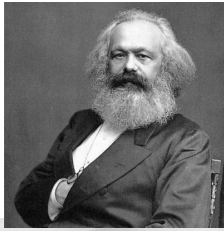


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Medicaid cuts enable social murder, disproportionately targeting the disabled

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Stacey Park Milbern, a lifelong disability rights activist and defender of Medicaid programs, in 2017. (Wikimedia Commons)

As the rate of profit continues to decline, Capital turns its gaze inward, cannibalizing its own population in a monomaniacal drive to sustain returns. Those it can no longer extract surplus value from are the first to be discarded, which is why disabled people are now in the regime's sights. The "One Big Beautiful Bill," signed in July 2025, carries out the largest cut to Medicaid in the history of the program, disproportionately targeting the disabled.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) puts the reduction in federal Medicaid spending at [roughly \\$911 billion over ten years](#). The Georgetown Center for Children and Families found that these health cuts will strip insurance from an additional 10 million people by 2034, and closer to 15 million once the expiring marketplace subsidies are counted.

This is class warfare, dressed in the language of fiscal responsibility. The same law that strips care from the sick and the disabled hands out [tax cuts valued at around \\$4.5 trillion over the decade](#) for the capitalists. The dictatorship of capital takes money from disabled workers to give it, hand over fist, to the

bourgeoisie. It is deliberate and class-conscious policy. It is class war prosecuted from above, and it will be answered only by class war organized from below.

The single largest driver of the coverage terminations is the new work reporting mandate. Adults aged 19 through 64 must now prove, month after month, that they have spent at least [80 hours working, volunteering, or studying](#). This one provision alone, CBO estimates, will make 5.3 million people uninsured by 2034, with another 700,000 lost to more frequent eligibility checks. Forty-one states are compelled to build this apparatus. Several already have.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services administrator Mehmet Oz, a con artist so thoroughly discredited that even Democratic Party-aligned advocacy groups have taken to calling him a [quack grifter](#), now influences the health outcomes of 160 million Americans. He described the rule as a way to help people “build skills and independence through work.” The Department of Health and Human Services produced a study on cue, claiming the requirements could [reduce poverty for as many as 2.9 million people](#).

How will they reduce poverty by cutting the insurance of poor people?

The trick is simple. Work more hours and you earn more money. No study is required to prove it, and the study proves nothing else. What it never asks is what that demand costs a person who is sick or disabled and cannot simply produce the hours on command. It assumes the unemployed find jobs and the unable become able, then declines to count what happens to the ones who can do neither.

Buried in the study’s own notes is the admission that its income figures do not account for the health care costs of losing coverage. The increased wages are counted. The deaths never enter the equation. When a sick worker loses coverage and falls out of the data, the state records a person lifted toward “self-sufficiency.” The corpse is filed under success.

The perpetrators of such heartless strategies have already run this experiment and they know how it ends. Arkansas imposed Medicaid work requirements in 2018, and within seven months [more than 18,000 people](#) were gone, one in four of everyone subject to the rule. Nearly all of them already worked or qualified for an exemption and simply could not fight their way through the paperwork. The employment rate did not budge, a finding that [Harvard](#) and the [Urban Institute](#) both confirmed. What people got instead was medical debt and care they could no longer afford.

Georgia ran a smaller version of this. Its work requirement enrolled a tiny fraction of those eligible, and through mid-2025 the program had spent [\\$54 million on administration against \\$26 million on actual care](#), more than twice as much policing eligibility as providing it.

Off the rolls is not a neutral place to stand. Coverage is the line between a treatable condition and a fatal one. A peer-reviewed analysis in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* projected that the Medicaid cuts alone will kill on the order of [16,600 people every year](#).

Friedrich Engels had a word for this nearly two centuries ago: [social murder](#), described by Engels as deaths that result from “when society places hundreds of proletarians in such a position that they inevitably meet a too early and an unnatural death, [...] knows that these thousands of victims must perish, and yet permits these conditions to remain.”

Congress was warned, in writing, with the body count attached. It passed the bill slashing benefits anyway, to finance tax cuts for the rich.

The \$911 billion was printed in the official tables. The body count was not. The state has done the math and found that some lives are not worth preserving.

Defenders of the law insist that disabled people are protected, that anyone who is “medically frail” is exempt. The interim rule decided that a person with a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability

counts as “medically frail” only if their condition “significantly impairs” the ability to perform an activity of daily living such as bathing or dressing. Anyone the state judges insufficiently broken is thrown back into the work-reporting machine. The definition is far narrower than the one used by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Workers can be disabled enough to face discrimination and poverty, yet not disabled enough, in the eyes of this state, to keep their health care.

The rule’s logic is a closed loop. To qualify as too sick to work, your illness must be severe enough to keep you from working, which means anyone with a job does not qualify. Hold the job and you forfeit the exemption. Lose the coverage and you lose the doctor who could prove you were sick. More than 40 percent of Medicaid adults between 40 and 64 live with serious health limitations, and most of them are not officially disabled. They are exactly the people this trap of a requirement in the law is built to catch.

The cuts reach the caretakers themselves too, not only the people they care for. Medicaid pays some family members to look after disabled relatives full time, work that keeps a profoundly disabled person out of an institution and alive. [A mother in Maryland](#) is paid through a state waiver to care for her non-verbal 28-year-old son, bathing him, feeding him, shaving his face, stripping the sheets when he wets the bed, etc.. Maryland, with both a Democratic legislature and a Democratic governor, is cutting roughly \$18,000 a year out of her household. The twin jaws of the federal and state government are closing on her throat.

The federal health secretary, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who spent decades peddling medical misinformation before being handed authority over the nation’s health, called programs that incentivize care providers fraud and accused relatives of being paid for tasks they used to perform for free. Underneath the contempt, there’s an admission. The labor of keeping a disabled member of the working class alive is not, to capital, a worthy goal. It produces no commodity and turns no profit, so it does not count as work, only as a cost to be cut. Capital wants that care done for free, the way it always was, by mothers and family members who did it unpaid and unseen, thus socializing the costs. Pay them a wage or a stipend and suddenly it is fraud.

Capitalism measures workers’ worth by their capacity to produce surplus value. A worker who cannot be profitably exploited is not, to capital, a person but a liability, and disability is the name capital gives the bodies it can no longer fully use.

Medicaid [covers around 15 million disabled people, more than a third of all disabled people in the country, and disabled people already face poverty at more than twice the rate of everyone else](#). The program pays for the home and community-based services that let disabled people live outside of institutions at all. When the state attacks Medicaid, it is attacking the thin material basis on which disabled people maintain any independence. The alternative is the institution, where capital warehouses the people it has discarded and charges for the privilege. The reserve army of labor has always included those whom the market deems unfit to work. Now the state is formalizing their exile and calling it independence. This is capital’s logic. A life that cannot generate a profit is not worth preserving.

The working class should apply that logic in reverse. A system that sustains itself only by exploitation has forfeited any claim of legitimacy.

Both parties built this. Work requirements for the poor have a long pedigree in American capitalist governance, dressed in the language of dignity and personal responsibility, signed into law by Bill Clinton in 1996 and waved through by both wings of the ruling-class consensus on [demonstrably false pretenses](#). The current law is more brazen than its predecessors, but it is continuous with them. The function of the means test is to ration survival, to make the receipt of care so administratively painful that people give up. The state has even budgeted for it, allocating \$200 million in “efficiency” grants and paying more than \$600 million from private technology vendors to build the surveillance and verification systems

that will police the poor. Capital profits twice. It profits from the tax cut, and it profits from the contract to build the machine that enforces the cut.

Survival has been made a privilege, earned through usefulness to capital. That is a declaration of war.

What stops it is organized working-class power, and nothing gentler. Disabled people and their comrades have to be organized where they actually hold leverage, in the workplace, the union, the hospital, and the streets. Coverage defended by collective force. Mutual aid that keeps people alive while the fight is waged. Strikes and disruption that drive the cost of this policy back onto the people who authored it instead of leaving it to fall only on the people it targets. Mass refusal to let a single neighbor be purged in silence.

Every termination letter is a decision made in a boardroom and a legislature that certain lives are not worth their price, and the task now is to make this policy impossible to carry out.

The demand is not a better exemption form, and it is not the restoration of a means-tested program that rationed care from the start. The demand is the expropriation of the entire apparatus of for-profit medicine, the insurers, the hospital chains, the pharmaceutical giants, and the provision of care on the basis of need and nothing else. That requires breaking the power of the class that owns them. No such victory has ever been handed down from above. It is taken.

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Ruling class turns to “pre-crime” repression as crises deepen

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Sebastian Gorka listens as President Donald Trump speaks with reporters after signing executive orders in the Oval Office of the White House, April 23, 2025, in Washington. (*Alex Brandon/AP*)

In a sweeping expansion of the national security apparatus, the Trump administration has released a new [National Counterterrorism Strategy](#) that places left-wing activists, anti-fascists, anarchists, and those holding what it calls “radically pro-transgender” in the same category as drug cartels and Islamist groups. Penned under the direction of counterterrorism adviser Sebastian Gorka, the document calls for identifying threats “before they happen” and using law enforcement tools to “cripple them operationally” ahead of any crime. It highlights supposed “Red-Green alliances” between the far left (red) and pro-Palestine (what it calls “Islamist” or “green”) voices, framing solidarity with oppressed peoples and fellow workers abroad as a security risk.

In reality, this is pre-crime policing aimed squarely at working-class organizing. In a system where a tiny layer at the top controls the economy and government, growing anger over wages, housing, endless wars, and inequality threatens the stability of profits. When profit margins tighten and crises deepen, those in power respond by expanding the tools of control and oppression rather than addressing the root causes that fuel discontent.

Workers produce the wealth of this country, but see little of it returned in decent pay, stable jobs, or an affordable cost of living. Corporate consolidation, union-busting, offshoring, and inflation have left millions squeezed while the wealthy few amass unprecedented fortunes. Protests, strikes, campus encampments against foreign policy disasters, and tenant actions are natural responses to these conditions. Instead of addressing them through reforms, the strategy treats ideas challenging endless profit-seeking or U.S. military adventures as dangerous precursors to violence. The recent National Security Memorandum, [NSPM-7](#), links “anti-capitalism,” criticism of traditional power structures, and certain social views, to potential terrorism. This expands the post-9/11 surveillance apparatus to domestic dissent. It literally criminalizes particular types of thought as terrorism!

History shows that these powers rarely stay limited to one sector. Tools tested on one group soon sweep wider. By spotlighting left-wing currents and identity-related ideologies while downplaying other domestic threats, like the very real threat of right-wing violence, the approach seeks to split working people. It offers the promise that if you avoid “extremist” circles—protests, certain online speech, or organizing with the “wrong” allies—you’ll be left alone. Yet the machinery of monitoring networks, mapping associations, and preempting activity builds a broad infrastructure of control. After they have finished with Transgender people, they will move to other sections of the population. [Labeling broad swaths of opposition thinking as terror-adjacent](#) makes it easier to isolate militants, chill participation, and justify surveillance on entire communities and movements.

Past programs like COINTELPRO targeted civil rights, anti-war, and labor activists with infiltration, disruption, and worse. However, today’s digital tools (data harvesting, social network analysis, financial tracking) make preemptive action far more powerful and pervasive. The result is a chilling effect on the very organizing working people need to defend their living standards and rights.

This strategy ultimately weakens the ability of ordinary people to push back collectively. Strong unions, tenant unions, anti-war efforts, and community defense against austerity require open debate, broad participation, and solidarity across lines of race, gender, and background. When the state brands certain viewpoints or associations as “pre-criminal,” a nebulous legal category which can be used as a pretext for suppression, it raises the personal cost of involvement and discourages the unity essential for real gains.

Working people have the most to lose from a society where power answers economic anxiety and policy failures with expanded policing of thought and association rather than solutions to inequality and insecurity. The drive to neutralize potential opposition before it strengthens reveals a system that prioritizes preserving concentrated wealth and influence over genuine public safety or democratic participation.

The working class must recognize this for what it is: a defensive move by those at the top who sense swift eroding consent and support, and an escalation of the class war by the ruling class. The answer lies in building independent, class-rooted organizations that cannot be easily divided or preempted—deeper workplace solidarity, community mutual aid, and persistent pressure that connects daily struggles to the larger forces shaping them. Our shared conditions demand collective resistance, not submission to pre-crime watchlists. The fight for better lives cannot be surrendered to fear.

Stop Trump's war on Head Start!

