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Thousands march in downtown Los Angeles to protest President Trump's immigration policies on "A Day Without Immigrants," Feb. 2. (Robert Gauthier / Los Angeles Times)

## PARALLELS OF TYRANNY: MAGA AND NAZISM



*Steve Bannon, former White House chief strategist under Trump and former executive of Breitbart News, at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Maryland, February 2025. (Photo: CPAC)*

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Hardly a month into the second Trump administration, and these infamous words become a stark reminder of the consequences of inactivity, indifference, or even naivete. We would like to believe that what we are witnessing in front of us is not happening, that possibly there will be a vestige of the liberal bourgeois order that will speak out for us in these dire times. Our justifiable fear and distress for the future in front of us is no laughing matter, and is no reason to turn to your neighbor, coworker or comrade and throw blame.

We cannot fool ourselves into believing that the victory of MAGA, Trump, Elon Musk and their lackeys appeared from thin air – these monopoly capitalists’ and tech billionaires’ rise to power is a direct result of capitalist development. It has been made clearer than ever that their fascist, eugenicist, xenophobic, transphobic, and anti-worker ideology has an impassioned and loyal support base among the petty-bourgeoisie and big bourgeoisie that is willing to sow insurrection, disinformation and unfettered hatred at their enemies – whether real or perceived – often in spite of the truth (as they stand against it frequently). Following his ominous statement in December 2023 that he would be a dictator on day one of his re-election, Trump has used his presidential power to attack immigrants, transgender people, “radicals,” and all beneficiaries to “DEI” (diversity, equity, and inclusion) policies, including women, people of color, LGBTQIA+ people, the disabled, the elderly, and religious minorities. In this new era of Trump, the war against the working and oppressed classes is open and apparent.

Manipulating the desperation of the masses of the American people, the Trump administration has forgone legal loopholes and has bent legality altogether to effectively forge their “reborn America,” targeting the most vulnerable members of our population and anybody left of their reactionary politics of bigotry and nationalism. In 1930s Germany, Nazis hunted journalists and Reichstag deputies along with the communists. Today, Trump is firing his enemies at the DOJ and terminating DEI programs. Tomorrow, he may be imprisoning them in El Salvador or making use of Executive Order 14164 (reinstatement of the death penalty) to outright murder his political opposition legally.

We are all quite aware that comparisons to Nazism, Hitler, or German Fascism are abundant in our post-WWII world but we cannot blissfully ignore the similarities between the past and the present. During the rise of Hitlerite Germany, public perception of the Nazis was largely that they were absurd and overly obsessive – cult-like, even. We can all remember back in 2015, when Trump announced his intention to run for president and many people laughed it off. Throughout his first term, he was the crux of countless Saturday Night Live skits and John Oliver monologues, but this term has already proven to be different. As with the Nazi Party and Hitlerite Germany, the MAGA movement doesn’t appear so absurd now. It shouldn’t take us to see a politically-motivated public shooting by the Proud Boys or reports of torture and death in Guantanamo or renewed violence in Palestine to begin to understand that we are dealing with decaying rotten capitalism fighting back against the tide of history. We cannot forget the words of Comrade Dimitrov: “Fascism is the power of finance capital itself. It is the organization of terrorist vengeance against the working class ... In foreign policy, fascism is jingoism in its most brutal form, fomenting bestial hatred of other nations.”

Trump has begun a trade war, left the United Nations Human Rights Council, and vowed to take ownership of Gaza to “level the site, and get rid of the destroyed buildings, level it out, create an economic

development that will supply unlimited numbers of jobs,” while cozying up to the war criminal Netanyahu openly and unapologetically. Other genocidal and expansionist threats include military force against Panama for ownership of the Panama Canal, the desire to make Canada “the 51st state,” and the material plunder of Greenland. Hitler called for *Lebensraum* and Generalplan Ost as he plotted for German control of Europe and then the world. We must not allow ourselves to sit back and watch while the convicted felon Donald Trump stokes all too familiar flames of war, depression, and ethnic cleansing. It is our duty as communists, as revolutionaries, and as workers to stand up and organize ourselves to combat the enemy within our walls.

Fight back against the vile tide of reaction and fascism. Don’t let the reactionary ideals of science denial, replacement theory, and the overarching program of Project 2025 allow you to become distracted. Your fellow worker is not your enemy. Elon Musk is your enemy; Robert F. Kennedy is your enemy; Marco Rubio is your enemy; Donald Trump is your enemy.

From 2015 to today, MAGA has amassed a legion behind the cult of personality of Donald Trump, and after his electoral defeat in 2020, has used social media and the content creator community to organize their supporters for the victory we have witnessed in the 2024 American presidential election. In the last 4 years, the MAGA movement went from an embarrassed and seemingly defeated political movement to an emboldened and reinvigorated bureaucracy of capitalists, fascists, and reactionaries determined to utilize Trump’s second term to dismantle the social safety nets that millions of Americans depend on to survive — SNAP, FAFSA, Medicare, and Medicaid — while lining their own pockets and that of their businesses with millions in tax cuts and federal deals.

With Elon’s purchase of Twitter, he transformed the social media platform into an echo chamber for reactionary, misogynistic, and xenophobic content,

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where account “verification” could be bought by anyone, and those that went against these changes were either algorithmically shadow-banned or banned from the website outright (including journalists often critical of Musk). Following the Jan. 6 insurrection, X, TruthSocial and other online bastions of right-wing content became forums for insurrectionists, sympathizers, and those previously undecided to have their perspectives acknowledged and endorsed. Musk’s purchase of the platform and subsequent ideologically-charged changes and rhetoric as CTO (former CEO) of the platform led to a mass exodus of users as it became all too clear that Musk and his supporters were providing a “safe space” for fascists, white supremacists, and all other kinds of dangerous reactionaries to spew hate and disinformation without any true resistance.

