

MIGRANT RALLIES REVEAL THE REAL PROLETARIAT

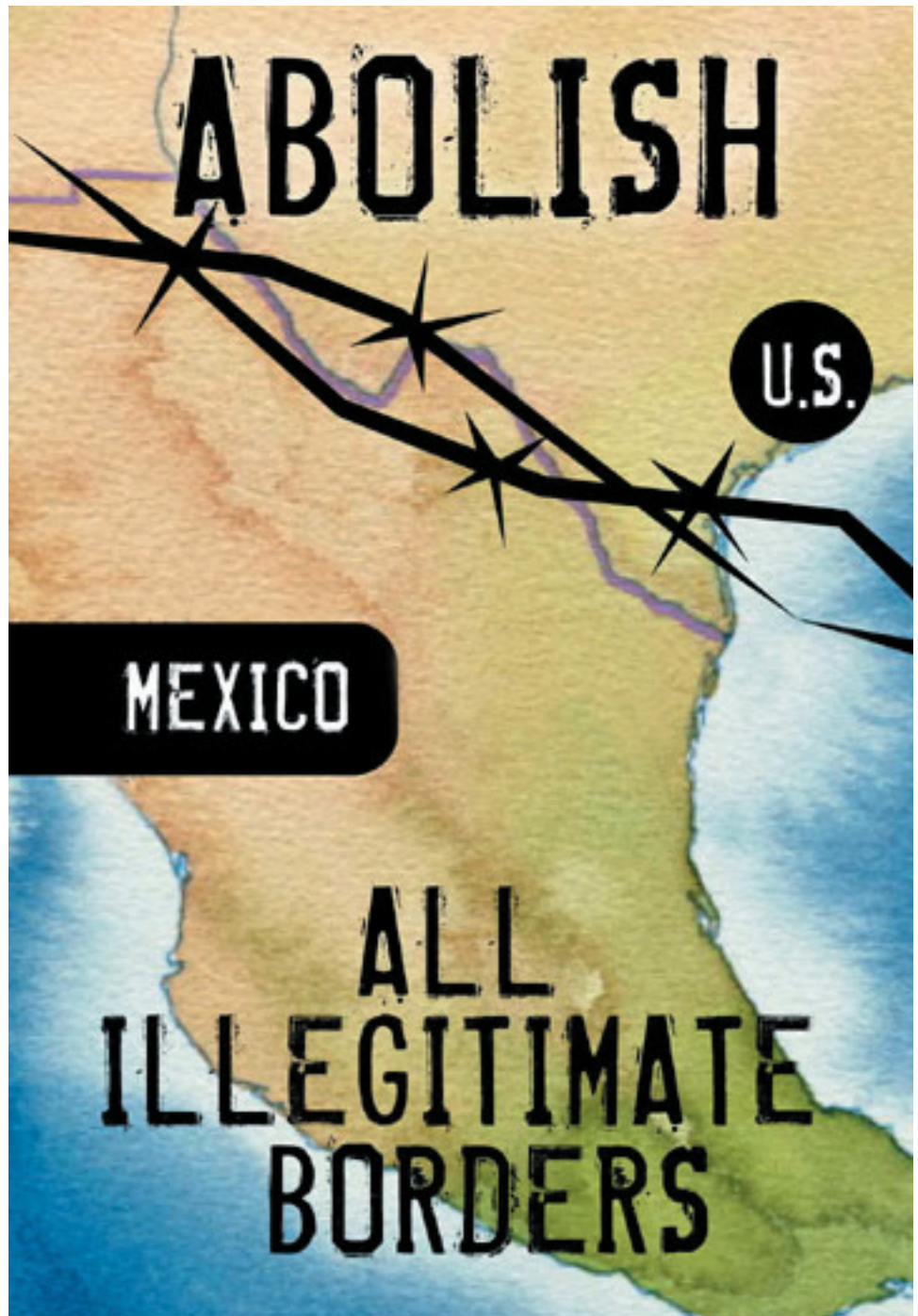
WHITE NATIONALISM MUST BE OPPOSED NOW!

U.S. immigration rights demonstrations in recent days, are nothing less than historic, providing important lessons. Migrant rights demonstrations have encouraged youth to unite with each other under Aztlán, Mexican, Salvadoran, Guatemalan, Latin American nationalism and as oppressed-nation people, politicized them, and given them another clear reason and opportunity to put forth progressive nationalist politics opposed to racism, white supremacy, colonialism, and imperialism. Mexican and Salvadoran youth protested side-by-side in spontaneous and conscious internationalist solidarity.

The mainstream media and reactionaries everywhere say the youth and other protesters have no legitimate reason to oppose the attacks on their peoples and communities, but their opposition to the machinations of the Euro-American nation is righteous.