By [Jim McMahan](#) posted on August 19, 2026

Before President Donald Trump's second term, the Heritage Foundation, a right-wing, ruling-class think tank, issued a 900-page platform calling for the U.S. government to carry out national and international attacks on the working class. The platform, Project 2025, was broad and far-reaching in its proposals, but since then it has actually increased a wave of fascistic attacks on poor and working people. For example it proposed that the entire federal bureaucracy be placed under direct presidential control.



Little Thinkers Daycare & Learning Center, Houston, Texas. Photo: littlethinkersofwestoaks.com

The Project called for ending Head Start, an anti-poverty program that has benefited 40 million children for 60 years, and shutting down the U.S. Department of Education. It attacked Diversity, Equity and Inclusion federal government programs in a preview to shutting down a broad range of programs opposing discrimination.

Trump actually said he opposed Project 2025, saying he didn't know anything about it. But that was just a lie to divert working-class opposition. He does that all the time.

For example, in January 2025, in a leaked memo, the White House illegally shut down congressionally approved funding for Head Start and a wide range of other social service programs. A huge outcry from families and supporters forced the government to restart the program. As a result, Head Start operations were temporarily disrupted when the government's intentions became known.

An important concession

Head Start began in 1965 as an anti-poverty program influenced by the Black Liberation movement, especially led by organizations like the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Black Panther Party. The struggle of Black communities against racist school segregation was broadened to raise the quality of education in the Deep South and other parts of the country.

This program has served millions of children as well as pregnant mothers for 60 years, including 800,000 in the last year for which data is available. Head Start was designed to assist low-income families with the prospect of ending poverty.

Its services include early childhood education for children under six years old, services during pregnancy, indoor and outdoor physical activity, social and emotional support, nutritional education along with meals and snacks, mental health services, health and dental screenings, financial literacy classes, family engagement opportunities, as well as providing a career path for many parents to become Head Start staff.

Across the country, the program is operated by 1,600 local organizations that oversee 14,000 individual Head Start programs with a yearly budget of \$12 billion.

Since early 2025, the Trump government has continued attacks on Head Start. In August of that year, after Trump tried to strip immigrant families from utilizing Head Start and other programs, hundreds of organizations representing parents, educators and community members spoke out against excluding immigrants from accessing the program, forcing a judge to pause immigration exclusion.

A 2025 draft White House document calling for ending Head Start funding attacks it for the “radical indoctrination of our children.” It accuses the program of being “riddled with social-emotional learning” and “diversity, equity and inclusion programming.” It also attacked a Sesame Street webinar on racial justice.

Struggle at home and abroad

U.S. imperialism pursues a war orientation both at home and abroad, such as waging a genocidal war with its ally, Israel, against women and children in Palestine and Iran. Tens of thousands of children, women and civilians in general have been murdered with U.S. weapons technology in Gaza.

The government cages immigrant children at home too. It should be recognized that the U.S. court system has always jailed working-class children and youth, especially children of color in disproportionate numbers.

So now the government has singled out the low-income students at Head Start as its next target. Since the government has been unable to arbitrarily kill Head Start all at once, it wants to slowly decimate the program with deregulation. The Trump administration wants to eliminate 133 pages of requirements for class sizes, medical screenings, home visits and even a requirement that children must brush their teeth after eating.

The Trump government wants to destroy a lifesaving, basic safety net program with a death by a thousand cuts. Deregulation will save money, the government says. So what about the requested \$1.5 trillion war budget which endangers millions of people in the Global South?

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), which represents thousands of teachers who work at Head Start, has strongly denounced the government’s plan to scrap the regulations.

A representative of the Washington State Association of Head Start stated that healthcare, nutritious meals and disability services aren’t bureaucratic requirements but “are the reason Head Start has changed millions of lives.” (New York Times, Aug. 7)

Fight to save Head Start!

This article shows, once again, that there is a new progressive trend in the union movement, probably due to pressure from below, to take up political questions.

<https://www.struggle-la-lucha.org/2026/08/05/north-dakota-afl-cio-demands-an-end-to-u-s-sanctions-on-cuba/>

North Dakota AFL-CIO demands an end to U.S. sanctions on Cuba

We oppose U.S. unilateral coercive measures against Cuba and support normalizing relations based on mutually recognized sovereignty and respect

June 30, 2026

WHEREAS: Both the United States (U.S.) and Cuba are sovereign countries and members of the United Nations (U.N.); and

WHEREAS: The U.N. Charter is a treaty which was ratified by the U.S., is therefore the “supreme law of the land” under the U.S. Constitution, Article VI, and is binding on the U.S. government including the president and the administration; and

WHEREAS: Article 2(4) of the U.N. Charter states, “All members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations”; and

WHEREAS: U.S. government policy since at least April 1960, acknowledging the broad popular support in Cuba for the revolution led by Fidel Castro, adopted in secret a course of action designed “to bring about hunger, desperation and overthrow of government” in Cuba, which has resulted in hundreds of U.S. unilateral coercive measures (UCMs) against Cuba; and

WHEREAS: On January 29, 2026, President Donald Trump issued Executive Order 14380 “Addressing Threats to the United States by the Government of Cuba” and threatened to impose high tariffs on any country selling or supplying oil to Cuba; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. is now enforcing a strict oil blockade against Cuba through tariff threats, naval interdiction of tankers and financial sanctions against oil suppliers; and

WHEREAS: Cuba poses no economic or military threat to the U.S. nor to any other country; and

WHEREAS: This Executive Order and accompanying threats have dramatically limited the flow of oil to the island, compounding the effects of decades of U.S. unilateral coercive measures against Cuba and creating an unprecedented humanitarian crisis affecting the country’s electricity grid, food supply, transportation and medical services; and

WHEREAS: After over 30 years of overwhelming annual condemnations by the U.N. General Assembly against the U.S. unilateral coercive measures, U.N. leadership has also expressed extreme concern for the humanitarian impacts of this Executive Order, warned of humanitarian collapse and urged all parties to pursue dialogue and respect for international law; and therefore be it

RESOLVED that the North Dakota AFL-CIO strongly urges President Trump to immediately rescind Executive Order 14380 and enter into meaningful good-faith negotiations with the Cuban government on the basis of recognition of its sovereignty and mutual respect, with the goal of ending the U.S. oil blockade and all other unilateral coercive measures, including removing Cuba from the U.S. list of State Sponsors of Terrorism (SSOT); and be it further

RESOLVED that the North Dakota AFL-CIO urges our congressional delegation to pass legislation to eliminate the embargo, remove all sanctions against Cuba by the United States and allow the peoples of the United States and Cuba to travel and trade freely between the countries.

The Anti-Imperialist Struggle in Latin America Advances

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Bolivia. Indigenous people and workers demand the resignation of the president

“America for the Americans,” a doctrine formulated more than 200 years ago, in 1823, also known as the “Monroe Doctrine,” defined Latin America and the Caribbean as areas for the exclusive domination of the government in Washington, as space for commercial and territorial expansion, for U.S. military and political intervention on the continent.

It was a new version of this policy that Donald Trump referred to when he took over the White House again, in 2025. Trump’s idea was to regain the influence in its “back yard” “lost” to China during the last decades.

The Panama Canal

One of the first measures taken in the confrontation between these imperialist blocs was over the control of the Panama Canal. Trump accused the government of Panama of violating the Torrijos-Carter Treaty by adhering to the Belt and Road Initiative in 2017, a large project of China’s commercial expansion, also known as the New Silk Road. This was a strategic measure for the interests of the U.S., since between October of 2023 and September of 2024, China was responsible for 21% of the cargo transported through the Canal.

Despite the successive statements of Panama’s president, Jose Raul Mulino, of re-enforcing “Panamanian sovereignty over the Canal,” the Panamanian government authorized a U.S. military presence in the country.

The popular reaction was immediate, with large protests in the streets protesting the agreement. Roads were blocked by the demonstrators and 196 people were arrested. Today the Panama Canal is under the control of the United States.

Attacks on Venezuela

The claws of the fascist offensive of imperialism wrote a new chapter with the violent military aggression of the U.S. against Venezuela on January 3, 2026. This took place with bombardments and the

utilization of a heavy apparatus of war, which led to the killing of hundreds of people, mostly defense soldiers, the kidnapping of Nicolas Maduro and his wife, the Congressional Representative Cilia Flores, under the gaze and with the complicity of the Vice President Delcy Rodriguez, with the silence of the top military command and of the president of the National Assembly, all historical Chavistas who betrayed the Bolivarian Revolution.

The aggressive fury of imperialism against Venezuela does not account for this, much less is it caused by the accusation of Maduro's involvement in drug trafficking. The true motives are that the country holds the greatest petroleum reserves in the world, having 300 billion barrels of proven raw petroleum, and the 8th largest reserves of natural gas, calculated at 8,900 billion tons [actually about 200 trillion cubic feet, or over 4 billion metric tons – *translator's note*]. It is rich in strategic minerals, such as Coltan (a mixture of columbite and tantalite), essential in making cell phones, computers and electric cars, as well as other rare minerals such as diamonds, bauxite, iron ore, nickel and thorium.

Today, the government of Delcy Rodriguez has become a government of collaboration with U.S. imperialism, a government of treason that is negotiating away the wealth of the Venezuelan people. This puts an end to the false propaganda of "21st Century Socialism," which is again revealed as a false socialism of the social-democratic parties and the petty bourgeoisie, which in the end is more of a form of conciliation with the national bourgeoisie and imperialist capital.

Despite this betrayal and the adversities imposed, the Venezuelan people are reorganizing to defend their self-determination and the control of their resources.

Attacks on Sovereignty

In addition to these actions, Donald Trump is working to destabilize the democratic governments of Latin America, interfering in their electoral processes. These disputes have shown a strong political polarization, as the masses of workers, disillusioned and confused because they were deceived by social-democratic governments that did not carry out the profound changes to society, while the extreme right launched its demagogic and fascist discourse, presenting themselves as anti-system and creating a lot of propaganda on the Internet with lies and false promises.

At the same time, new insurgent forces were not yet able to win the consciousness of the masses and transform themselves into alternatives capable of destroying these two camps that proved to have essentially the same policies of maintaining the capitalist system.

The recent cases of interfering in the elections in Peru and Colombia, with electoral organizations linked to private enterprises, opened the way to fraud which benefitted the candidates of the extreme right. This was the case with the election of Keiko Fujimori in Peru, who won with a difference of little more than 46 thousand votes of the runner-up, after the country had gone through almost 10 years with a wave of coups and counter-coups, having 8 presidents in the last 8 years.

In Colombia, the situation was the reverse for Ivan Cepeda, candidate of Gustavo Petro, who obtained 12.708 million votes against the fascist Abelardo De la Espriella, who was declared the president with 12.959 million votes. Meanwhile, the party of Petro and Cepeda denounced the fraud and intervention of the U.S., which were essential for Espriella to obtain the difference over Cepeda. They did not bring out the agreement of Petro with the U.S. to permit imperialist military actions in the north of Colombia and attacks on the guerrillas in the region.

In Ecuador, the imperialist interference was worked out with a referendum that tried to restrict the political rights of the population, reducing the number of seats in the Assembly, giving super powers to President Daniel Noboa through a proposed conservative Constitutional Reform that would allow the establishment of U.S. military bases in the country. The population rejected all of Noboa's proposals, in a historic defeat for Trump's ally.

The Struggle of the Masses

In Argentina, Javier Milei, another collaborator with Trump, keeps promoting measures to limit the rights of the workers, the mass privatization of strategic state enterprises, and labor reforms that, among other measures would raise the working day to 12 hours, attacks the rights of retirees to Social Security, as well as attacks on public universities. The great national days of struggle were the response, in which thousands of people gave the necessary response to prevent Milei's reforms.

Uruguay and Paraguay are proceeding along the same road, with similar contradictions and problems.

Despite the adversities, Latin America is the scene of permanent resistance and struggles against imperialist intervention. Important revolutions have been victorious, such as the Cuban revolution, which has resisted for almost 70 years despite a criminal political and economic blockade sponsored by the imperialist governments of the United States.

Now Cuba is facing a new threat of imperialist invasion by Trump, but its people have been giving firm demonstrations that they will not be intimidated by Trump's threats and that they are preparing to resist, holding large demonstrations in defense of their territory. That is why it is the duty of all the Latin American peoples to carry out campaigns of solidarity for Cuba's right to self-determination.

In Brazil, with a parliament dominated by the Centrão (an alliance of right-wing parties) and its successive corruption scandals, a policy of blackmail and shady deals with a social-democratic government failed, with its actions based on class conciliation and accords of governability, decisions against the workers, the withdrawal of rights, attacks on public services and national sovereignty, against the interests of the population. The struggle for the end of 6 workdays to 1 of rest [that is, for a workweek of 5 days and 2 of rest – *translator's note*] can lead to the reduction of the work-week from 48 to 40 hours. The popular mobilizations in the streets, in shopping centers and areas where the workers live is a harsh reality in which it is fundamental to guarantee the gains won under this important banner. That having been said, Trump is creating a law classifying the factions of drug traffickers as terrorist organizations in order to justify a future military intervention in Brazil.