The grassroots #50501 protests (“50 protests, 50 states, 1 movement”) that began on Feb. 5, were an outpouring of spontaneous political action from liberals

and the general left that is par for the course in our disorganized labor and communist movements. It was lacking organization and concrete political demands but it most importantly showed that the working class will not go away silently into the night. The masses of the people mobilizing from Rhode Island to Nevada gathered outside city halls and their respective capitol buildings to let their demands be heard. The working class reminded the bourgeoisie that the world is ours to inherit as it is our children’s and theirs after them. That it is not the plaything of billionaires, tech industry elites, and reactionaries. We will not allow tomorrow to be the next Nazism but the reincarnation of true Bolshevism for the liberation of the masses. The future is ours to create.

To all of these changes in the political climate and federal government, our instinct as a class, as revolutionaries and as Marxist-Leninists, is to hit the streets amongst our class brothers and sisters, to lock arms and face our enemies with

heads held high and chest poked out, ready to conquer the forces of reaction. And that is all good, it is essential work. But it cannot be all that we do. It cannot become cyclical or habitual to mobilize but never to organize. The greatest detriment to our potential as a class, as the workers and toilers of the United States and of the world, is our inability to organize ourselves like a fist against the forces of capital, of reaction, of fascism. We desperately need organization to win and to save the concessions afforded to us by bourgeois neoliberal democracy. We need a party of the working class, a vanguard to lead our political work moving forward, so that these next four years will not become the precedent to WWII but the precipice to proletarian revolution. So that throughout these next four years, we can amass our forces into a movement that not only surpasses that of MAGA and the Trumpites but puts their greatest “achievements” to shame and condemns their memory to the dustbin of history.

## U.S. HANDLING OF UKRAINE CONFLICT REVEALS WORLD’S LARGEST EXTORTION RACKET



Ukraine President Zelenskyy and US President Trump in the Oval Office, Feb. 28, 2025. (Doug Mills/The New York Times)

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The sad and combative press conference between Trump, Vance, and Zelenskyy in the Oval Office was a gut-wrenching display of the new, ruthless and money-hungry designs of the American bourgeoisie in the 2020s. Throughout the exchange, which quickly heated up over the issue of Zelenskyy’s complaints of accepting a new ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia, arbitrated by the United States, Trump berated Zelenskyy for “gambling with WWII” and Vance

accused the Ukrainian head of state of ingratitude. It is absolutely rich that the president who blew up the Iran Nuclear Deal, who brought us to the brink of nuclear war with the DPRK, and who has throughout his time in office pumped armaments into Israel, South Korea, and Ukraine is lecturing anyone on gambling with global war.

On paper, Zelenskyy’s protests are reasonable. There are many concerns around Russian occupation of Ukrainian territory as well as Ukrainian hostages, including hundreds of children. Never mind that the escalation of this conflict all began in the winter of 2021, over the negotiation of supplies to be let into separatist villages in the Donbas. Put simply, Putin, who is giving the US State Department a run for its money in fixing elections, who betrays allies like the Republic of Artsakh and Abkhazia when the going gets tough, cannot seriously be trusted to honor any ceasefire for the sake of a diplomatic resolution to this conflict.

But regardless of Zelenskyy’s valid concerns, his cause has always been

underwritten by the mercenary interests of the NA-EU imperialist bloc, even before his presidency and Trump’s first term, even in the purchasing of arms from the NATO states. But the critical issue now is centered around a trade agreement that would open up Ukraine’s rare-earth mineral wealth to American interests in repayment of the \$500 billion in aid given by the US to Ukraine. The antagonism of Trump and Vance in the Oval Office conference was very much about strong-arming Zelenskyy into accepting a ceasefire which will be essential for the secure and long-term extraction of the agreed upon rare earth minerals being used to supplement the payment of Ukraine’s military debt to the US. It is the same extortionate character of Trump’s trade policy to undermine the growing competition of Canada, Mexico, and China, while building domestic monopolies and offsetting the costs of tax cuts for billionaires. Other natural resources such as grains and coal from the Ukrainian-held sectors of the Donbas will also be in the sights of the free trade superweapon of the empire’s ruling class.

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Zelenskyy's hands are not clean either: he already has orchestrated the occupation of large swaths of territory on the frontier with Russia, the Ukrainians possess a large number of Russian POWs that would leverage a successful ceasefire, and Ukraine has already received staggering amounts of aid from the EU and the US to sustain the war against Russia. The goals of the Ukrainian bourgeoisie are a complete destruction of the Russian-backed separatist movement in the Donbas, building up their own military industrial complex, re-annexing Crimea, and likely substantial financial

reparations from Russia and Belarus.

Trump's high-handed diplomacy is failing him here just as it failed with the DPRK, with Iran, and as it will fail with Canada and Denmark, and it's unfolding before our eyes. Macron of France has spoken of "no longer being the US' vassal" and Britain has pledged more aid to Ukraine. Zelenskyy had already agreed to open up rare Earth deposits to the United States.

What is at stake now is how this conflict will progress, how long the ceasefire will last, and who will be the first to escalate

the war. Trump, Putin, Zelenskyy, and Macron are all the figureheads for different camps of the global capitalist class, so perhaps it may not be wholly accurate to say that any of them alone are "gambling with WWII" but in the pursuit of arms deals, rare earth minerals, precious trade routes, and poisonous fossil fuels, the world bourgeoisie as a whole are indeed gambling with WWII.



## MAHMOUD KHALIL AND THE ANTI-POPULAR WAR OF THE CAPITALISTS



Camilo Lazo | Illinois | March 24, 2025

Not long at all after Donald Trump announced that pro-Palestinian protestors would be deported if they were immigrants or expelled if they were citizens, Mahmoud Khalil — a Syrian national of Palestinian descent, a Green Card holder, a student at Columbia University, and a permanent resident of the United States — was arrested in his apartment by ICE agents and sent to a detention center in Louisiana. Khalil participated in the Columbia campus occupations in 2024 in protest of that university's economic ties to Israel in the midst of the country's genocidal crusade into Gaza.

