With its ever-expanding propaganda machine, Azov not only produces fascist warmongering, ideologies of a master race and heroic myths, but also targeted disinformation: above all, the lie that Azov has broken away from Nazism, which is the lie that politicians and the media in the European Union and the United States put forward, being disseminated on a large scale.

Azov leader Biletsky exposed the lie himself on Feb. 3, on the occasion of the 94th anniversary of the founding of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN). He paid tribute to Stepan Bandera, Roman Shukhevych and other collaborators with Hitler’s Germany who shared responsibility for the Holocaust, and urged his followers to act decisively: “The OUN has fulfilled its historic mission. Now is our time.”

Translated by Melinda Butterfield
Source: Junge Welt

Anniversary of Russian Special Military Operation: A victory for Russia will be a victory for the international working class!

Marxists Speak Out has been working since February 2022 to bring together the communist forces internationally that support a Russian victory over NATO and support the Russian-speaking territories that have chosen to break from Ukraine. We have done so through joint statements, panels and promoting protests.

Feb. 24 marks the first anniversary of Russia coming to the aid of the people in the Lugansk and Donetsk People’s Republics, defending those in the Eastern Ukraine region that had seceded in 2014 due to the Kiev regime’s Neo-Nazi ties. German fascism was the spearhead used by imperialism to try and destroy the Soviet Union workers’ state in World War II. Fascist forces have once again been utilized by imperialism within Ukraine, this time to target the people of the Donbass and capitalist Russia. Now that the U.S./EU/NATO bloc have dropped their policy of limited intervention for open escalation, the world is once again on the brink of a destructive war between nuclear-armed powers.

For 30 years, NATO has lied to the Russian people and closed the distance between NATO-aligned coun-

tries and the Russian border. Russophobia has been a convenient cover for imperialism as it dismisses any concerns about NATO’s ambition to place weapons on the border between Russia and Ukraine as Russian aggression. We now know that every step of so-called diplomacy of the Minsk Agreement was nothing more than broken promises and opportunities to further prepare for imperialist war. Angela Merkel and former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko have both admitted the Minsk agreement was aimed to stall Russia so NATO could supply Ukraine with weaponry.

The fascist militias and battalions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces terrorized the citizens of Donbass between 2014 and 2022, killing thousands of civilians and ultimately leaving Russia no choice but to launch an offensive in the region to protect the Russian-speaking population. Russians have never forgotten how many of their ancestors, who fought as citizens of the Soviet Union, died to defeat Nazi Germany during WWII. Given this history, it was intolerable for many Russians to see the resurgence of the likes of



GRAPHIC: HENRY WONG

Stepan Bandera gaining a foothold to threaten Russia at the behest of imperialism.

Ukraine has been propped up by imperialist forces from the beginning of the conflict and Zelensky is increasingly calling for more aid from the West: first long range missiles, then tanks and now fighter jets. There appears to be no “red line” the Western imperialists will not cross as they escalate the conflict.

In addition to the billions of dollars in weapons, the imperialists have stooped to terrorism over the past year, blowing up the Nord Stream pipeline and launching terrorist attacks within Russian territory.

The U.S./EU/NATO alliance is prepared to destroy the working class of their own countries to undermine Russia, destabilize the region

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Condemn Biden's report, false designation of Cuba as 'state sponsor of terrorism'

By National Network On Cuba

There is no mistake about it. With the Feb. 27 release of the State Department Country Report on Terrorism 2021, President Biden accepted ownership of the illegal U.S. economic war on Cuba, following suit with Donald Trump, George W. Bush, and Ronald Reagan's hawkishness with the false designation of Cuba as a so-called "State Sponsor of Terrorism."

Unbelievably, Biden's secretary of state asserts that "Cuba had repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism since its State Sponsor of Terrorism designation had been rescinded in 2015." Despite this untrue report, President Biden need only review the past six months and accept Cuba's unequivocal rejection of terrorism to take Cuba off the list.

The real purpose of slandering Cuba as "terrorist" is to justify the criminal blockade on Cuba. Biden is choosing to join his predecessors in failure – failure to defeat the Cuban people's centuries-long determination for sovereignty and self-determination on the road to equality, full human development and socialism.