Confrontations between demonstrators and police forces are also occurring in Chile against the attempts of the government of President Jose Antonio Kast, who wants to implement a pact of a Minimum State and impose a perverse neo-liberal policy on the population, such as reduction and cutbacks to education, which will compromise the functioning of the public universities and schools. Kast has cut back resources to 112 social programs.

The popular uprising in Bolivia is advancing with major organizations of mining workers, indigenous people, peasants and important categories of workers at the head of the struggles which clearly shows the importance and leading role of the working classes in the destiny of the country. The taking of the Government Palace has incalculable consequences, forcing the right-wing government of Rodrigo Paz to flee, after his signature was discovered on a secret trade agreement signed with U.S. corporations to hand over the reserves of Bolivian lithium. This fact led the workers to decree a general strike of more than 15 days, blocking the roads, setting up barricades and occupying government establishments, under the slogan of "arrest the president who betrayed the country." The struggle in Bolivia is seen as one of the major examples of the strength and combativity of the Latin American peoples in combat with imperialism and fascism on the continent.

The mass strikes in Mexico are also showing signs that the organization of the struggles can create a new balance of forces which can transform the mass movement into a revolutionary force capable of promoting a socialist revolution and freeing the proletariat from capitalist oppression and exploitation.

Imperialism is not invincible; it can be defeated by the road of organization and struggle.

From Rebel to Revolutionary

Communists for Puerto Rico's independence

From **TECCS** on July 18, 2026



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In Communist Workers and Students for Social Change we support the independence of Puerto Rico in its national form and in its essence from the working class to free itself from all exploitation, whether from foreign capitalists or aspiring local bourgeois (capitalists). Puerto Rico is in an economic, political and social crisis, which maintains control of our resources, wealth and lands. For the last ten years, our colonization has been exemplified with the crudest brazenness by the imposition of a Fiscal Control Board (FCB) that has imposed its economic policies to favor the bondholders and capitalist vultures of Wall Street, over the interests of the working people. It affects pensions, education, the University of Puerto Rico, the health-care system, energy system and the quality of daily life in general, forcing a large part of the country's working class and professionals to emigrate in search of better living standards.

That is why at TECCS we fight for an independence that corresponds to the interests of the working class and that transforms society towards an economic and political system run for the common good and not individual profit.

The struggle for independence is class struggle

Our nation is made up of social classes. Colonialism and imperialism are manifestations of the imperial ruling classes. To see the struggle for independence as something separate from the class struggle, as well as the struggle against racism, patriarchy, machismo and all those social problems that are consequences of the system, is a serious mistake and only favors imperialism. To think that we can wage a struggle against colonialism without resorting to class struggle is illusory and utopian. There are sectors of the independence movement that stubbornly fight for independence while putting aside the struggle of the working class, as if they were separate things. The struggle for independence without class content only represents the interests of the bourgeoisie and petty bourgeoisie, who insist on reformism as a solution to replace our colonial condition with a neo-colony led by a local capitalist bourgeoisie. In TECCS we ask ourselves whether there is any difference between the oppression exercised by a foreign capitalist and the oppression exercised by a local one.

Uniting forces without principles will not advance the struggle

Historically, the independence movement in Puerto Rico has tried, in the name of "adding numbers," to unite various sectors in a multi-class struggle with different and usually contradictory and irreconcilable interests. As Commander Juan Antonio Corretjer said: "The struggle for independence is a specific form of class struggle. Either you fight for an independence that benefits the workers only through the revolutionary seizure of power, the liquidation of private property, and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, or you fight for nationalist independence, multi-class by necessity, which defeats foreign capitalist power to benefit a new ruling class whose power will establish private property. Will the same difference be reflected?"

The petty bourgeoisie and the bourgeoisie should not lead the struggle for Puerto Rico's independence with their ideology, because they advocate a seizure of power in the system of capitalist exploitation in the name of love for the homeland. It is not a question of maintaining a unitary position, taking populist positions and putting aside the fundamental problem of class antagonism with the petty bourgeois and bourgeois sector. TECCS engages in joint actions with other non-Marxist organizations on particular issues on which we agree, but it is one thing to form alliances with a clear and defined vision of the working class, and another to subordinate oneself to those petty-bourgeois interests. To quote Lenin: "Unity is a great slogan, but what the working class needs is the unity of Marxists, not unity between Marxists and the opponents and slanderers of Marxism."

From our communist perspective, we consider the struggle for independence to be part of the struggle for a society free of exploitation, whether that of the foreign bourgeoisie or that of the aspiring local bourgeoisie. The independence of the working class is that of owning the means of production to transform the country. It is not only a "change of government", but also a change of system. The correct direction of our struggle for emancipation cannot be defined other than by the abolition of all exploitation. It is utopian to think that an alliance of classes with opposing interests can be achieved. One cannot reconcile the irreconcilable: class antagonism. We believe this, not for sectarian or organizational reasons, or simply on a whim to do only what one wants. It is simply a historical and objective reality.

What really hurts the working class and the revolutionary struggle is local reformism and opportunism. And what is local reformism if not participation in elections and ideological and political concessions in the name of unity? Quoting Commander Juan Antonio Corretjer on reformism: "What keeps our country in chains of colonialism is the best weapon of imperialism: local reformism. The way to defeat imperialism is to strengthen the revolutionary forces, to weaken reformism until it becomes useless."

There are those who are trying to capitalize on the discontent of the masses with reconciliatory policies to "advance" the struggle for independence, while omitting the class struggle. Ultimately, this is truly what holds our struggle back. Our duty as revolutionaries is to lead the working people, but not with false illusions that we can achieve a better society only by fighting for independence and leaving the exploitative capitalist system intact. Today in Latin America there are 35 independent countries and practically all of them are neo-colonies, capitalist countries with great problems of poverty, inequality, oppression and exploitation that independence alone has not been able to solve. The best example is the land of Bolívar, the liberator of America, which today has practically become a "colony" where its political, economic and military power is dictated by U.S. imperialism and its foreign oil corporations. We do not want a change of party within the framework of the capitalist system. We do not want to reinforce petty-bourgeois legalist reformism. We want radical change, to abolish the system of oppression that is capitalism.

Therefore, we reaffirm that we believe in the struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico aimed at a classless society, free of exploitation, racism, homophobia, sexism, machismo. That society can only be achieved by fighting for a communist society.

The workers' struggle has no borders!

The working class has no borders!

Long live free and communist Puerto Rico!

Long live communism!

Trump uses fight against organized crime as an excuse to intervene in Brazil



TRAITORS. Bolsonaroistas went to kiss the hand of dictator Trump.

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Since he arrived at the White House, dictator Donald Trump has made no secret of his desire to seize all the riches of Latin America and hand them over to the capitalist monopolies of the United States.

This imperialist policy, known as the Monroe Doctrine ("*America for the Americans*"), uses force to subjugate governments, oppress peoples and guarantee the profits of the US big bourgeoisie. This is what happened in Venezuela when, after months of threats and economic and military siege, on January 3, President Nicolás Maduro and First Lady Cilia Flores were kidnapped by the U.S. military and taken to a prison in New York. In his place, Vice President Delcy Rodríguez took over, who shamefully surrendered and handed over all Venezuelan oil to Trump. Now, the profits from oil, which was once used to build schools, hospitals and affordable housing, is going directly to the U.S.

Another target of imperialist interests on the continent is Cuba. Since 1959, successive U.S. governments have tried – unsuccessfully – to destroy the Cuban Revolution, which continues to resist the cruellest and most inhumane economic blockade in history, aggravated after the capitulation of the current government of Venezuela. But, unlike Mrs. Delcy, [Cuba will not negotiate its sovereignty, nor will it bow to Trump, as the Cuban ambassador to Brazil, Victor Cairo, made clear in an interview in the last issue of *A Verdade* \(No. 335\).](#)

Brazil in Trump's sights

In recent months, U.S. military operations and threats against governments in Latin America have intensified under the justification of fighting organized crime and groups classified by Washington as "terrorists." However, in fact, this is nothing more than an excuse by the imperialists to violate the sovereignty of peoples and nations.

On May 28, Trump's sights turned against Brazil. Following the same script adopted in Venezuela, the U.S. dictator took the first step to intervene in the internal affairs of our country by classifying the Red Command and the Primeiro Comando da Capital (First Capital Command) as terrorist organizations. With this, from now on, he will have carte blanche to carry out military actions in Brazilian territory whenever he wants.

There are those who still doubt that the U.S. is capable of bombing or militarily invading Brazil. But it is enough to remember what they did in Iraq, Afghanistan and Venezuela, and continue to do in Cuba, Iran and the Gaza Strip to realize that this threat is quite possible.

Moreover, this would not be the first time that U.S. imperialism intervenes in Brazil. In 1964, the fascist military coup had the participation of the White House from the beginning, which even sent an aircraft carrier with fighter planes, two supply ships, a helicopter carrier, guided missiles and 110 tons of weapons and ammunition to ensure that the coup plotters took power. The rest of the story we all know: the country was subjected to a dictatorship that for 21 years persecuted, imprisoned, kidnapped, tortured, raped, murdered or disappeared more than 50 thousand Brazilians, including children.

Sell-Outs of the Fatherland

Trump's decision to meddle in the affairs of Brazil and the Brazilian people met a request made by Senator Flávio Bolsonaro, PL[Liberal Party]'s pre-candidate for President of the Republic. In May, he went to Washington to lick Trump's boots and to personally ask his boss to intervene in the October elections. In exchange, he promised the orange guy to hand over the Amazon region and Brazil's reserves of gold, water and rare earths to U.S. multinationals. Trump loved the offer and told his aides who were at the meeting, "We've got to help these guys."

Note that number one son of the former captain (Bolsonaro) excluded the militias from the list of criminal organizations operating in Brazil, with whom his family maintains deep relations. Flávio Bolsonaro even employed family members of known militiamen and honored hired killers from the so-called "Crime Office" in his office when he was a state deputy in Rio de Janeiro; they are protégés of the senator to this day.

Also during his visit to the White House, Flávio Bolsonaro negotiated a new tariff of 25% against Brazil and agreed with Trump's threats against Pix, a payment method that takes the collection of fees on financial transactions of most Brazilian workers out of the hands of U.S. credit card monopolies. Earlier, last year, when the U.S. imposed a 50% tax on Brazilian products, the senator celebrated by saying: "Thank you, Trump! Make Brazil free again."

Now, faced with the negative repercussions of the agreement he made with Trump – a true betrayal of the people and the nation – the number one son said he never asked for any of this, repeating the same excuse he gave when he was caught red-handed asking banker Daniel Vercaro, owner of Master bank who was arrested for financial fraud, to pay for a fifth-rate film about his father.

Fighting crime

There is no doubt that both the PCC and the Red Command are criminal factions that oppress the people and need to be fought. But this cannot be used to justify an intrusion by the armed forces of another country in our Homeland.

In addition, contrary to what the Bolsonaro family and its allies preach, Trump's decision will make it very difficult to fight against drug trafficking in Brazil. This is what the prosecutor of the Special Action Group for the Repression of Organized Crime, of the Public Ministry of São Paulo, Lincoln Gakiya, says: "I have no doubt, it will cause problems of all kinds in Brazil and I do not see any practical benefit that this classification can bring. I think there is a very big risk that the United States wants to do some kind of secret military action here, as it did in Mexico and as it also did in Venezuela."

Gakiya, who has been working to combat criminal factions since 2005, explains that based on the classification of the PCC and the Red Command as terrorist organizations, U.S. investigations and operations will be the responsibility of the CIA and the U.S. Army. "When it begins to be classified and treated by the CIA and the military, this information becomes classified as top secret or confidential. So, we will probably have a loss in the exchange of information."

But for the Bolsonaro family, this is not a problem. In 2025, when the Trump administration began illegally bombing vessels in the Pacific Ocean, claiming that the crews were made up of "narco-terrorists," the "patriotic" senator said he was "envious" and openly called for a U.S. military intervention. "I heard that there are boats like this here in Rio de Janeiro, in Guanabara Bay, flooding Brazil with drugs. Wouldn't you like to spend a few months here helping us fight these terrorist organizations?" stated Flávio, in response to a post by the US Secretary of War about terrorist attacks against boats on the high seas. Rio de Janeiro, by the way, which according to the senator is full of boats with drugs in Guanabara Bay, has been governed for decades by allies of the Bolsonaro family.