Although a federal court has demanded that Khalil shall not be deported pending judicial review, he is still languishing in an ICE detention center along with 47,000 other American immigrants. But just as the vast majority of these new-found Americans are hardworking proletarians who are vital to the day-to-day economic function of this country and are hyper-exploited by American capitalists, Mahmoud Khalil himself is a student,

and a man who has lent his voice and energy to the just cause of resisting Israeli colonialism, and resisting American imperialism.

Protests have erupted nationwide in furious resistance to this act of terror by the Trump administration. The working people of America have shown that they will not be intimidated, and will not suffer the ruling class to trample on these long-standing and hard-won political concessions. By detaining Khalil and threatening to deport him, the American bourgeoisie have shown their regard for free speech and the First Amendment to be nothing more than temporary privileges that will only be respected so long as speech and assembly does not harm their interests.

One of the main legal foundations for the recent order postponing Khalil's deportation is his current status as a permanent resident. But this legal defense in and of itself is a paper shield, especially as the Trump administration aims to roll back birthright citizenship, which is protected under the 14th Amendment. The Trumpite administration has shown every indication of using the bourgeois legal apparatus to silence the loudest proletarian voices, and to strengthen the police and judiciary to the utmost possible extent.

In a recent statement, the American Party of Labor declared that the Trump administration was using threats to intimidate the masses while continuing to arm Israel, enabling the violation of

the long-overdue January ceasefire. On March 8, the administration condemned Mahmoud Khalil to what is effectively political imprisonment, and just nine days later, the IDF renewed its bombing of Gaza, violating the ceasefire in less than two months after a year and a half of genocide.

It must be emphasized that Khalil's plight intersects with the repression waged against immigrants in the United States, which include workers and laboring people from around the world. Just as proletarian internationalism demands resistance to every manifestation of imperialism, it also necessitates unrelenting struggle to defend the rights of immigrants.

Make no mistake, Mahmoud Khalil is a political prisoner. Until he is free, until there are no political prisoners, no need to fight any longer for our social emancipation, we will never stop fighting!

The American bourgeoisie has all the subtlety of a pack of hyenas. But the American people, the Palestinian people, and the workers will not placidly submit to slaughter! We will continue to take to the streets. We will never abandon the cause of the Palestinian people!

***Freedom for Mahmoud Khalil!***

***Freedom for all political prisoners!***

***End the genocide in Gaza and all aid to Israel!***

***All power to the working people!***

## D.O.G.E. CUTS ARE BLOODTHIRSTY ASSAULTS ON ALREADY INSUFFICIENT CONCESSIONS TO WORKING PEOPLE



*Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk walks to the stage to speak alongside Trump at a campaign event in Butler, PA, Oct. 5, 2024. (Alex Brandon/AP)*

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Even before the inauguration of Trump, Elon Musk cycled in the media often enough through his ridiculous clamoring for this second administration. His is a record of incoherent blathering but in it all, he is one of the bourgeoisie with the lack of awareness to look at the camera and warn us all of the intentions of himself and his ilk. Now this incredibly wealthy man, with no history of government experience, who is running one of the most popular social media applications in history to the ground, whose rockets can't even find their way off the landing pad, is entrusted by the Trump administration to counsel the government in the regulation of wasteful spending.

Indeed it is odd that Musk is the sort to care so much for wasteful spending considering how in 2024 alone, he was granted \$3 billion in government contracts, and with his current, unelected direction of the Department of Government Efficiency, he is earning \$18 million in grants daily. Wasting money, to prevent the wasting of money, that is the American (bourgeois) way!

It should be enough to condemn Musk from his endorsement of the far-right AfD party in Germany and the reactionary rhetoric he used in doing so, or his petulant whine on Twitter a few years ago declaring that “we (capitalists) will coup whoever we want!” in response to outrage over the Nov. 2019 coup of the Evo Morales government of Bolivia, as a consequence for his plans to nationalize Bolivia's bountiful lithium mines, on which Musk depends for the production of his electrical vehicles. Capitalist ecology at its finest!

Any self-respecting country, any country that considers itself a democracy, should have buried this man's career the moment he gave multiple Nazi salutes on stage at the Republican National Convention in Jan. 2025. But instead, in this climate of fascistization, this man is undemocratically appointed to poorly-defined positions of power in the largest empire in human history.

In his current role as Senior Advisor to the President and as the leader of the DOGE, Musk has made no shortage of waves in his bloodthirsty assaults on the already insufficient concessions to working people in this country. He has overseen the merciless cuts to Medicaid, food stamps, and USAID; and layoffs and hiring freezes to OSHA, the Department of Education, and the National Park Service. On March 3, 2025, he called Social Security a “Ponzi scheme” which is founded on a big-government misinformation campaign.

More is sure to come, and there are far too many cuts and layoffs and grant cancellations to cover here, but this frenzied financial offensive is not only a sociopathic attack on working people, it is the perfect exposure of the inevitable priorities of the American capitalist class. Let no one deceive you, any government that cuts millions of dollars in safe jobs, healthcare, housing, and food for workers, a clean and safe environment — all the while inflating hundreds of billions of dollars in the military industrial complex, and in contracts to the modern oil barons — a government that pushes off tax cuts for workers while striving to renew tax cuts for billionaires, is not a government concerned with fiscal responsibility. It is a government that callously and openly seeks to relieve capitalism in America from the crises of its own making.

When discussing the theoretically economic grounds of fascism, Benito Mussolini wrote that fascism is “better called ‘corporatism’ as it is the combination of corporation and the state.” Now, when one of the richest men in the world, a dollar-store Bond villain, successfully lobbies and bribes (or in the American parlance, “donates”) his way to a position of ministerial value in breaking apart regulatory bodies that

could and should hinder his own pursuit of super-profits, who is using his influence for fat government contracts, who is helping to push through massive extensions of investment to monopoly corporations in armaments and industry, what else can this be called but the combination of corporation and state?