The Country Report on Terror-

ism repeats the same discredited excuses that over 180 of the world's countries have rejected for 30 consecutive years in votes at the United Nations General Assembly. The U.S. war on Cuba is increasingly rejected by the U.S. public, whose elected officials in government and unions — representing over 44 million U.S. people — have called for Cuba to be removed from the State Sponsors of Terrorism (SSOT) list and that the U.S. end the blockade and take steps to normalize relations with its much smaller neighbor.

With Cuba's SSOT designation, the U.S. attempts to criminalize normalizing relations with Cuba, exacerbating the already devastating impacts of the U.S. blockade on Cuba. It makes it harder for Cuba to make international transactions or borrow loans for building infrastructure and buying essential food and medicine. The SSOT designation also punishes people from 40 non-U.S. countries for traveling to Cuba by threatening their eligibility for the U.S. visa waiver program.

During his presidential campaign, Biden said he would reverse Trump's harsher sanctions and revert to the Obama administration's policies of



normalization, but he has failed to deliver.

President Ronald Reagan put Cuba on the list in 1982 because of Cuba's support for anti-colonial liberation movements around the world and because Cuba gave asylum to political prisoners who escaped persecution by the U.S. government. President Barack Obama removed Cuba from the SSOT list and began to normalize relations with Cuba. Trump added 240 additional harsh sanctions on Cuba and, at the very end of his term, re-designated Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism on Jan. 11, 2021, just days after the fascist insurrection at the Capitol.

Biden is continuing the long history of U.S. terror towards Cuba, which includes the Bay of Pigs invasion, funding Cuban exiles to bomb Cuban planes and hotels, and attempting to

assassinate Fidel Castro 638 times.

We have seen the results of Biden's "freedom, democracy and human rights" in his administration's record number of deportations, COVID deaths, and police killings; in crumbling U.S. infrastructure; in the economic crisis of the American working class; in the never-ending violence and mass-shootings fueled by white supremacy; and in his imperialist policy toward Cuba and the entire Global South.

Despite the devastating impacts of the U.S. economic blockade, Cuba still has a longer life expectancy, lower infant and maternal mortality rates, better health outcomes, higher literacy, more education, and less violence than in the U.S. We support the right of the Cuban people to determine their own path, free from coercive economic measures and U.S.-taxpayer-funded destabilization. We support the right of the entire Latin America and the Caribbean to a Zone of Peace, free from the Monroe Doctrine of U.S. intervention and economic exploitation.

We call on justice and freedom-loving people to join us at the White House on Sunday, June 25, to demand Biden take Cuba #OFFtheList and end U.S. terror on Cuba. Biden, write the letter. Take Cuba #OFFtheList and end the blockade. Let Cuba Live.

February 28, 2023

Source: National Network on Cuba

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and make way for territorial conquest. Many citizens are feeling the real consequences of rampant militarism in the U.S., UK, France, and across all of Europe in the form of austerity and inflation. As many liberal forces bay for war, it is the working class that pays the price. U.S. President Joe Biden has overseen upwards of \$100 billion in equipment sent to Ukraine, at a time when Americans are facing layoffs, pay cuts, and growing unrest.

A victory for the U.S./EU/NATO bloc in the current war would spell devastation for the world anti-imperialist struggle. It would likely lead to the break up of Russia and the opening up of its resources for full exploitation by Western imperialism. The removal of Russia as a military obstacle would accelerate the war drive of the U.S. against the People's Republic of China to complete its aim to dominate the Eurasian landmass. The proxy war against Russia is inseparable from the war drive against China.

The failure of so many Marxist groups across all traditions to oppose the imperialist war against Russia has been an historic failure. However, out of this failure comes the opportunity for genuinely anti-imperialist forces to join together, overcoming traditional sectarian divides. In this way, building the struggle against the war against Russia is a stepping stone to rebuilding and uniting the international communist movement and towards the ultimate victory of socialism!

Defeat for the NATO-led imperialist alliance! Victory to the resistance! No cooperation with imperialist war!

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NEW BOOK

By Melinda Butterfield

Look for release date on Struggle-La-Lucha.org

This book provides essential background for understanding the U.S./NATO proxy war that threatens to erupt into WW III. It covers the history and reports the news from Donbass mining region censored by major U.S. news outlets. There's also a review of international solidarity from non-NATO-aligned countries.