As we see, this is the dream of the fascists in Brazil: to massacre the poor people, the residents of the favelas [slums] and the black youth, who will be the first targets of the imperialist bombs.

Bourgeoisie commands organized crime

The fight against organized crime in Brazil, in order to be effective and to achieve results, must start with those who really command these factions and profit from drug and arms trafficking: the big bourgeoisie.

In fact, it is no secret to anyone that corruption and the direct participation of various political bigwigs – all of them linked to the Centrão [group of “centrist” political parties – *translator's note*] and the extreme right – and the financial system are the basis for sustaining organized crime in our country. This is what Operation Hidden Carbon revealed, a mega investigation coordinated by the Federal Revenue Service, the Public Prosecutor's Office of São Paulo (Gaeco) and the Federal Police, which found that technology companies linked to the financial system, the so-called fintechs, based in Faria Lima, the financial heart of São Paulo, were responsible for hiding almost R\$ 26 billion from organized crime.

Another operation by the Federal Police discovered the involvement of the then president of the Legislative Assembly of Rio de Janeiro, Deputy Rodrigo Bacellar (União Brasil), and other representatives, with the Red Command. According to the Federal Police, Bacellar was head of the political nucleus of the faction. The investigators pointed to the existence of a "true parallel state" headed by deputies linked to the Red Command.

Out with the imperialists and traitors to the Homeland!

It is up to the revolutionary political forces and the entire Brazilian people to fight against the imperialist plans for domination and control of our country and its natural resources, as well as against the sell-outs and anti-national sectors, which sell themselves to the U.S. for a bag of coins.

Trump's will to become master of the world will not be defeated with hugs and handshakes, but by denouncing his true intentions, unmasking the traitors to the Homeland and mobilizing the working class and oppressed peoples to make a revolution, the only way to prevent imperialism from dropping its bombs and imposing its dictatorship on our people.

I would just add to this article, that in the U.S. sports are much more of a spectator sport than a participatory sport. This is one reason why so many people are in poor physical shape.

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World Cup is Marked by Discrimination and Authoritarianism

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The Trump Cup. Every dictator needs a good servant

The 23rd FIFA Men's World Cup, hosted for the first time in three countries (the United States, Mexico and Canada), began on June 11 with the largest number of participants in history, 48 teams in total. At the same time, the event is taking place amid violations of the rights of athletes, referees, delegations, fans and journalists. Furthermore, abusive ticket prices are making access to the stadiums almost impossible for working people.

The United States, governed by dictator Donald Trump and with the full endorsement of FIFA president Gianni Infantino, subjected delegations and fans to constraints and restrictions that are duplicating the international conflicts of the imperialist country.

The most obvious example is the case of Iran. While the teams stay in the cities where they will play their matches, the Iranian delegation will not be able to remain on U.S. soil for more than 36 hours, even though they will play games held in the cities of Los Angeles and Seattle.

To circumvent the restrictions and ensure security for its delegation, Iran was forced to transfer its training base to Mexico, a measure that imposes exhausting logistics, harming the physical preparation of the athletes and the sports planning of the Iranian team. The decision comes amid the predatory war of the United States and Israel against the sovereignty of the Iranian people.

Iran's ambassador to Mexico, Abolfazl Pasandideh, said that despite the restrictions imposed, Iran intends to use its participation in the World Cup to demonstrate its commitment to peace and to denounce attacks on its sovereignty.

Other similar episodes occurred throughout the preparation for the event. One of the best referees in the world, Somali Omar Abdulkadir, was denied entry into the United States and will not be able to take part in the games of the competition for which he was assigned.

After this episode, the referee was received as a hero in Somalia and received an invitation from Canada to referee matches played in Canadian territory during the World Cup. FIFA, however, backed the U.S. decision by stating that it "does not get involved in the immigration processes of the host countries."

Cases of restrictions against representatives of countries considered adversaries of the United States have been accumulating. Senegal, Iraq, Cameroon and other nations also reported difficulties and constraints related to participating in the event. The Senegalese delegation was subjected to a security search while still on the airport tarmac, while Iraqi attacker Aymen Hussein was detained and questioned for almost seven hours upon landing in the United States.

All these episodes contradicts the spirit of fraternization that has historically been observed in the World Cup. Instead of bringing peoples together, the competition was marked by discrimination, xenophobia and unequal treatment between nations allied with and adversaries of Trump.

This scenario makes inevitable comparisons with other major sporting events held under fascist governments, such as the 1934 World Cup, organized by Benito Mussolini's Italy, and the 1936 Olympics, hosted by Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany.

Double standards

The controversies were not limited to migration issues. Less than a week before the start of the World Cup, FIFA demanded changes to the official uniform of the Haitian national team, alleging the presence of "political messages" on their shirts. The uniform showed images of the Haitian people carrying the national flag to celebrate the team's return to the main tournament of world soccer and, according to the supplier of sports equipment, was intended to honor "the pride, resilience and spirit of the Haitian people".

The episode amplified criticism of FIFA's performance during the competition. While the entity restricts manifestations of national identity and popular pride of certain peoples, it turns a blind eye to the discriminatory measures of the host country under the argument of not "mixing politics and sport".

Another example of this policy of double standards is the treatment of international conflicts. While Russia remains excluded from competitions due to the war in Ukraine, the United States and its allies continue to host tournaments and participate normally in competitions, despite their military interventions, threats, and conflicts in different parts of the world.

During the World Cup itself, the United States carried out new bombardments against Iran. At the same time, Israel – Washington's historical ally and absent from the tournament only because it failed to qualify on the field – continues to conduct an attempt at genocide against the Palestinian and Lebanese people, without suffering any sporting sanction from FIFA.

Struggles in Mexico

It should also be noted that the Mexican people have been mobilizing for weeks, even in the midst of the "World Cup atmosphere." Mexico is the only country to have hosted the tournament three times. In 1970, the magical Brazilian team assembled by João Saldanha was crowned champion and, in 1986, Diego Maradona's Argentina.

The National Coordination of Education Workers (CNTE) is carrying out a general strike, with an encampment in Mexico City (the country's capital) and actions in the various states. The teachers want the repeal of a 2007 law, which privatized the pension system, even eliminating the right to retire with the salaries received at the time they ended their professional activities.

Social Democratic President Claudia Sheinbaum is trying to delegitimize the strike movement by using the country's traditional capitalist media companies. She also ordered that a large iron barrier be positioned between the teachers' camp and the FIFA *fan zone* (area of concentration of fans to watch games and concerts) in the center of the Capital.

The movement, however, remains strong throughout the country and has great support from the Mexican people, who want a quality education and, at the same time, are passionate about soccer.

The Millionaires' Cup

In addition to the political restrictions, this is also the most expensive World Cup in history. The cheapest tickets for the final match cost about \$4 thousand U.S., an amount approximately seven times higher than in the last tournament. There are already tickets advertised for almost \$200 thousand U.S. on resale platforms.

Although FIFA provides the official structure for the sale of tickets, the entity does not set limits on prices set on resale markets and still profits from charging fees on transactions. In practice, the system allows tickets to be freely resold for prices far above the original. What in Brazil is known as scalping – a prohibited practice, although quite common – is legalized and incorporated into the competition's business model.

The result is an uncontrolled escalation of prices. In the VIP sectors, packages can reach figures close to \$2 million U.S., making the stadiums increasingly inaccessible to working people and transforming the World Cup into a spectacle aimed mainly at millionaires.

Meanwhile, the Iranian Federation denounced the withdrawal of part of its ticket batches a few days before the start of the competition, a measure that makes it difficult for Iranian fans to attend games and contradicts the principles of equality that should guide international competitions.

Soccer more distant from the people

The 2026 World Cup highlights an ever-deepening contradiction. At the same time that it expands the number of participating teams and reaffirms soccer as the most popular sport in the world, the competition becomes more exclusionary from an economic, political, and social point of view. High ticket prices, restrictions imposed on delegations and fans, and the growing influence of commercial interests drive those who have historically built the culture of soccer, the workers away from the stadiums.

But it wasn't always like this. Throughout the 20th century, different experiences sought to bring sports closer to the people. The championships organized in the Soviet Union, for example, had great popular participation, through teams linked to unions, cooperatives, factories, railways and public institutions. At the same time, Soviet soccer achieved international prominence, with the national team winning the 1960 European Championship, the Olympic gold medal over Brazil and three European runners-up, while its clubs won the European Cup twice, a competition that brought together the champions of the continent's national cups and was among the most important tournaments in Europe.

The growing elitization of soccer shows that access to the sport is not a technical or financial issue, but a political choice. If the stands are transformed into spaces for millionaires, this does not mean that this reality is inevitable. Soccer can and should become popular again. Soccer belongs to the people. The stands are ours.

Concentration of Wealth and Growth of Exploitation and Poverty



This is not the first time that we expose in these pages one of the fundamental elements raised by Marxism in its analysis of the historical development of capitalism: the process of concentration and centralization of wealth in a few hands.

We note with concern an evident process of the rise of right-wing, far-right and fascist forces in the region. This phenomenon has caused a change in the balance of political forces within the spaces of institutional power, reconfiguring the geopolitical map of the continent.

This element has currently developed to colossal proportions. While financial markets and large corporations celebrate historical records of accumulation, a huge part of humanity subsists under conditions of poverty and deep vulnerability. The concentration of capital in the hands of an ultra-privileged elite deepens a social abyss where wealth and misery advance at radically opposite speeds.

In recent years, the wealth of billionaires has seen an unprecedented growth. Reports from various institutions and economic analysis centers reveal that the collective fortune of this select group has broken all historical records, exceeding trillions of dollars at a dizzying rate. The combined wealth of billionaires has reached \$20.1 trillion (1). The increase experienced in the last year alone (around \$2.5 trillion) is equivalent to almost all the wealth owned by the poorest 50% of the planet (approximately 4.1 billion people). (2) Capital concentrated at the top is expanding at a much faster rate than the real economy.

According to recent figures, the wealth of the super-rich has grown at rates that are much greater than the average of the last decade, driven by technological booms, stock market bubbles and the revaluation

of financial assets. The number of people with assets of more than one billion dollars has surpassed three thousand individuals worldwide, highlighting emblematic cases in which individual personal fortunes have exceeded thresholds previously unthinkable in modern economic history.

This explosive growth contrasts sharply with the real economy. While the wages of ordinary workers stagnate in the face of inflation, finance capital at the top is self-generated through speculation, monopolistic concentration and aggressive tax optimization in finance havens.

The allocation of these titanic resources responds to a logic of maximizing profits and geopolitical influence. The investments of billionaires and the large private equity funds they control are mainly directed to strategic and high-return sectors:

- Artificial Intelligence and cutting-edge technology: The development of AI, advanced data centers and semiconductors concentrate a massive part of venture capital and large technology companies, creating extraordinary capital gains.
- Luxury real estate and safe-haven assets: Billionaires diversify their portfolios by acquiring exclusive properties in the world's major capitals, highly productive farmland, and strategic commodities.
- Information technology and social media companies: The purchase and control of digital platforms not only seeks financial performance, but also the ability to influence public opinion and shape global narratives.
- Aerospace and defense: Government contracts and the race to commercialize outer space represent another favorite destination for large fortunes.

The other side of the coin: Poverty, wages and unemployment

At the opposite of this economic pyramid, the situation of the vast majority of the world's population reflects a persistent structural crisis. Data on global poverty show that about half of the world's population survives in precarious conditions, facing severe difficulties in meeting their basic needs.

Despite the increases in global labor productivity (GDP per hour worked or per employee) over the last few decades, data from organizations such as the ILO (International Labor Organisation) show a historical stagnation or reverse in the share of wages in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in most of the most advanced and developing capitalist countries. The proliferation of the platform economy (delivery drivers, app drivers), subcontracting, the loss of collective agreements and the loss of job stability seek to reduce the value of the labor force to a minimum to cushion the fall in business margins.

Hundreds of millions of workers in the world are trapped in the category of the working poor: people who, despite having a formal or informal job, receive salaries that are not enough to exceed the threshold of decent subsistence in a context of high costs of living.

Meanwhile, unemployment and labor informality affect more than half of the global labor force, which is suffering from deep job insecurity. The lack of social protection, coupled with the loss of purchasing power caused by the accumulated inflation of recent years, has drastically worsened the quality of life of working families. Basic foodstuffs, housing and health services have become unattainable for an alarming proportion of the population, exacerbating food insecurity and social vulnerability on a global scale.

The extreme accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few billionaires is not an accident of the market, but the symptom of an inhumane economic model. It is not that there are failures in the capitalist system: this system naturally provokes this profound economic and class contradiction. The problem is the private ownership of the means of production.