To the credit of liberalism they aren't taking these maneuvers laying down. After all, the contest between Democrats and Republicans is generally a contest between two factions of the same party of the bourgeoisie vying for more influence over the largest war chest in human history, and in the meandering pandering of the liberals they grimly bemoan the arrival of “oligarchy.”

But the working class knows that oligarchy has always been inherent in our government, to our state built by, fought for, and constantly bought and paid for by the American bourgeoisie. If you were to see Reagan's trickle down fairy tale, Clinton's financial deregulation, Bush's meetings with oil executives months before the war with Iraq, Obama's tax cuts, deregulation and oversight of legalized bribery in the form of donations, Trump initially bringing tycoons like Tillerson and DeVos to cannibalize the ministries they were elected to oversee, Biden bowing out of proper stimuli, running from the Green New Deal, leaving workers out to dry on union protections, and so much else — you will see that oligarchy has always twisted and writhed at the heart of American democracy.

What we are witnessing now is the shedding of all patches and ointments applied to ease the pains of exploitation on the working class, won by workers' efforts in the constant struggle for greater, more genuine democracy. This is the degenerative maturation, like a werewolf of fiction, of the open and unapologetic class dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. Musk and his ilk — for Trump is himself bourgeois and has used his office for his own profit and security — and all their foul deeds, are only the symptoms, not the illness itself, of a class dictatorship that will always exist, always exploit, always repress *until it is overthrown*.



## QUEERPHOBIC, ANTI-SCIENCE TRUMP REGIME FREEZES HIV/AIDS RESEARCH AND RESOURCES



Marchers during the 21st annual Gay Pride Parade hold a banner that reads "The AIDS crisis is not over," June 25, 1990. (AP Photo/Joseph F. Major)

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The Trump regime's vindictive assault on the rights and safety of LGBTQIA+ people and the scientific community reached new levels on Jan. 31, 2025, when the National Institute of Health (NIH) ordered researchers to freeze an adolescent HIV research and prevention program. An NIH representative, via a Zoom call, gave a work stoppage order that specifically targeted research being conducted by Kristi Gamarel (PhD, EdM) and Sari Reisner (ScD, MA) to improve outcomes for nationally oppressed transgender and gender-nonconforming youth. This research freeze is the direct result of Trump's so-called "Defending Women" executive order banning federal agencies from recognizing transgender identity. The chairs of the research project have also said that two transgender staff members may be fired due to the freeze. This order has coincided with the removal of many HIV resources from federal websites, whether they make any mention of gender or not.

An additional detail was reported by an anonymous state health worker to the Washington Post: health workers using the National Violent Death Reporting System, a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) program that collects data about violent deaths, including suicide, will no longer be allowed to identify victims as transgender. The Trump regime not only wants to erase transgender and gender-nonconforming people from public life, but it is now doing all it can to make sure that it is as difficult as possible to accurately study violent crime perpetrated against the transgender community. The danger of this is underscored by a study published by the UCLA School of Law that shows

transgender people are four times more likely than cisgender people to be the victims of violent crime.

On the same day as the NIH research freeze was ordered, the CDC ordered its scientists to withdraw papers that were set to publish so that they could be reviewed by the Trump administration. The sweeping order, which originated from the agency's chief science officer, aims to ensure that no "forbidden terms" will appear in any CDC papers in consideration for publication. According to science communicator Dr. Jeremy Faust, these "forbidden terms" include but are by no means limited to "gender," "transgender," "pregnant person," "LGBT," "transsexual," and "nonbinary." The order also stated that if any scientist employed by the CDC has authored or co-authored any papers using those terms originating outside the agency, those agency members will be required to remove their name from the paper. Dr. Faust has called this latest edict an "expansion of an emerging censorship regime" at the CDC that is extending beyond the bounds of what Trump considers "woke ideology" to all aspects of medical research. As a result, an atmosphere of chaos, fear, and uncertainty has gripped researchers caught in this regime.

The Trump administration's silencing of scientific research related to the LGBTQIA+ community has many antecedents, from the Nazi raids on the research library of the Institute for Sexual Sciences in Berlin, to the UK's notorious Section 28 provision banning the depiction of "homosexuality as a pretended family relationship" in schools. Incidentally it is worth noting that the legacy of Section 28 is still alive and well as its wording is largely similar to that used in the wave of new anti-LGBTQIA+ curriculum laws that were introduced in several US states starting in 2022. The queer community as well as open scientific inquiry have always been favorite targets of fascist violence and state suppression.

Then, there is the Feb. 13, 2025 confirmation of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as Secretary of Health and Human Services. In addition to being an outspoken anti-

vaccine activist, Kennedy has also actively promoted AIDS denialism – the pseudoscientific claim that HIV does not cause AIDS. In his 2021 book entitled "The Real Anthony Fauci," Kennedy, while claiming to not take a position on the relationship between HIV and AIDS, heavily quotes Peter Duesberg, a German-American molecular biologist well known for his AIDS denialism. In 1996, Duseberg wrote the book "Inventing The AIDS Virus," in which he asserted that HIV is a harmless virus, and that AIDS is instead caused by recreational drug use among the homosexual community, particularly alkyl nitrites (commonly known as poppers), as well as by antiretroviral medications like zidovudine (AZT) which are used to treat AIDS. In 2000, Duseberg was a prominent member of an advisory panel on HIV and AIDS to South African president Thabo Mbeki. This panel was convened to add scientific credibility to the support of the Mbeki administration for AIDS denialism and its opposition to providing antiretroviral treatment for pregnant HIV positive people in South Africa. Two separate studies have concluded that the public health policies of the Mbeki administration, which were influenced in part by Duseberg's writing and advice, were responsible for 330,000 AIDS deaths in the country.

Despite all this, nearly every one of Duseberg's false and dangerous claims about AIDS has been repeated by RFK Jr. In a video that resurfaced in 2023, Kennedy blamed the early AIDS epidemic on the behavior of gay men. "There's a lot of people that said it is not a virus," said Kennedy. "The virus is a passenger virus, and these people are dying mainly because of poppers. A hundred percent of the people who died in the first thousand [with] AIDS were people who were addicted to poppers, which are known to cause Kaposi sarcoma [A common symptom of HIV] in rats. And they were people who were part of a gay lifestyle where they were burning the candle at both ends."