Butterfield covers the violent overthrow of the Kiev government in 2014 by a U.S.-backed coalition of oligarchs, neoliberal politicians and fascists, and the subsequent war against the people of Donbass. She presents voices of anti-fascists and socialists from Ukraine and Donbass unheard in the U.S., including a first-hand account of the massacre at the Odessa House of Trade Unions on May 2, 2014.

The articles draw from a wide range of sources, including on-the-scenes reports and interviews.

U.S. PROXY WAR in UKRAINE and DONBASS

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Airbnb desplaza Boricuas

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Hace días, los medios celebraban la noticia de que Puerto Rico ocupa el primer lugar de “superanfitriones” en Airbnb, por delante de EUA y Corea. Según esta plataforma de alquileres, cualquier anfitrión puede convertirse en Súperanfitrión si ofrece una hospitalidad excepcional.

Lo que no cuentan estos medios es que debido al alza de estos alquileres, ahora es más caro comprar o alquilar viviendas en Puerto Rico. Mientras una familia boricua que en promedio gana \$20,000 de ingreso anual, el alquiler promedio ha subido a \$2,990 mensuales.

Si bien la crisis económica ha forzado a muchas familias a que alquilen cuartos o su casa por esta plataforma para poder sobrevivir, el mayor incremento de alquileres Airbnb se ha debido a la compra de casas por inversionistas ricos extranjeros que se aprovechan de la Ley 60 de exención contributiva.

Esto ha llevado, no solo al aumen-



to de los precios en la vivienda, sino que ha desplazado a cientos de familias pobres y de medianos ingresos. Un ejemplo nefasto es en un residencial

público del sector Puerta de Tierra a la entrada del Viejo San Juan, donde un inversionista extranjero compró 15 edificios para convertirlos en Airbnb.

Y el gobierno, que además de avalar esta infame ley que se podría llamar Ley de Desplazamiento Boricua, tiene al mismísimo hijo del gobernador Pierluisi, Anthony Pierluisi, como uno de los beneficiarios locales del desplazamiento. Él controla el mercado de estos alquileres en San Juan donde posee sobre 88 propiedades. Y además, utiliza los servicios gubernamentales de la Compañía de Turismo, pagados por el pueblo, para darle publicidad.

Pero las comunidades, aunque hayan desplazamientos, se han estado organizando y están dando la batalla. Queda que el resto del pueblo y los movimientos progresistas se unan a esta importante lucha y decirle a gobierno y a los millonarios: ¡No pasarán! 🇵🇷



Desde Puerto Rico, para Radio Clarín de Colombia, les habló Berta Joubert-Ceci.

La dirigente cubana Mariela Castro Espín habla de la ‘conquista progresiva de nuevos derechos’

Por Mariela Castro Espín

Mensaje en vídeo de Mariela Castro Espín, directora del Centro Nacional de Educación Sexual (CENESEX) de Cuba y diputada de la Asamblea Nacional del Poder Popular, al seminario web “Lo que podemos aprender del ‘Código de Libertad’ de Cuba para las familias”, organizado por Mujeres en Lucha/Mujeres En Lucha el 22 de enero.

Hola compañeras, reciban un saludo cordial, soy Mariela Castro.

Quiero comentarles que hay dos hitos principales en la revolución cubana respecto al derecho familiar. Uno fue el código de familia aprobado en 1975, que además fue un proceso también de consulta popular y se llevó a referéndum. Un código que además permitió instituir ya valores importantes que se estaban promocionando en la sociedad cubana para la igualdad de derechos entre los hombres y las mujeres, sobre todo en la vida familiar, en la distribución equitativa de las tareas educativas, de las tareas del hogar. Un poco para empezar a erosionar esa herencia patriarcal de la división sexual del trabajo.

Ese código jugó un papel muy importante. Se consideró uno de los más avanzados del mundo en esa época. Un código heteropatriarcal todavía en algunos aspectos y hetero normativos específicamente. Pero ya a la sociedad cubana no se le podía pedir mucho más en esa etapa.