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*"Trump's rants that Iran
would surrender immediately are crashing into reality.
Israel is feeling the effects that
its weapons were having on other countries, on its own soil..."*

Imperialist aggression and the resistance of the workers and peoples

By: Pablo Miranda

The capitalist system represents more and more of the same, the exploitation and oppression of the possessing classes over the working classes in all countries. In its imperialist phase it has spread its tentacles over all the countries of the earth, it subjugates and oppresses all peoples and nations, all dependent countries.

The capitalist-imperialist system is based on the use of violence to subjugate the workers, to impose its domination. It is a source of wars, responsible for infamous crimes, military aggressions on all continents.

Imperialism has spread its tentacles over all the countries of the earth, it subjects peoples and nations to its dependence, it appropriates the surplus value created by millions of workers on a planetary scale.

The imperialist system is powerful in the economic, military and political spheres.

The ideology of capitalism and imperialism is the dominant ideology in class society. According to its eulogists, and in the imagination of a good part of the workers and peoples, it is invincible, arrogant, capable of unleashing wars of aggression in the various countries of the planet. But, in reality, it is not invincible, it is vulnerable.

The contradiction between the social character of production and the private appropriation of the wealth created is intrinsic to the capitalist system, it is the source of wealth and of political and military power. This contradiction can only be resolved with the elimination of its social causes and the abolition of the exploitation and oppression of the workers, with the social revolution of the proletariat and the building of socialism and communism.

The capitalist-imperialist system is a reality in all countries, it is pregnant with contradictions: the one that opposes capital to labor, the workers to the capitalist classes, the one that pits the oppressed peoples and nations against imperialism, and the one in which the international monopolies and imperialist countries confronts each other.

The workers and the peoples have defeated imperialism in several countries, they showed that it can be defeated, proof of this are:

The proletarian revolution that triumphed in Russia, in 1917 and in other countries of Europe, Asia and Latin America. The October Revolution shattered the apparently unstoppable rise of the domination of capital and the imperialist countries over the workers and peoples.

The struggle for the independence of colonial and semi-colonial countries. The victories achieved by the workers and the peoples showed that wars of aggression can be defeated; in the battles of social and national liberation, that the determination and unity of the peoples to fight with arms can defeat the imperialist countries.

The wars of liberation in Indochina that defeated French imperialism and gave rise to new countries; the wars of independence in various countries of Africa that triumphed after several years and expelled the elite troops of the imperialist countries of Europe. In Vietnam, the workers, people and youth defeated more than 600,000 U.S. soldiers who invaded the country. In 1959 the triumph of the Cuban Revolution took place 90 miles from the United States.

Historical experience shows that the nature of imperialism defines it as powerful; according to some, as super powerful; it is defined and described by Lenin as a "colossus with feet of clay", that is, one that possesses great powers and resources, but is vulnerable to the determination of the workers and peoples to fight for their liberation. If the battles of social and national liberation are fought decisively, the

powerful imperialist countries can be beaten and defeated, expelled from the countries that have been attacked.

History shows that the anti-imperialist struggle of the workers and peoples, when they persevere and have a consistent leadership, can defeat imperialist domination and do so by breaking the chain of domination at its weakest link.

In the struggle to confront imperialism, bloody and hard battles have been fought by the workers and peoples. Those battles destroyed the colonial and semi-colonial system in several countries. However, these important conquests have been limited, fundamentally, to proclaiming political independence from one imperialist power and then falling into the clutches of another imperialist.

These circumstances occurred, basically, because the leadership of these processes was assumed by patriots who represented the interests of the native bourgeoisie and, in some cases, of the lords, kings and their courtiers, or of the caudillos. These actors, evidently, did not have their sights set on social liberation and even less on the building of socialism, which would guarantee full and lasting independence. For these reasons, too, in the countries that proclaimed themselves independent, the struggle against imperialist domination is a task that continues to be posed.

The bourgeoisie is outstripped by history as a force with the ability to lead the struggle for national liberation; In the epoch of imperialism and the proletarian revolution, this responsibility belongs to the working class, to the other laboring classes of the city and the countryside, to the rebellious and patriotic youth.

In order for the conditions of an unyielding, consistent anti-imperialist struggle to be fulfilled, it is necessary for the working class to in fact take up the role of vanguard of the other laboring classes. This is possible because the immediate and intermediate interests of the proletariat, at the present time, are fundamentally the same as those of the peasantry, the self-employed, the semi-proletariat.

In order for the working class to be able to achieve these great objectives, it is necessary to have a communist party, sustained and guided by the principles of Marxism-Leninism, intensely involved in the organization and struggle of the workers and peoples.

The crimes of imperialism and its most important economic, political and military manifestation, U.S. imperialism. currently led by the most recalcitrant and reactionary sector, led by Trump, are an example of the most abject warmongering, of the eagerness to impose its interests throughout the planet, to show itself as the most powerful and invincible political and military force.

For more than 60 years, as a result of the victory of the Cuban Revolution in January 1959, the United States implemented a commercial and economic blockade in an attempt to suffocate the gains of the Revolution and what it meant for the workers and peoples and particularly the youth of Latin America.

Now, the Trump administration thinks that the time has come to put an end to the Cuban regime and put a puppet in its place. After the takeover of Venezuela, which had been playing a role of solidarity by selling oil to Cuba, a total blockade has been imposed on the supply of fuels to the island, threatening sanctions against any country that sells oil to Cuba. This new situation is causing an acute shortage, which is being exploited by the bravado of Yankee imperialism.

The Trump administration imposed an economic and commercial blockade against Venezuela and the Bolivarian government. He moved the infamous U.S. 4th Fleet to the waters of the Caribbean. From these positions he has carried out sinister acts of piracy against fishermen's boats whose crew he bombed, sank and murdered. He shouted that they were ships that were transporting drugs, but he did not show any evidence, claiming the solvency of his word as an expression of omnipotence. Finally he invaded militarily, sending planes and ships to Venezuela, capturing President Maduro and his wife. He reached political and economic agreements with the government of Delcy Rodríguez, who formally demands Maduro's freedom, but unconditionally complies with Trump's orders.

Venezuela has been a booty coveted by the U.S. rulers and U.S. monopolies because of its oil wealth. It contains the largest crude oil reserves in the world, has important minerals, iron, copper and the so-called rare earths.

In recent times, an alliance of the United States and the Zionist government of Israel has been formed, led by the confessed criminal, Netanyahu. Together they attacked the people of Palestine,

perpetrated crimes against humanity against the population, the women, elderly and children. The genocide to which the Palestinian people have been subjected, the merciless destruction of cities and villages has caused more than 70,000 deaths, as well as the dispossession of the lands and homes of millions of human beings, and their exile from the Gaza Strip. These criminal actions have been rejected and condemned by the peoples of the world. It is the most brutal expression of genocide. (Trump has been brazen in declaring that he intends to exile the Palestinians to Egypt, to build a resort, beaches and entertainment for the millionaires of the world, constructing one more of his big companies).

The arguments brandished are the annihilation of the military forces of the Palestinian resistance and other Arab countries, Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, Houthis in Yemen and militias in Iraq. In fact, the U.S. and Zionist intervention is directed at the workers, peoples and youth who are resisting and fighting for their homeland and heritage.

The resistance and struggle of the Palestinian people, and of other Arab countries, goes back a long way; it is opposed to the brutal onslaught they have been enduring, it is expressed in the so-called "intifada" that at the time showed the response of the peoples and youth to the crimes of Zionism, that struggle was also organized in armed resistance forces.

The Palestinians fought heroically, but the arrogance and weapons of the imperialists and Zionists prevailed. In Palestine the peace of the cemeteries was established.

Now, since a few days ago, the United States and Zionism have been working again, arguing that Iran, a sovereign state, home to the oldest civilization in the world, possesses nuclear weapons, is working on uranium enrichment for the purpose of building an atomic arsenal and supports "terrorist groups." THEY HAVE unleashed a war of aggression, using supersonic missiles, which claimed the lives of hundreds of civilians, including 60 girls, whose crime was to attend classes in the school in their community.

Yankee imperialism and Israeli Zionism have been using weapons of mass destruction, launched by missiles; they are trying to devastate a country, its institutions, cities and villages in order to appropriate its important oil reserves, the second largest in the world.

In the face of this savage war of aggression, Iran is responding with its own weapons, with missiles that have hit the territory of Israel and the US military bases in other countries in the region.

Trump's rants that Iran must surrender immediately are crashing with reality. Israel is feeling the effects on its own soil that its weapons were having on other countries.

According to the eulogists of Yankee imperialism, the war of aggression and plunder orchestrated by the U.S. and Israel would end in a few days and the imperialists would declare victory, seize the wealth of Iran and subjugate its peoples; and, Trump would proclaim his status as master of the world; he has not fulfilled his purposes and deadlines, he is colliding with Iran's resistance and counterattack.

Trump has announced that he will send 10,000 troops to invade Iranian territory. He will probably carry it out. But things may change, the soldiers of imperialism are going to fight in another country, on another soil. They have no reasons or motivations, they will be invaders. They are going into an unjust war and will not have the conviction that they are fighting for a just cause. The Iranians will fight on their own territory, they will have the conviction that they are defending their heritage, their homeland, they will have the ability to organize, arm and fight in its defense. Surely, we will see a new example of a people's war.

The circumstance of a new emperor of the world taken up by Trump has been rejected in the U.S. itself; in hundreds of cities the workers and youth have taken to the streets, condemning the war of aggression, booing the president's postures, under the slogan of NO MORE KINGS, representing the feeling of the majority of the U.S. population (observers are predicting a resounding defeat in the U.S. elections next November.).

The U.S. forged agreements, compromises, and alliances with most countries in the Middle East, primarily the Arab monarchies. The war against Iran has meant that those countries, allies of the US, are also receiving Iran's response and suffering great material damage. The approval given to them by the United States does not mean any security for them.

Iran's counterattack is hitting the Arab countries ruled by sheikhs and kings who live off the extraction and production of oil and off tourism that provides them with more than \$207 billion a year; with the war they are losing \$600 million a day.

The long siege of Iran by the US and the other imperialist countries has caused it to understand and work for several decades with the conviction that it must arm itself and procure its own weapons and defenses. Scientific research and experimentation have allowed Iran to develop, to a large extent, its arms industry, missiles, missile launchers and drones (Iran has developed its own technology and has large stockpiles of drones and projectiles).

Events are showing that a country and its peoples can confront and defeat the aggressive plans of Imperialism. Iran has the capacity to resist the brutal aggression of today's greatest power and also to respond and inflict serious damage on the aggressors.

Iran has proclaimed its right to use atomic minerals for peaceful purposes, to perfect the weapons necessary for its defense. No country, no matter how powerful, has the right to impose its designs on any other country or nation. If it does, it is committing an act of piracy. No State or States have the right to establish their military power, to subjugate and subject another State.

Trump and Netanyahu did not try to legitimize their war of aggression by going to the United Nations Security Council. The U.S. tycoon violated the laws of his own country that required him to ask Congress for permission to attack another country. He did not even try to consult his allies, the other imperialist countries of Europe. I am the king and I decide everything above everyone, seems to be Trump's conviction.

The right of the peoples to decide their paths and destinies is a fundamental principle of the coexistence of States and nations. It is enshrined by the United Nations in its Fundamental Charter, it is expressed as the right of peoples to self-determination.

The war of aggression against Iran is causing the indignation of the workers and peoples, it is showing, once again, that Yankee imperialism is the number one enemy of the peoples of the world, of humanity.

U.S. imperialism is the most aggressive and brutal of the imperialist countries and tries to take advantage of these circumstances to drag behind it the imperialist countries of Europe, mainly England, France and Germany in its support. They have not succeeded so far. These countries are protecting their own interests.

China, the second economic and commercial power, the rising imperialism that is threatening US hegemony, has fundamentally let it do as it wants. It has mainly formally expressed its concern about the development of events, and calls for a ceasefire.

For now, the confrontation between the US and China is seen in the so-called trade war and the aggressive export of capital to the US itself, to Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Russia, the second largest military power, continues to leave the field free to the United States, limiting itself to expressing its concerns. It is seeking space and justification to continue its war of aggression against Ukraine that it has been waging for more than 4 years.

It is clear that the inter-imperialist contradictions are not antagonistic, they are expressed in the contention over markets, natural resources, spheres of influence; at some point they will become more acute, go to negotiations. It would seem that, for now, the US, China and Russia are engaged in policies of deterrence.

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Aquí es la ponencia que dio en el Seminario Internacional: Problemas de la Revolución en América Latina, en Quito, Ecuador, el fin de Julio, 2026. Es una traducción del artículo principal del TMLU de Julio, 2026.