It is important to also note that Kennedy's promotion of medical falsehoods related to the queer community does not end

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at AIDS denialism. In an interview with right-wing political commentator Jordan Peterson, Kennedy expressed his belief that the existence of transgender children is due to exposure to a “soup of toxic chemicals.” Kennedy went so far as to quote a 2010 study of the herbicide atrazine’s effect on male frogs to justify the false claim that the chemical causes feminization in humans, a claim popularized by fellow conspiracy theorist Alex Jones. This is the man who now oversees the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

The recent homophobic and transphobic policies adopted by the current administration, the confirmation of

Kennedy, and the absolute failure of the “opposition” Democratic Party to halt or even delay these developments have left many in the LGBTQIA+ community with feelings of helplessness and despair.

In the face of such overt oppression, how are we to mount our opposition?

**“Working-class consciousness cannot be genuine political consciousness unless the workers are trained to respond to all cases of tyranny, oppression, violence, and abuse, no matter what class is affected.”**

– V. I. Lenin, “What Is to Be Done?”

The American Party of Labor condemns in the strongest terms the efforts of Trump

and his pack of fascist thugs to erase the existence of LGBTQIA+ people and to paper over the violence they experience. As scientific socialists we recognize that open scientific inquiry is a critical aspect of a functioning society, and we therefore also voice our opposition to any attempt at censorship of the scientific community on political, ideological, or any other grounds. Finally, we reaffirm our commitment to resist, using any means at our disposal, the fascist onslaught being perpetrated by the Trump regime.



## EMBOLDENED XENOPHOBIA, VIOLENT DEPORTATIONS UNDER TRUMP



Immigration detainees are moved in secure groups back to a housing unit on the Krome detention facility campus in Miami, FL. (Jack Gruber/ USA TODAY)

Maurice B. & R. Nesbitt | Mar. 27, 2025

Convicted felon and predator Donald Trump has unleashed ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) on the communities of undocumented persons throughout the United States. Within the first month of his sham administration, Trump and his ilk have turned undocumented immigrants into public enemy number one, and wished everything short of ethnic cleansing upon them as he scapegoats their presence as the answer to this nation’s issues with crime, drugs, and employment.

Trump and his criminal cabinet have even resorted to invoking the 1798 “Alien Enemies Act” (only previously invoked three times; all during wartime) to accelerate their “shock and awe” deportations. As several of those arrested by ICE find themselves on their way to Guantanamo Bay, a place known as a bastion of torture and dehumanization, the barbarity of the fascist policies of

Trumpism become ever more clear.

Along with flights to Guantanamo, the Trump administration has penned deals with the Latin American bourgeois governments of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, and Venezuela to extradite “deported” immigrants to these countries, despite most of them being sent to countries that are not their nations of origin. Further proof that the short-lived resistance to Trump’s trade war and expansionist rhetoric was purely an attempt to pull wool over the eyes of the international working class, the capitalists and imperialists don’t despise Trump; they work together like hand in glove. Their shared interests are found in the exploitation and oppression of the working class of both their respective countries and those of the countries in which they invest capital. Cruelty, persecution, and chauvinism are par for the course in their war against the toiling masses.

Worldwide there are 35 to 40 million refugees, and in the United States 60,050 refugees were admitted in 2023 alone. In addition, the Biden administration accepted 54,350 asylum seekers largely from DRC and the Middle East. Refugees and asylum seekers leave their native countries due to persecution, conflicts and crises, and the search for better opportunities and safer communities.

While criminal elements exist in all

countries under capitalism, and some may become migrants both to escape the law and to continue their outlaw ways – migrant status of any distinction is not equivalent to being violent or being a criminal. This so-called correlation has been definitively disproven: “empirical research has consistently shown that *immigration does not increase crime. At the individual level, foreign-born residents are less likely to commit nearly all forms of crime and delinquency, whether violent, property, or drug offending, compared with native-born populations.*” The supposed link between immigrants and crime is a fabrication of reactionary ideology and fueled through bigoted rhetoric drenched in xenophobia and chauvinism.

Furthermore, despite bourgeois fear mongering about crime rates nationally, “Using the FBI data, the violent crime rate fell 49% between 1993 and 2022, with large decreases in the rates of robbery (-74%), aggravated assault (-39%) and murder/nonnegligent manslaughter (-34%).” So not only are immigrants not committing crimes generally speaking, but Americans overall are committing fewer crimes. The bourgeois media highlights the most violent and frightening cases to stoke flames about “issues of crime.”

Immigrant labor makes up about 15% of all jobs in the United States at just under 30 million employees nationwide.

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Conversely, as a result of free trade agreements including NAFTA, CAFTA, PNTR (with China), and the USMCA, over 14 million jobs have been lost since the 1990s. Automation in the last twenty years has cost roughly 18.6 million jobs, including 1.7 million in manufacturing alone. Currently, nearly 25% of all jobs in the United States are at risk due to automation. On top of this, there are presently 5.9 million jobless Americans and 4.3 million part-time workers who have polled desire to work full-time hours, over 6 million workers under the age of 18, and 800,000 “employed” in prison labor.

The math simply does not add up that immigrants – who hold up vital industries such as agriculture, home manufacturing, and infrastructural development – are a malignant force that are at the root of unemployment and under-employment in the United States. Outsourcing, automation, tariffs, prison (slave) labor, child labor, part-time labor, and the abuse of migrant labor are all schemes of the capitalist class to intensify their profits and oppress a desperate working class, whose desperation is weaponized by the xenophobic policies of Trumpism. It truly is abuse, as migrant laborers are not eligible for benefits, are often not able to organize, and can be paid below the federal minimum wage working in incredibly unsafe conditions, from everything to traffic on major highways and pesticides on the fields.