El trabajo de educación, el desarrollo científico, sobre todo en el campo de las ciencias jurídicas, de las ciencias sociales y humanísticas, llevaron a que también la sociedad cubana adquiriera una cultura mucho más sólida en el campo de la familia y en el campo del derecho familiar. Pero también todo lo que se avanzó respecto a los derechos de las mujeres y todo lo que incluso se

refleja a nivel estadístico, porque Cuba tiene el segundo lugar a nivel mundial de mujeres parlamentarias: el 53% del parlamento cubano está integrado por mujeres. Nuestra Asamblea Nacional de Poder Popular, en niveles de dirección hay cada vez más presencia de mujeres. En el campo científico cubano predominan las mujeres, y hay varios sectores de la sociedad cubana a nivel profesional donde la presencia de las mujeres cada vez más alta.

Así que en Cuba hay un respeto por las mujeres; pero todavía, el patriarcado, aunque ha sido erosionado y debilitado por los avances de nuestra Revolución, realmente todavía hace resistencias importantes y eso nos genera desafíos.

Después de 47 años de vigencia del Código de familia y todos los elementos nuevos que se fueron incorporando, las leyes en las que Cuba se suscribía y se comprometía como estado, leyes en el campo del derecho internacional, en el campo de los Derechos Humanos, todo lo que iba avanzando nuestra Revolución, ya era necesario actualizar ese código.

Pero se empezó por la reforma primero, de la estrategia de desarrollo económico y social del país con la participación del pueblo con sus criterios, con sus críticas y sus propuestas. De ahí se pasó a la reforma constitucional que fue una reforma sustancial de 2019 aprobada en abril de 2019, también sometida a consulta especializada, consulta popular y llevada referéndum con una participación altísima. El 87% de la población aprobó esa constitución en la que ya se blindaban los derechos de las personas LGBT, se abrían caminos importantes por ejemplo, para lo que le llaman el matrimonio igualitario, pero también para fortalecer la mayor protección a la salud sexual y reproductiva, los derechos sexuales y reproductivos.



Mariela Castro Espín en la Marcha Anual contra la Homofobia y la Transfobia de Cuba en 2017.

Hay muchos otros elementos que ustedes podrán leer en este documento tan valioso que hay quienes consideran el más avanzado del mundo. Expertos internacionales lo consideran así. Pero además, un código que al igual que la Constitución, fue escrito con el corazón, con la inteligencia y la sabiduría de nuestro pueblo.

Se le llama también el Código de los Afectos porque se ponderan los vínculos afectivos por encima de esa camisa de fuerza que existía de los vínculos biológicos.

Realmente esto tiene un significado muy grande porque a pesar de la oposición de algunos grupos religiosos y particularmente la Iglesia Católica a evitar los avances de la Revolución en la conquista progresiva de nuevos derechos, realmente se logró con la participación de nuestro pueblo, llegar a un código ampliamente aceptado aunque fue el primero que en el que hubo un 33% de votos negativos. Pero está bien, eso demuestra la resistencia que todavía existe en relación con estos

temas, y todos los desafíos que nos generan para seguir transformando las conciencias, que nos permitan generar una ciudadanía activa con relación a las necesidades de transformaciones sociales y transformaciones subjetivas para hacer una sociedad cada vez más justa y equitativa.

El proceso de transición al socialismo es complejo y las conciencias siempre avanzan de manera más rezagada. Y esto es lo que ha estado sucediendo. Ese es el significado que tiene. Nuestro pueblo aprobó una constitución y un código de las familias muy avanzado dentro del contexto de sociedad socialista de derechos y justicia social.

Me siento muy satisfecha con el resultado, pero también siento la responsabilidad que todavía tenemos de seguir avanzando para educar y comunicar de manera permanente todos los elementos basados en la ciencia que ayuden a aportar elementos de análisis para monitorear y evaluar cómo va la aplicación de esta nueva legislación en la regulación del derecho familiar.

Muchas gracias por su interés en el tema. Les invito a leer este documento tan valioso que ha sido el resultado de la construcción de consensos durante los 47 años que duró el código anterior. Y esa es la importancia que tiene, cómo nuestra sociedad está avanzando en la adquisición de conciencia y de una cultura mucho más rigurosa con relación a los temas que este código trata.

Muchas gracias por su interés y reciban un afectuoso saludo; hasta la próxima. 🇵🇷

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