Explicación de la declaración anti-Trump por abajo

Queridos camaradas,

Aquí es una declaración contra las avanzas fascistas de Trump, escrita a la clase trabajadora ordinario en los EE.UU. no a los izquierdistas. Desgraciadamente, muchos de los izquierdistas tenemos el hábito de hablar solo con nosotros mismos, y por tanto nos aislamos de las masas de trabajadores.

Claro que la lucha por el socialismo es necesaria, pero primero debemos derrotar al fascismo. Recordamos la declaración del camarada Dimitrov, hablando de la necesidad de un partido de masas de trabajadores en Estados Unidos, en la que dijo: "Tal partido, por supuesto, no será ni socialista ni comunista. Pero debe ser un partido anti-fascista y no debe ser un partido anticomunista."

Además, la declaración no menciona el socialismo. Muchos izquierdistas quieren aprovechar este periodo para ganarse a la gente a la necesidad del socialismo. Esto está bien, pero no debe ser a costa de ganar a un grupo más amplio de personas contra el fascismo. Si cree que habrá una revolución socialista antes de ganar la lucha contra el fascismo, está engañando a su mismo. Si no ganemos la lucha antifascista, podríamos encontrarnos discutiendo sobre teoría socialista en campos de concentración.

Estoy seguro de que habrá personas que se opongan a pedir votos para los demócratas. Primero, esto es puramente una posición temporal y táctica. Yo recuerdo la postura adoptada por el Partido Comunista Revolucionario (PCR) de Brasil que, cuando Bolsonaro, el equivalente de Trump en ese país, se enfrentaba al reformista Partido de los Trabajadores (PT), pidió una votación por el PT. Cuando Bolsonaro fue derrotado por un segundo mandato, el PCR volvió a criticar al Partido de los Trabajadores. (Si he distorsionado la posición del PCR-B, claro que la culpa es mía, no de los camaradas brasileños.) Solo en este sentido pido un voto a favor de los demócratas.

Unir a todos los trabajadores contra las políticas de fascismo y guerra de Trump

En el año y medio del segundo mandato de Trump, la gente ha visto la hipocresía de su programa preelectoral. Él había preguntado a la gente si estaban mejor o peor bajo Biden o antes, y prometió que bajo su programa Make America Great Again, la gente recuperaría el nivel de vida reducido que tenía bajo Biden y los Demócratas.

Sin embargo, desde que comenzó su segundo mandato, ha atacado a toda la clase trabajadora. Despidió a decenas de miles de trabajadores federales y despojó a alrededor de un millón del resto de su representación sindical. Sus políticas de aumento de aranceles han provocado un aumento de precios de la mayoría de las necesidades, incluidos de los alimentos y el combustible. Ha atacado a los trabajadores más vulnerables, cortando el SNAP (cupones de alimentos) y Medicaid (cuidado médico por los pobres). Ha aterrorizado a trabajadores inmigrantes enviando a decenas de miles de ellos a campos de concentración ("centros de detención") del ICE. Ha incrementado la opresión especial de afro-estadounidenses, latinos, gente indígena y otros, eliminando los programas de Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusión (DEI). Y ha sido acusado de varios incidentes de agresión sexual por parte de 28 mujeres.

En su campaña, prometió poner fin a las guerras sin fines en las que Estados Unidos ha estado involucrado en todo el mundo. Pero ha seguido financiando la guerra genocida de Israel contra el pueblo palestino en Gaza. Ha parado mucho de la ayuda militar directa al gobierno fascista ucraniano, pero sigue permitiendo que otros países de la OTAN compren armas fabricadas por Estados Unidos para Ucrania. El plan de paz tentativo con Irán ya se ha derrumbado, y la guerra continua. Eso ha generado gastos inútiles de más miles de millones de dólares para aumentar el sufrimiento de los pueblos de Oriente Medio.

Trump está intentando privarnos de nuestros derechos democráticos limitados

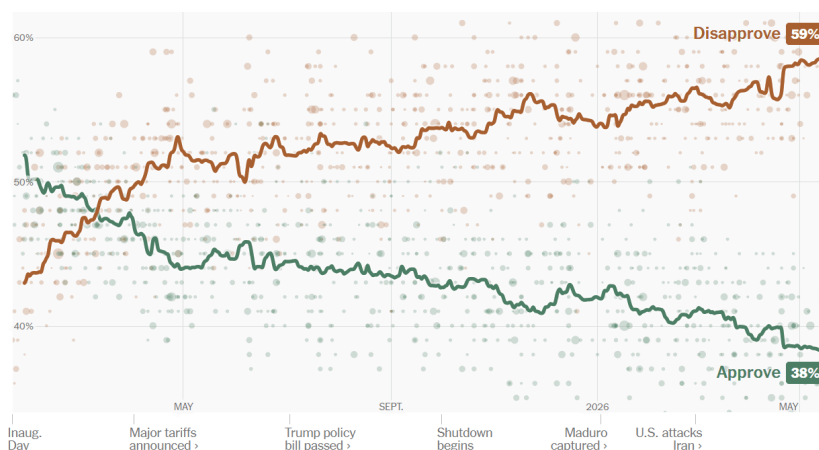
Uno de los planes más importantes y destructivos de Trump por el resto de su segundo mandato (si logra completarlo) es su intento de eliminar los pocos derechos democráticos de los trabajadores en los EE.UU. Él y sus secuaces republicanos están intentando manipular los distritos electorales a su favor.

Está intentando restringir severamente el derecho al voto, insistiendo en que la gente lleve prueba de ciudadanía a las urnas. Esto significaría un pasaporte o certificado de nacimiento, que muchas personas de bajos ingresos no tienen, mientras que la mayoría de las personas adineradas y de clase media-alta, que más probable va a votar republicano, los tienen o pueden obtener fácilmente.

También está intentando eliminar la ciudadanía por nacimiento. Este derecho de cualquier persona nacida en este país a la ciudadanía estadounidense está explícitamente recogida en la 14ª enmienda de la Constitución de los EE.UU., aprobada tras la Guerra Civil para asegurar que no se pudieran negar derechos de ciudadanía a los afroamericanos que habían sido esclavizados. Dado que está expresado directamente en la Constitución, no sería tan fácil eliminarlo, y por ahora el Tribunal Supremo se ha negado a revocarlo. Esto habría afectado a un gran número de latinos y otros hijos de inmigrantes, que también tendrían más probabilidades de votar por los Demócratas.

Trump también quiere revertir la 22ª Enmienda, que limita al presidente a dos mandatos. Pero no queríamos ver dos mandatos de un reaccionario como J.D. Vance, dejando la presidencia hasta enero de 2037.

Las políticas de Trump, y en concreto sus avances hacia el fascismo, solo sirven a los multimillonarios que le apoyan (incluido él mismo y su familia). Ya ha acumulado entre 1,4 y 2,4 mil millones de dólares en solo el primer año de su segundo mandato.



Trump está perdiendo apoyo de su base MAGA

Los trabajadores que le apoyaron a él y a su programa MAGA no votaron por él porque fueran pro-fascistas, sino porque creían (erróneamente) que él mejoraría la vida de ellos y sus familias, y que se oponían a los gastos de las guerras en curso financiadas por los Demócratas (y Republicanos). Recuerda que Kamala Harris nunca fue elegida como candidata demócrata, ni en una elección primaria ni en un Congreso del Partido Demócrata ni siquiera por el Comité Nacional Demócrata tras la retirada de Biden como candidato en las elecciones de 2024. Harris afirmó en su campaña más de una vez que Estados Unidos tiene que tener las fuerzas armadas "más letales" del mundo. Esta no representaba una alternativa progresista a Trump. Trump ha ido disminuyendo de forma continua en las encuestas durante su segundo mandato, con cifras que muestran su índice de aprobación en los 30%. Aún más importante, ha manifestado una desaprobación masiva en marchas y reuniones anti-Trump en las calles. Muchos trabajadores que se consideraban parte de la base MAGA de Trump ven cada vez más que él no los representa, sino que gobierna en interés de los multimillonarios, incluida su propia familia. Cuenta especialmente con el apoyo de los directores generales de empresas de alta tecnología, como las de IA. Las encuestas de opinión pública han mostrado este fuerte descenso.



Trump se reunió con CEOs de alta tecnología el año pasado.

Muchos Demócratas son solo marginalmente mejores que Trump. Recuerda la corrupción familiar de Biden, incluidas las conexiones de su hijo Hunter Biden con empresas ucranianas. Hay algunos Demócratas, especialmente los socialdemócratas, que sí toman una postura, al menos en palabras, en contra de las políticas de Trump. Algunos (como Darializa Chevalier) se han opuesto al genocidio israelí contra los palestinos y han criticado al representante Adriano Espaillat por recibir grandes contribuciones de AIPAC, el lobby más grande pro-Israel. Incluso Drew Warshaw, candidato a Controlador del Estado de Nueva York, que aparentemente no está vinculado a DSA, publicó anuncios contra el actual Di Napoli por utilizar los miles de millones en fondos de pensiones del Estado de Nueva York para inversiones en grandes corporaciones y bonos israelíes en lugar de crear empleos y vivienda. Esto refleja el movimiento de masas.

Siempre que sea posible, recomendamos votar por estos demócratas en las primarias. En las elecciones generales de noviembre, especialmente cuando hay una reñida contienda entre Demócratas y Republicanos pro-Trump, recomendamos votar por los Demócratas.

Nuestra lucha principal debe ser en las calles

Sin embargo, la lucha principal no está en las elecciones, sino en las calles. Esto se puede ver en la gran masa de personas en las diversas protestas del "Día Sin Reyes". Estos han atraído a millones de personas en todo el país, tanto en estados "rojos" como en estados "azules". Es importante que estas y otras protestas adopten una línea de clase más clara, destacando demandas de preocupación para los trabajadores como parte de la lucha contra el fascismo y la guerra.

Es posible que un movimiento masivo derribe a Trump y Vance antes o fuera de las elecciones de mitad de mandato de 2026. Recuerda lo que le ocurrió al presidente Nixon tras el escándalo Watergate en 1972, cuando quedó claro que en ese año había autorizado la intervención del candidato Demócrata a la presidencia, George McGovern. Antes de dimitir, tuvo que obligar a su vicepresidente, Spiro Agnew, bien conocido por su corrupción, a dimitir. Luego eligió a un Republicano desconocido, Gerald Ford, como vicepresidente y después dimitió. Aunque Ford fue aprobado por el Congreso, se convirtió en el único presidente totalmente no electo en la historia de Estados Unidos. No es imposible que un movimiento masivo obligue a Trump a dimitir, ya sea por su implicación en violaciones estatutarias de menores en la isla de Epstein, o por iniciar otra guerra sin la aprobación del Congreso.

En general, los Demócratas no han sido realmente diferentes, ni mejores, que los republicanos cuando están en el cargo. Fue la falta de apoyo a Biden-Harris lo que llevó a la victoria de Trump en 2024. Pero al menos en este momento no esperaríamos que un presidente Demócrata intentara eliminar los derechos del pueblo incluidos en la Constitución, como el derecho a protestar, el derecho al voto y la ciudadanía por nacimiento.

Comunistas por la independencia de Puerto Rico

De **TECCS** en 18 de julio de 2026



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En Trabajadores y Estudiantes Comunistas por el Cambio Social apoyamos la independencia de Puerto Rico en su forma nacional y en su esencia de la clase trabajadora para librarse de toda explotación venga de capitalistas extranjeros o de aspirantes a burgueses (capitalistas) criollos. Puerto Rico se encuentra en una crisis económica, política y social, que mantiene control de nuestros recursos, riquezas y tierras. Nuestra colonización se ejemplifica con el descaro más burdo con la imposición de una Junta de Control Fiscal (JCF) que por los últimos diez años ha impuesto sus políticas económicas para favorecer a los bonistas y buitres capitalistas de Wall Street, por encima de los intereses del pueblo trabajador, afectando las pensiones, la educación, la UPR, el sistema de salud, sistema de energía y la calidad de la vida cotidiana en general, obligando a gran parte de la clase trabajadora y profesionales del país a emigrar en busca de mejores estándares de vida.