Rather than turning on our fellow workers, the questions must be raised: “Who is not hiring? Who is cutting hours? Who is driving down wages? Who is shipping jobs overseas or replacing them with automation? Who is taking advantage of migrant labor?” The answer is none other than the capitalist class, the class of bosses and investors who own all productive property while the wage-workers, the producers, own nothing.

In times of great crises, capitalists will direct the blame towards elements of the working class and the petite bourgeoisie to distract us from our common enemy. Rather than dedicate resources to solving homelessness, hunger, poverty, the opioid crisis, or any other real issues threatening the lives and livelihoods of the American people, the bourgeoisie bends truths to fit into their narratives meant to defer

outrage at the state of our world amongst ourselves and not at the billionaires and CEOs.

Immigrants have not been the people giving \$17.9 billion in military aid to the Zionist project of Israel since October 2023. Immigrants are not the people who overturned *Roe V. Wade*. Immigrants didn’t sign executive orders putting the future of transgender rights, healthcare, financial aid, education, and national security at risk. Our enemies are sitting in the White House, smugly peering down at us all like subjects meant to bow to their whims and shriek with their proclamations. Their war on the working class has started by targeting our migrant and transgender communities; next, Trump and his regime move onto other targets in a fruitless endeavor to tear up working class solidarity and paint the US in his white supremacist and American exceptionalist image. As such, ICE functions as the brutal arm of terror of Trumpism, bearing down upon our comrades like a plague.

Under Biden, despite running on a promise of a “deportation moratorium,” ICE deported 271,484 people in 2024 (as of Sep. 30) and 142,580 in 2023, which was the highest deportation count in a decade — 315,943 were deported in 2014. Now, the White House is revoking protections for 600,000 Venezuelans and attempting to end birthright citizenship in an effort to deport as many people as possible while vilifying them as inherent criminals along the way. Add these measures on top of the Laken Riley Act (which makes it easier to deport undocumented persons charged with violent crimes or other crimes that result in bodily injury) and it becomes obvious that regardless of the final aims of this administration’s war on immigration, many, many innocent people are going to get hurt and possibly killed along the way.

By widening the umbrella of potential wrongdoers, it widens the amount of people who will become collateral or “fit the description” and face the consequences of harmful policy. ICE made up 44% of the 33,000 complaints of sexual assault and physical abuse filed to the DHS Office of the Inspector General between 2010 and 2016. Other confirmed abuses include extensive use of solitary confinement in detention centers and inhumane living

conditions. In addition, charges have been consistently leveled, as recently as February, of human trafficking and forced labor imposed on migrants detained in ICE facilities. So even if there was a surge in “immigrant crime” and even if ICE could in any way effectively arrest all supposed “migrant criminals,” they have a track record for abuse of authority, grotesque exploitation, and blatant cruelty, all with no oversight. They are an aggressive force of capitalistic violence that has been emboldened by hate and nothing more. What more can you say about an organization that separates children from their parents?

In this atmosphere of xenophobia and hate, the looming danger of vigilantism can’t help but enter our minds. It’s quite possible it’s already started to happen. When the president and their administration brutally criminalize entire peoples and groups most often associated with them and their circumstances, it becomes a clarion call for fascists and white supremacists to “aid” the government against these “alien tyrants” by taking matters into their own hands. By emboldening action from the reactionary elements across class lines, Trump is uniting together the American right-wing in an effort to consolidate his fragile power in Washington. By making enemies out of people of color (by way of attacks on DEI), immigrants, and transgender people, Trump is able to divide the working class between those he deems worthy of being considered American and those he deems not only non-American but subhuman.

Under Trumpism, the capitalist class seeks to make examples of the most vulnerable, isolated, and scapegoated strata of the working class to terrorize and intimidate as well as to divide. In this way, Trump’s war on immigration is a war on us all. The ability to get away with these inhumane and unconstitutional deportations allows for the chance to do it again with another section of the working people. To defend our lives and the lives of our comrades, we must organize against the fascist vultures at our door. Down with ICE! Down with Trump! Stand together with all immigrants against reactionary tyranny!



## RESIGNATION OF ERDOGAN'S ONE-MAN GOVERNMENT!



Turkish police have detained more than 1,100 people since the arrest of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's main rival sparked the country's worst unrest in years. (Angelos Tzortzinis / AFP - Getty Images)

**International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations (CIPOML), Coordination Committee | Mar. 22, 2025**

Tens of thousands of workers, students, retirees, young people, men and women have taken to the streets of several cities in Turkey to express their repudiation of the reactionary government of Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The cry is unanimous: Resignation of Erdogan! Shoulder to shoulder against fascism!

The massive protests occur in response to the illegal and arbitrary detention of the mayor of Istanbul, Ekrem İmamoğlu, and more than a hundred people at the same day. İmamoğlu has become a risk to the continuity of the regime Erdogan's one-man fascist, all political-electoral analyzes agree that he would win the upcoming presidential elections, which is why they want him out of the race.

The current Turkish president does not even remotely think

about a democratic transition; What's more, he plans to promote a constitutional reform that would invest him as president for life. The imprisonment of the mayor of Istanbul is not the only case, there have been dozens of arrests and dismissals of opposition mayors, mainly in the Kurdish provinces.

The rapid and massive proliferation of social protests is due to discontent accumulated of the workers and the people with the government, due to the accelerated deterioration of their living conditions, to the accentuated antidemocratic and repressive profile of the regime.

The municipal elections of March 2024 were already a thermometer of the state of population's mood towards the government: Erdogan suffered a harsh political defeat.

We express our solidarity with the workers, youth and people of Turkey who have taken to the streets to confront an authoritarian government, which on several occasions and circumstances he has appealed to the use of rifles to silence the protests. We condemn the violent repression that is being exercised against those they protest; We also reject the attempt to criminalize the activity carried out by the political, union and popular opposition organizations. Particularly, we express our solidarity with the comrades of the Labor Party, EMEP, who today, once again, they are part of the torrent that fights for democracy, for freedom and for social transformation.



