

# Stop Immigrant Persecution

The "right to mobility" is a fundamental human right, in contrast to the "rights" of corporations and investors to the free movement of capital under "free trade" economic policies.



In our struggles, it is imperative that we account for the rights and respect of immigrant populations around the world. We must recognize that immigrants play an important role as cultural diplomats and form an essential part of the world's labor force, especially in the U.S. However, the sad reality is that while immigrants comprise such an important role in cultural and economic spheres, they are also among the most exploited groups, especially women and the displaced indigenous. As institutions such as the World Bank and IMF seek to spread "free trade" through structural adjustment programs and debt-inflicting loans, and groups such as the G-7 nations try to legitimize the destruction of cultures, the environment, and human solidarity, we must provide a resistance that will not only counter these policies but set a new progressive agenda to provide dignity and respect for immigrant populations.

We recognize that immigration policy and subsequent enforcement of border laws are global issues and are a result of many factors including: rampant poverty, unequal and unfair distribution of wealth, racism, corporate globalization, civil strife and U.S. intervention in the internal conflicts of other nations.

Unless the root causes of immigration are examined and resolved, human displacement and the accompanying migration problems within the Americas (e.g. death in border crossing) will persist.

## Amnesty for all undocumented immigrants

The Latin America Solidarity Coalition is calling for a general and unconditional amnesty for all undocumented immigrants, regardless of their country of origin. Classification of immigrants by their country of origin only furthers racist ideology and global hierarchy.

There must be drastic changes in labor codes and practices to provide humane work environments, living wages and the rights to unionize and not live at the behest and mercy of employers. Furthermore, the rights to education, healthcare and social security are necessary for providing immigrants, especially women, with a way to regain control of their lives.

**Immigration is not an affliction or disease that can be cured or stopped. For many humans it is the only means of survival for themselves and their families. It is in large part due to the social, political and economic policies of nations like the United States and Great Britain that immigration has become the issue it is today and it is time to start treating it this way. We must act with compassion, not arrogance, and see the need for human solidarity that can transgress any border or language barrier.**



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