Por eso, **en TECCS luchamos por una independencia que responda a los intereses de la clase trabajadora y que transforme la sociedad hacia un sistema económico y político dirigido por el bienestar común y no el lucro individual.**

La lucha por la independencia es lucha de clases

Nuestra nación está compuesta por clases sociales. El coloniaje y el imperialismo son manifestaciones de las clases dominantes imperiales. Ver la lucha por la independencia como algo separado de la lucha de clases, así como la lucha contra el racismo, el patriarcado, el machismo y todos aquellos problemas sociales que son consecuencias del sistema, es un grave error y solo favorece al imperialismo. Pensar que podemos librar una lucha contra el coloniaje sin recurrir a la lucha de clases es ilusorio y utópico. Hay sectores del independentismo que luchan obstinadamente por la independencia mientras ponen a un lado la lucha de la clase trabajadora, como si fueran cosas separadas. La lucha por la independencia sin contenido de clase representa solo los intereses de la burguesía y pequeña burguesía, quienes insisten en el reformismo como solución para sustituir nuestra condición colonial por una neocolonia liderada por una burguesía capitalista criolla. Desde TECCS nos preguntamos si existe alguna diferencia entre la opresión ejercida por un capitalista extranjero y la opresión ejercida por uno criollo.

Unir fuerzas sin principios no adelantará la lucha

Históricamente, el independentismo en Puerto Rico ha tratado de, en el nombre de “sumar números”, unir a diversos sectores en una lucha multclasista con intereses distintos y usualmente contradictorios e irreconciliables.

Como dijo el Comandante Juan Antonio Corretjer: “La lucha por la independencia es una forma específica de la lucha de clases. O se lucha por una independencia que beneficie a los trabajadores sólo mediante la toma del poder de manera revolucionaria, la liquidación de la propiedad privada y el establecimiento de la dictadura del proletariado, o se lucha por la independencia nacionalista, multclasista por necesidad, que derrota al poder capitalista extranjero para beneficiar a una nueva clase dominante cuyo poder establecerá la propiedad privada. ¿Se reflejará la misma diferencia?

La pequeña burguesía y la burguesía no deben dirigir la lucha por la independencia de Puerto Rico con su ideología, porque abogan por una toma del poder en el sistema de explotación capitalista en nombre del amor a la patria. No es cuestión de mantener una postura unitaria, asumiendo posturas populistas y echando a un lado el problema fundamental del antagonismo de clases con el sector pequeño burgués y burgués. TECCS participa en acciones conjuntas con otras organizaciones no marxistas en asuntos particulares en los que coincidimos, pero una cosa es formar alianzas con una visión clara y definida de la clase trabajadora, y otra es subordinarse a esos intereses pequeñoburgueses. Citando a Lenin: “La unidad es una gran consigna, pero lo que necesita la clase trabajadora es la unidad de los marxistas, no la unidad entre marxistas y los oponentes y calumniadores del marxismo”.

Desde nuestra perspectiva comunista, consideramos que la lucha por la independencia forma parte de la lucha por una sociedad libre de explotación, ya sea la de los burgueses extranjeros o la de los criollos aspirantes a burgueses. La independencia de la clase trabajadora es la de poseer los medios de producción para transformar el país. No se trata de un “cambio de gobierno” únicamente, sino además de un cambio de sistema.

No se puede definir la dirección correcta de nuestra lucha de emancipación que no sea la abolición de toda explotación. Es utópico pensar que se pueda lograr una alianza de clases con intereses opuestos. No se puede reconciliar lo irreconciliable: el antagonismo de clase. Creemos esto, no por razones sectarias o de organización, o sencillamente por capricho de que se haga solo lo que uno quiere. Es simplemente una realidad histórica y objetiva.

Lo que realmente hace daño a la clase obrera y a la lucha revolucionaria es el reformismo criollo y el oportunismo. ¿Y qué es el reformismo criollo si no la participación en las elecciones y las concesiones ideológicas y políticas en nombre de la unidad? Citando al Comandante Juan Antonio Corretjer sobre el reformismo: “Lo que mantiene a nuestra patria en cadenas del coloniaje es la mejor arma del imperialismo: el reformismo criollo. La manera de derrotar al imperialismo es reforzar las fuerzas revolucionarias, es debilitar al reformismo hasta hacerlo inservible”.

Hay quienes están tratando de capitalizar el descontento de las masas con políticas reconciliadoras para “avanzar” la lucha por la independencia, mientras omiten la lucha de clases. En última instancia, esto es verdaderamente lo que atrasa nuestra lucha. Nuestro deber como revolucionarios es encaminar al pueblo trabajador, pero no con ilusiones falsas de que podemos lograr una sociedad mejor solo luchando por la independencia y dejando intacto el sistema capitalista explotador. Hoy día en Latinoamérica existen 35 países independientes y prácticamente todos son neocolonias, países capitalistas con grandes problemas de pobreza, desigualdad, opresión y explotación que no ha podido resolver la independencia por sí sola. El mejor ejemplo es la tierra de Bolívar, el libertador de América, que hoy día se ha convertido prácticamente en una “colonia” donde su poder político, económico y militar es dictado por el imperialismo norteamericano y sus corporaciones petroleras extranjeras. Nosotros no queremos un cambio de partido dentro del marco del sistema capitalista. No queremos reforzar el reformismo legalista pequeño burgués. Queremos un cambio radical, abolir el sistema de opresión que es el capitalismo.

Por tanto, reafirmamos que creemos en la lucha por la independencia de Puerto Rico dirigida hacia una sociedad sin clases, libre de explotación, de racismo, de homofobia, sexismo, machismo. Esa sociedad solo se logra luchando por una sociedad comunista.

¡La lucha obrera no tiene fronteras!

¡La clase obrera no tiene fronteras!

¡Que viva Puerto Rico libre y comunista!

¡Qué viva el comunismo!

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Trump usa combate ao crime organizado como desculpa para intervir no Brasil



TRAIDORES. Bolsonaristas foram beijar a mão do ditador Trump.

Heron Barroso | Redação

Desde que chegou à Casa Branca, o ditador Donald Trump não esconde seu desejo de se apossar de todas as riquezas da América Latina e entregá-las aos monopólios capitalistas dos Estados Unidos.

Essa política imperialista, conhecida como Doutrina Monroe (“*América para os americanos*”), usa a força para submeter governos, oprimir povos e garantir os lucros da grande burguesia estadunidense. Foi o que aconteceu na Venezuela, quando, depois de meses de ameaças e de cerco econômico e militar, no dia 3 de janeiro, o presidente Nicolás Maduro e a primeira-dama Cilia Flores foram sequestrados por militares dos EUA e levados para uma prisão em Nova Iorque. Em seu lugar, assumiu a vice, Delcy Rodríguez, que se rendeu vergonhosamente e entregou todo o petróleo venezuelano a Trump. Agora, o lucro do petróleo, que antes era usado para construir escolas, hospitais e moradias populares, está indo diretamente para os EUA.

Outro alvo dos interesses imperialistas no continente é Cuba. Desde 1959, sucessivos governos estadunidenses tentaram – sem sucesso – destruir a Revolução Cubana, que segue resistindo ao mais cruel e desumano bloqueio econômico da história, agravado após a capitulação do atual governo da Venezuela. Mas, ao contrário da senhora Delcy, [Cuba não negociará sua soberania, nem se curvará a Trump, como deixou claro o embaixador cubano no Brasil, Victor Cairo, em entrevista na edição passada de *A Verdade* \(nº 335\).](#)

Brasil na mira de Trump

Nos últimos meses, as operações militares e as ameaças dos EUA contra governos na América Latina têm se intensificado sob a justificativa de combate ao crime organizado e a grupos classificados por

Washington como “terroristas”. Porém, na verdade, isso não passa de uma desculpa dos imperialistas para violar a soberania dos povos e nações.

No último dia 28/05, a mira de Trump se voltou contra o Brasil. Seguindo o mesmo roteiro adotado na Venezuela, o ditador dos EUA deu o primeiro passo para intervir nos assuntos internos do nosso país ao classificar o Comando Vermelho e o PCC como organizações terroristas. Com isso, a partir de agora, ele passa a ter carta branca para realizar ações militares em território brasileiro quando quiser.

Há quem ainda duvide que os EUA sejam capazes de bombardear ou invadir militarmente o Brasil. Mas basta lembrar do que eles fizeram no Iraque, no Afeganistão e na Venezuela, e seguem fazendo em Cuba, no Irã e na Faixa de Gaza para perceber que essa ameaça é bem possível.

Além disso, essa não seria a primeira vez que o imperialismo estadunidense intervém no Brasil. Em 1964, o golpe militar fascista contou desde o início com a participação da Casa Branca, que chegou a enviar um porta-aviões com aviões de caça, dois navios de mantimentos, um porta-helicópteros, mísseis teleguiados e 110 toneladas de armas e munições para garantir que os golpistas tomassem o poder. O restante da história todos nós conhecemos: o país foi submetido a uma ditadura que por 21 anos perseguiu, prendeu, sequestrou, torturou, estuprou, assassinou ou desapareceu com mais de 50 mil brasileiros, inclusive crianças.

Vendilhões da Pátria

A decisão de Trump de se meter nos assuntos do Brasil e do povo brasileiro atendeu a um pedido feito pelo senador Flávio Bolsonaro, pré-candidato do PL à Presidente da República. Em maio, ele foi à Washington lambe as botas e pedir pessoalmente ao seu patrão que intervisse nas eleições de outubro. Em troca, prometeu ao laranjão entregar a Amazônia e as reservas de ouro, água e terras raras do Brasil às multinacionais estadunidenses. Trump adorou a oferta e disse a seus assessores que estavam na reunião: “Temos que ajudar esses caras”.

Notem que o filho 01 do ex-capitão excluiu da lista de organizações criminosas que atuam no Brasil as milícias, com quem sua família mantém profundas relações. Flávio Bolsonaro chegou, inclusive, a empregar em seu gabinete quando era deputado estadual no Rio de Janeiro familiares de conhecidos milicianos e homenagear matadores de aluguel do chamado “Escritório do Crime”, protegidos do senador até hoje.

Ainda durante a visita à Casa Branca, Flávio Bolsonaro também negociou um novo tarifaço de 25% contra o Brasil e concordou com as ameaças de Trump contra o Pix, método de pagamento que tira das mãos dos monopólios estadunidenses de cartão de crédito a cobrança de taxas sobre a movimentação financeira da maioria dos trabalhadores brasileiros. Antes, no ano passado, quando os EUA impuseram uma taxa de 50% sobre produtos brasileiros, o senador comemorou dizendo: “Obrigado, Trump! Faça o Brasil livre de novo”.

Agora, diante da repercussão negativa do acordo que fez com Trump – uma verdadeira traição ao povo e à Nação –, o 01 disse que nunca pediu nada disso, repetindo a mesma desculpa que deu quando foi pego em flagrante pedindo milhões de reais ao banqueiro Daniel Vorcaro, dono do banco Master, preso por fraude financeira, para bancar um filmeco de quinta categoria sobre seu pai.

Combate ao crime

Não há dúvidas de que tanto o PCC quanto o Comando Vermelho são facções criminosas que oprimem o povo e precisam ser combatidas. Mas isso não pode ser usado para justificar uma intromissão das forças armadas de outro país em nossa Pátria.

Além disso, ao contrário do que pregam a família Bolsonaro e seus aliados, a decisão de Trump vai dificultar – e muito! – o combate ao tráfico de drogas no Brasil. É o que afirma o promotor de Justiça do Grupo de Atuação Especial de Repressão ao Crime Organizado, do Ministério Público de São Paulo, Lincoln Gakiya: “Eu não tenho dúvida, vai causar problemas de toda ordem no Brasil e não vejo

nenhum benefício prático que essa classificação possa trazer. Acho que há o risco muito grande dos Estados Unidos quererem fazer algum tipo de ação militar secreta aqui dentro, como fez no México e como fez também na Venezuela”, disse.

Gakiya, que trabalha no enfrentamento às facções criminosas desde 2005, explica que a partir da classificação do PCC e do Comando Vermelho como organizações terroristas, as investigações e operações estadunidenses ficarão a cargo da CIA e do exército dos EUA. “Quando passa a ser classificado e tratado pela CIA e pelos militares, há o sigilo dessas informações, que passam a ser classificadas como ultrassecretas ou confidenciais. Então, provavelmente nós vamos ter um prejuízo na troca de informações”.

Mas, para a família Bolsonaro, isso não é um problema. Em 2025, quando o governo Trump começou a bombardear ilegalmente embarcações no oceano Pacífico, afirmando que as tripulações eram compostas de “narcoterroristas”, o senador “patriota” disse que tinha “inveja” e pediu abertamente uma intervenção militar dos EUA. “Ouvi dizer que há barcos como esse aqui no Rio de Janeiro, na baía de Guanabara, inundando o Brasil com drogas. Você não gostaria de passar alguns meses aqui nos ajudando a combater essas organizações terroristas?”, publicou Flávio, em resposta a um post do secretário de Guerra dos EUA sobre os ataques terroristas contra barcos em alto mar. O Rio de Janeiro, aliás, que segundo o senador é repleto de barcos com drogas na baía da Guanabara, há décadas é governado por aliados da família Bolsonaro.