There has always been undocumented migration. The perception that immigration policy is “broken,” and the whole immigration reform debate, stem from an anti-immigrant movement that arises in a certain historical context, in which Euro-Americans perceive migrants to be an economic, cultural and political threat.

Some say the immigration system is broken because second-class citizenship for documented and undocumented migrant workers adversely affects the conditions migrants work and live in. This is absolutely true, but to say the immigration system is broken as a way to get the attention of and have a dialogue with reactionaries is a dead end. There is no real basis for de-



bate between supporters of migrant workers' rights, and those who say migrants are terrorists who should be rounded up at demonstrations because they have brown and yellow skin.

The immigration system isn't broken. It is part and parcel of the

imperialist repression machine that represses migrants in order to reinforce their economic exploitation and national oppression, whether inside or outside the United States. It is society that is broken, and the fix is to organize for revolution and work to end this predatory, parasitic and decadent system.

NO DEBATE, NO SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS

The so-called immigration reform debate is in response to an imagined immigration crisis and reflects the viewpoints of different reactionary groups in the Euro-Amerikan nation. Even some of those calling for some level of legalization see the legalization as a way to control migrants already in the United States and want more border and immigration enforcement. The immigration reform debate is an oppressor-nation debate in which almost all sides are united in seeing undocumented migrants as a problem to be solved without ending closed borders or getting rid of the repression that turns people into undocumented migrants.

The immigration reform debate is white-nationalist to the core. Reactionaries say the debate is between border security advocates and open-borders advocates. In reality, the goal of the immigration reform debate is to solve the “immigration” problem and make the imperialist state’s repression machine more effective and efficient. For the debate participants, undocumented migrants are a sign of unsuccessful immigration restrictions, rather than a sign of an unjust policy of repression and socioeconomic exclusion, and an unjust system. Many of the left-wing opponents of the patently mean-spirited H.R. 4437 see even documented migration as a problem. And nobody in the government involved in the debate is seriously proposing an overall increase in the number of immigrants, or transforming all undocumented migration into an equivalent level of documented migration.

The immigration reform debate exists to step up the repression of migrants. In this sense, it is more of a movement or a campaign than a debate. Disagreements arise over the best way to reach a goal. There are some differences over how to implement immigration restrictions in an economically sound way that doesn’t disrupt the Amerikan economy, but the end result is the same: more repression.

Since the political parties closely involved in the legislative debate have constituencies, divisions also arise that are connected to not wanting to alienate voters. However, the debate has led to an entrenchment of the common underlying assumptions of white-nationalist ideologies, putting imperialist-nation groups, rather than the world’s exploited and oppressed, first. The Democratic and Republican parties are competing for the white vote.

BIGGER THAN BUSH

Narrow anti-Bu\$h bashing, letting other imperialists and reactionaries -- indeed, the majority of Euro-Amerikans -- off the hook, is directly complicit in the present situation. The simple fact is that people single out Bu\$h more often at immigration-rights demonstrations and H.R. 4437 protests than any other imperialist even though Bu\$h is not at the cutting edge of the fascist anti-immigrant movement. Bu\$h lying has nothing to do with James Sensenbrenner’s H.R. 4437. Liberals trying to drive people into the Demokkratic Party, the same party that helped pass H.R. 4437 in the House of Representatives, have, like a broken record, attacked chronic liar Bu\$h over immigration, but this ignores broad, majority Euro-Amerikan support for more anti-immigrant repression.

Bu\$h recently reiterated his proposal for temporary legal status for certain migrant workers. Bu\$h portrays himself as the voice of reason and moderation; yet, his immigration and border enforcement proposals and actions, shutting out more would-be migrants and making life more difficult for migrants in the United States, show that he is no defender of migrants’ rights. In fact, temporary legalization proposals like Bu\$h’s could be made compatible with vicious enforcement and immigration restriction proposals. Bu\$h is a voice of Euro-Amerikan economic rationality in the immigration reform debate, but he has done nothing to reject the repressive aim of this debate/effort.

The anti-immigrant movement is out of Bu\$h’s control, and it wasn’t his movement to begin with, but a typically reactionary movement of the labor aristocracy, made up of Euro-Amerikan so-called workers, and imperialists more reactionary than Bu\$h.

Bu\$h is no savior, but to criticize just the Bu\$h administration over H.R. 4437 and similar proposals is heading down the wrong path. Now, more than ever, Euro-Amerikan nationalism in all its forms must be denounced and struggled against. There can’t be any compromise. Democrats and increasingly fascistic Euro-Amerikans have exposed their complicity and role in this wave of anti-immigrant reaction. Pressuring Euro-Amerikans to remain committed to civil rights, humyn rights, and the Constitution (keep what little commitment they have left), is urgently necessary, but there must also be an open struggle against white nationalism and supremacy. In this way we can lay a basis for national liberation struggles to end imperialism.

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