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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE BLACK RADICAL TRADITION



Paul Robeson at a party at the Russian Embassy in Washington D.C. in 1950. (Bettmann / Getty Images)

Maurice B. | New York | Feb. 21, 2025

Black folks and people of color are under attack in Trump's America. Through a number of anti-DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Executive Orders (14173, 14151, 14148) and statements along with a concentrated battle against alleged "anti-American ideologies," Trump's administration is hammering hard at federal programs and policies meant to protect the most historically vulnerable peoples in the country. With an administration moving so head-spinningly fast that we at the Red Phoenix are not entirely sure if Black History Month is still federally recognized, we thought it essential to remind our comrades that the historical and ongoing struggle for Black liberation and racial equality is near and dear to the cause of socialism and communism, and that it is every revolutionary's duty to recognize and uplift the voices and legacies of Black radicals throughout time.

Next year will mark 60 years since the founding of the Black Panther Party and 57 years since the founding of the Young Lords Party. With the threat of fascism lurking over our shoulders, we must remind ourselves that socialism, communism, and so-called radicalism are central to the Black experience, particularly in the United States. In every theater against injustice throughout history, Black folks were there and Black radicals were leading the charge for a better world, a more equal and just world.

Oliver Law was the first Black man to ever lead a racially integrated military force in the history of the United States, and he did so as a communist alongside his brothers and sisters of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the fight against fascism. Walter Cobbs was a Lincoln Brigadier. Thomas Page as well. Whether it's in the streets of Oakland, the valleys of Jarama, or the beaches of Normandy, we have fought on the front lines as part of our radical heritage.

We must continue to carry and pass the torch of revolution, liberation, and equality that was first lit by our enslaved ancestors and passed along through the Civil Rights Movement and the larger International Communist Movement to the present day. And, as we take this month and every month of our lives to recall the experiences of those who came before us, we have to come to see that almost all of our most dear forebears in the struggle were socialists, communists, or at least sympathetic to the goals of the socialist ideologies.

When asked during an interview in 1964 which economic and political system he preferred, Malcolm X answered, "all of the countries that are emerging today from under the shackles of colonialism are turning towards socialism." W.E.B. DuBois said upon Stalin's death, "Joseph Stalin was a great man; few other men of the 20th century approach his stature... As one of the despised minorities of man, he first set Russia on the road to conquer race prejudice and make one nation out of its 140 groups without destroying their individuality." Paul Robeson sang the praises of the Soviet system and Comrade Stalin on several occasions. Our visions for a planet free of racial prejudice, segregation, xenophobia, anti-Blackness, and white supremacy align entirely with those of communism – with our victory we will see a world where Black people are seen, always first and foremost, as human beings.

Meanwhile the United States didn't even fully abolish slavery, as the 13th Amendment states, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime where of the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States." Our country's

private prison industry is thus an industry of slave labor. The struggle continues.

Despite the attempts of the capitalist ruling class to whitewash our history, we cannot fail to realize that our goals for self-determination for Black Americans and African-descendant peoples around the globe have always been intrinsically tied with the final success of communism internationally. Under the capitalist system of exploitation, racism, and class divisions, we can never hope to truly see any form of racial or ethnic equality between different peoples because it is to the benefit of the capitalists and imperialists to divide us through artificial differences of color or nation or ethnic background. Regardless of our ancestry, we are all exploited by capital as members of the working class and each individually represent the international proletariat, destined to transform the world into one where no person has to wonder when their next meal will be, where they will sleep for the night, whether or not they can afford medical care, or whether they will be a victim of a hate crime or systemic racialized violence.

The wisdom of Comrade Fred Hampton rings truer than ever in these treacherous times:

**"We've got to face the fact that some people say you fight fire best with fire, but we say you put fire out best with water. We say you don't fight racism with racism—we're gonna fight racism with solidarity. We say you don't fight capitalism with no Black capitalism; you fight capitalism with socialism."**

*"Power Anywhere Where There's People," 1969.*

The Black radical tradition calls for us to look inwards at our history of freedom fighting and anti-imperialism. Let us look to our Amilcar Cabrals, our Claudia Joneses, and our Fred Hamptons, and decide whether or not we want to forsake our children to the horrors of the past or pay homage to the legacies of our ancestors to bring forward a new day of equality, prosperity, and socialism. Happy Black History Month, comrades! Every month in America is Black History Month because Black Americans helped create this nation and every day are working to bring it closer to a land of true liberty and democracy.



# ON THE EFFICIENCY OF LAUNCHING FASCISTS INTO THE SUN

Allison P. | International | Apr. 1, 2025

The increasing upwelling of fascist momentum has led to an influx of calls to launch such people into the sun. This is a particularly difficult and energy-intensive task not yet achieved by man, beast, nor machine, and in order to do so the new proletarian state will have to be quite clever.

The closest man has come to dropping something into the sun is the Parker Solar Probe which has passed as low as 9.86 solar radii (geostationary satellites orbit at roughly 5 terran radii). In order to achieve this, the mission required numerous gravity assists, launched on the most powerful rocket at the time, the Delta IV heavy\*, and could only deliver around 50 kg (110 lbs) of payload, a weight of only the most scrawny fascists.

*\*Falcon Heavy did launch earlier that year but was not yet commercially available and has lower payload capacity to high C3 targets*

It is likely that if you have commented “throw [someone] into the sun” before, people have quipped that it would be more efficient to cast them from the solar system entirely. Strictly speaking this is true, at least on standard orbits. Using the Vis-Viva equation with Terra at roughly 150 gigameters from Sol, the orbital velocity is roughly 29.7 km/s. Using a standard Hohmann Transfer with Terra at Aposol and Sol’s surface as Perisol in order to achieve contact requires a velocity at infinity relative to the Terran gravity well of roughly 25.5 km/s or a characteristic energy of 650 km<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>. For perspective, Mars transfers generally require 16 km<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>.

This requires in total from a 400 km starting orbit around Terra, roughly 24 km/s delta V to achieve. By comparison, getting to low earth orbit itself requires roughly 10 km/s (separate from the 24 km/s). However, one advantage of this strategy is that cleansing by starlight would occur in roughly 11.2 million seconds (18.5 weeks).

An efficient worker would minimize the labor they must carry out and one such

possibility is via the bielliptic transfer. Rather than dropping the fascist into the sun directly they are instead first sent to the frozen wastes of the Sol system, far from her warming light. At its furthest point a small burn is performed, followed by generations of darkness as they plunge towards incineration.

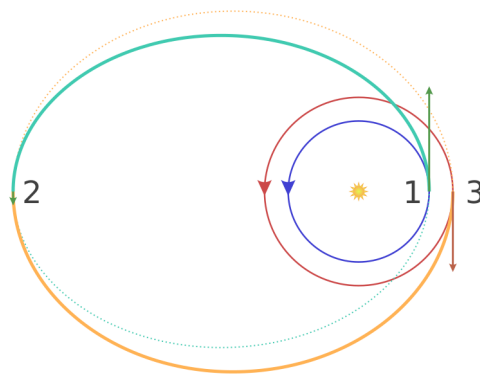


Figure 1: Bielliptic Transfer

As the fascist will be dropped into the sun there is no need to circularize at the low orbit. And while they are shot into higher orbits before descending towards starlight the total energy requirements steadily decrease, leveling off around 11 km/s as shown in Figure 2. However, increasing values of apoapsis produce exceedingly long transfer times, starting at 400 years for 10,000 million km and exceeding existence of the whole of human civilization at 100,000 million km.

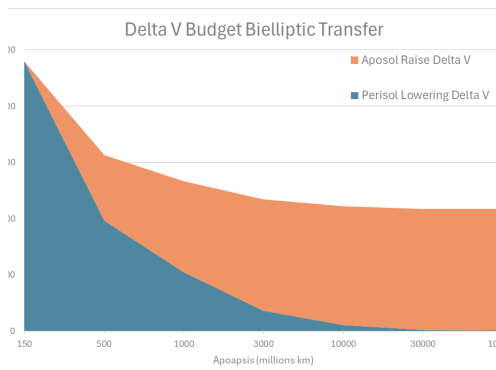
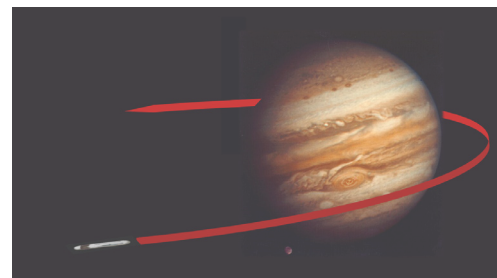


Figure 2: Delta V Budget for Bielliptic Transfers – Note the leftmost point at 150 million km represents the standard Hohmann Transfer.

These represent the two classic transfers, however the celestial spheres are allies to the proletariat in their efforts and are willing to redistribute part of their momentum to our task. Although Mars

and Venus are willing to assist us, Jupiter carries the most momentum. While Jupiter unfortunately cannot slow the fascists down to allow them to descend into starlight, he can accelerate the craft. If the initial Aposol is set to target Jupiter’s orbit this would require a C3 of 77 km<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup> and a delta V from LEO of 7.4 km/s. The craft will enter Jovian space and cross below 422 thousand kilometers bringing it near the moon Io, the closest thing our stellar system has to Hell. Our Jovian ally will then redirect the craft, turning it by 155 degrees, accelerating it back into Sol space but now traveling to 18.4 km/s instead of 7.4 km/s (relative to a Sol fixed system), sufficient from Jovian orbit to forsake the craft to the far reaches of the solar system before it completes its descent burn. Though our proletarian ally Jupiter cannot help us reduce the potentially centuries-long travel time of this task, he can reduce the energy requirements to drop fascists into the sun to around 8 km/s, an energy reduction by orders of magnitude.



Perhaps when the Q come to judge us in the 24th century they will no doubt criticize our barbarity, but doubtless they would have to be a bit impressed by the style. The only vehicle currently capable to complete this mission on a conventional chemical trajectory is the Space Launch System, which is currently under threat from Trump, Musk, and his cronies — and, in retrospect, it is clear why. Of course should no launch vehicle be available capable to do this task, one could always look to Teller’s Artificial Star as an alternative to cleanse the fascists by starlight.

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*I spent close to six hours on this math please help me – Allison*

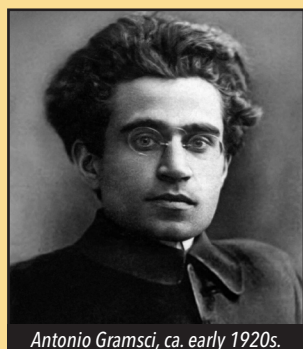
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Antonio Gramsci, ca. early 1920s.

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**Antonio Gramsci (Jan. 22, 1891–Apr. 27, 1937)**

*"Prison Notebooks," 1929.*

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Regarding the regulation of capitalism and emergent social-democratic reform movements, it is not uncommon that capitalist states restrict the private sector for various reasons. The problem is that political power is still stacked in favor of the ruling class; they have every avenue and all the resources necessary to undo reforms and regulations. What truly led to the collapse of the socialist bloc was not that the pursuit of communism was too radical, but rather that these nations pursued market-style reforms until they had more or less become capitalist countries. As we have seen in the U.S., liberal victories are short lived.

Today, social-democratic movements would have us do much the same, if not less—regulate capitalism, nationalize some industry, and try to maintain a welfare state—without expropriating the ruling class, without giving the nation a clear direction for the future, and worst of all, without putting the working class in power. We cannot face climate change, resurgent fascism, police brutality, the exploitation of oppressed nations, and the threat of American imperialism around the world without a revolutionary, centrally organized movement.

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