Como vemos, esse é sonho dos fascistas no Brasil: massacrar o povo pobre, os moradores das favelas e a juventude negra, que serão os primeiros alvos das bombas imperialistas.

Burguesia comanda crime organizado

O combate ao crime organizado no Brasil, para ser efetivo e dar resultado, deve começar por quem realmente comanda essas facções e lucra com o tráfico de drogas e armas: a grande burguesia.

De fato, não é segredo para ninguém que a corrupção e a participação direta de vários figurões da política – todos eles ligados ao Centrão e à extrema-direita – e do sistema financeiro são a base de sustentação do crime organizado em nosso país. Foi o que revelou a Operação Carbono Oculto, uma mega investigação coordenada pela Receita Federal, pelo Ministério Público de São Paulo (Gaeco) e pela Polícia Federal, que descobriu que empresas de tecnologia ligadas ao sistema financeiro, as chamadas fintechs, sediadas na Faria Lima, coração financeiro de São Paulo, eram responsáveis por esconder quase R\$ 26 bilhões do crime organizado.

Outra operação da Polícia Federal, descobriu o envolvimento do então presidente da Assembleia Legislativa do Rio de Janeiro, o deputado Rodrigo Bacellar (União Brasil), e outros parlamentares, com o Comando Vermelho. Segundo a PF, Bacellar era chefe do núcleo político da facção. Os investigadores apontaram a existência de um “verdadeiro estado paralelo” encabeçado por deputados ligados ao Comando Vermelho.

Fora imperialistas e traidores da Pátria!

Cabe às forças políticas revolucionárias e a todo o povo brasileiro lutar contra os planos imperialistas de domínio e controle do nosso país e de suas riquezas naturais, bem como contra os setores entreguistas e antinacionais, que se vendem aos EUA por um saco de moedas.

A vontade de Trump de tornar-se dono do mundo não será vencida com abraços e apertos de mão, mas denunciando suas verdadeiras intenções, desmascarando os traidores da Pátria e mobilizando a classe trabalhadora e os povos oprimidos para fazer uma revolução, única forma de impedir que o imperialismo jogue suas bombas e imponha a sua ditadura sobre nosso povo.

Copa da Fifa é marcada por discriminação e autoritarismo



Durante Copa do Mundo da Fifa nos EUA, Donald Trump com apoio de Gianni Infantino impõem restrições a delegações e torcedores.

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A 23ª Copa do Mundo de Futebol Masculino da Fifa, sediada, pela primeira vez, em três países (Estados Unidos, México e Canadá), teve início no último dia 11 de junho com o maior número de participantes da história, 48 seleções no total. Ao mesmo tempo, o torneio ocorre em meio a violações de direitos de atletas, árbitros, delegações, torcedores e jornalistas, além de preços abusivos dos ingressos, o que torna o acesso aos estádios quase impossível ao povo trabalhador.

Os Estados Unidos, governado pelo ditador Donald Trump e com total aval do presidente da Fifa, Gianni Infantino, têm submetido delegações e torcedores a constrangimentos e restrições que reproduzem os conflitos internacionais do país imperialista.

O exemplo mais evidente é o caso do Irã. Enquanto as seleções se hospedam nas cidades onde disputarão suas partidas, a delegação iraniana não poderá permanecer em solo estadunidense por mais de 36 horas, mesmo tendo seus jogos da fase de grupos realizados nas cidades de Los Angeles e Seattle.

Para contornar as restrições e garantir segurança à delegação, o Irã foi obrigado a transferir sua base de treinamento para o México, medida que impõe uma logística desgastante, prejudicando a preparação física dos atletas e o planejamento esportivo da seleção iraniana. A decisão ocorre em meio à guerra de rapina de Estados Unidos e Israel contra a soberania do povo iraniano.

O embaixador do Irã no México, Abolfazl Pasandideh, afirmou que, apesar das restrições impostas, o Irã pretende utilizar sua participação na Copa do Mundo para demonstrar seu compromisso com a paz e denunciar as agressões contra sua soberania.

Outros episódios semelhantes ocorreram ao longo da preparação para o torneio. Um dos melhores árbitros do mundo, o somali Omar Abdulkadir, teve sua entrada negada nos Estados Unidos e não poderá atuar nos jogos da competição para os quais estava designado.

Após o episódio, o árbitro foi recebido como herói na Somália e recebeu do Canadá um convite para apitar partidas disputadas em território canadense durante a Copa. A Fifa, porém, respaldou a decisão dos EUA ao afirmar que “não se envolve nos processos de imigração dos países-sede”.

Os casos de restrições contra representantes de países considerados adversários dos Estados Unidos vêm se acumulando. Senegal, Iraque, Camarões e outras nações também relataram dificuldades e constrangimentos relacionados à participação no torneio. A delegação senegalesa foi submetida a uma revista de segurança ainda na pista do aeroporto, enquanto o atacante iraquiano Aymen Hussein foi detido e interrogado por quase sete horas ao desembarcar nos Estados Unidos.

Todos esses episódios revelam uma realidade que contrasta com o espírito de confraternização que historicamente se observa na Copa do Mundo. Em vez de aproximar os povos, a competição tem sido marcada por discriminação, xenofobia e tratamento desigual entre nações aliadas e adversárias dos Estados Unidos.

Esse cenário torna inevitáveis as comparações com outros grandes eventos esportivos realizados sob governos de caráter fascista, como a Copa do Mundo de 1934, organizada pela Itália de Benito Mussolini, e as Olimpíadas de 1936, sediadas pela Alemanha nazista de Adolf Hitler.

Dois pesos e duas medidas

As polêmicas não se limitam às questões migratórias. A menos de uma semana do início da Copa, a Fifa exigiu alterações no uniforme oficial da seleção do Haiti, alegando a presença de “mensagens políticas” na camisa. O uniforme exibia imagens do povo haitiano carregando a bandeira nacional em celebração ao retorno da seleção ao principal torneio do futebol mundial e, segundo a fornecedora do material esportivo, tinha como objetivo homenagear “o orgulho, a resiliência e o espírito do povo haitiano”.

O episódio ampliou as críticas à atuação da Fifa durante a competição. Enquanto a entidade restringe manifestações de identidade nacional e orgulho popular de determinados povos, fecha os olhos às medidas discriminatórias do país-sede sob o argumento de não “misturar política e esporte”.

Outro exemplo desta política de dois pesos e duas medidas é o tratamento dado aos conflitos internacionais. Enquanto a Rússia permanece excluída das competições em razão da guerra na Ucrânia, os Estados Unidos e seus aliados seguem sediando torneios e participando normalmente das competições, apesar de suas intervenções militares, ameaças e conflitos em diferentes partes do mundo.

Durante a própria realização da Copa, os Estados Unidos realizaram novos bombardeios contra o Irã. Ao mesmo tempo, Israel – aliado histórico de Washington e ausente do torneio apenas por não ter conseguido a classificação em campo – segue conduzindo uma tentativa de genocídio contra o povo palestino e o povo libanês, sem sofrer qualquer sanção esportiva por parte da Fifa.

Lutas no México

Cabe destacar ainda que o povo mexicano está em mobilização há semanas, mesmo em meio ao “clima de Copa do Mundo”. O México é o único país a sediar o torneio três vezes. Em 1970, sagrou-se campeã a mágica seleção brasileira montada por João Saldanha (*ver página 12*) e, em 1986, a Argentina de Diego Maradona.

A Coordenação Nacional dos Trabalhadores em Educação (CNTE) realiza uma greve geral, com acampamento na Cidade do México (capital do país) e atos nos diversos estados. Os professores querem

a revogação de uma lei de 2007, que privatizou o sistema de aposentadorias, retirando, inclusive, o direito de se aposentar com os salários recebidos no momento em que encerravam suas atividades profissionais.

O presidente social-democrata Claudia Sheinbaum tenta deslegitimar o movimento grevista usando as empresas capitalistas da mídia tradicional do país. Também ordenou que fosse posicionada uma grande barreira de ferro entre o acampamento dos professores e a *fan zone* da Fifa (área de concentração de torcedores para assistirem aos jogos e aos shows) no centro da Capital.

O movimento, contudo, segue forte em todo o país e conta com grande apoio do povo mexicano, que deseja uma educação de qualidade e, ao mesmo tempo, é apaixonado por futebol.

A Copa dos milionários

Além das restrições políticas, essa é também a Copa mais cara da história. Os ingressos mais baratos para a final devem custar cerca de R\$ 21 mil, valor aproximadamente sete vezes superior ao da última edição do torneio. Já existem entradas anunciadas por R\$ 950 mil em plataformas de revenda.

Embora a Fifa forneça a estrutura oficial para a comercialização dos ingressos, a entidade não estabelece limites para os valores praticados nas vendas realizadas em suas plataformas e ainda lucra com a cobrança de taxas sobre as transações. Na prática, o sistema permite que ingressos sejam revendidos livremente por valores muito acima dos preços originais. O que no Brasil é conhecido como cambismo – prática proibida, embora bastante comum – é legalizado e incorporado ao modelo de negócios da competição.

O resultado é uma escalada desenfreada dos preços. Nos setores VIP, pacotes podem alcançar cifras próximas de R\$ 11 milhões, tornando os estádios cada vez mais inacessíveis para o povo trabalhador e transformando a Copa do Mundo num espetáculo voltado principalmente para os milionários.

Enquanto isso, a Federação Iraniana denunciou a retirada de parte de sua carga de ingressos poucos dias antes do início da competição, medida que dificulta a presença de torcedores iranianos nos jogos e contraria os princípios de igualdade que deveriam orientar as competições internacionais.

Futebol mais distante do povo

A Copa do Mundo 2026 evidencia uma contradição cada vez mais profunda. Ao mesmo tempo em que amplia o número de seleções participantes e reafirma o futebol como a modalidade esportiva mais popular do mundo, a competição se torna mais excludente do ponto de vista econômico, político e social. Os altos preços dos ingressos, as restrições impostas a delegações e torcedores e a crescente influência dos interesses comerciais afastam dos estádios aqueles que construíram historicamente a cultura do futebol, os trabalhadores.

Mas nem sempre foi assim. Ao longo do século XX, diferentes experiências buscaram aproximar o esporte do povo. Os campeonatos organizados na União Soviética, por exemplo, contaram com grande participação popular, por meio de equipes ligadas a sindicatos, cooperativas, fábricas, ferrovias e instituições públicas. Ao mesmo tempo, o futebol soviético alcançou destaque internacional, com a seleção conquistando a Eurocopa de 1960, a medalha de ouro olímpica sobre o Brasil e três vice-campeonatos europeus, enquanto seus clubes venceram a Recopa Europeia em duas ocasiões, competição que reunia os campeões das copas nacionais do continente e figurava entre os torneios mais importantes da Europa.

A crescente elitização do futebol demonstra que o acesso ao esporte não é uma questão técnica ou financeira, mas uma escolha política. Se as arquibancadas são transformadas em espaços para milionários, isso não significa que essa realidade seja inevitável. O futebol pode e deve voltar a ser popular. O futebol é do povo. As arquibancadas são nossas.

Concentración de la riqueza y ampliación de la explotación y la pobreza



No es la primera ocasión que en estas páginas exponemos uno de los elementos fundamentales planteados por el marxismo en su análisis del desenvolvimiento histórico del capitalismo: el proceso de concentración y centralización de la riqueza en pocas manos.

Apreciamos con preocupación un evidente proceso de ascenso de las fuerzas de derecha, extrema derecha y fascistas en la región. Este fenómeno ha provocado una alteración en la correlación de fuerzas políticas dentro de los espacios de poder institucional, reconfigurando el mapa geopolítico del continente.

Este elemento se desenvuelve en la actualidad en proporciones colosales. Mientras los mercados financieros y las grandes corporaciones celebran récords históricos de acumulación, una parte enorme de la humanidad subsiste en condiciones de pobreza y profunda vulnerabilidad. La concentración de capital en manos de una élite ultra privilegiada profundiza un abismo social donde la riqueza y la miseria avanzan a velocidades radicalmente opuestas.

En los últimos años, la riqueza de los multimillonarios ha experimentado un crecimiento sin precedentes. Informes de diversas instituciones y centros de análisis económico revelan que la fortuna colectiva de este selecto grupo ha roto todas las marcas históricas, superando los billones de dólares de manera vertiginosa. La riqueza combinada de los multimillonarios ha alcanzado los 20,1 billones de dólares(1). Solo el incremento experimentado en el último año (alrededor de 2,5 billones de dólares) equivale a casi toda la riqueza que posee el 50 % más pobre del planeta (aproximadamente 4100 millones de personas). (2) El capital concentrado en la cúspide se expande a un ritmo muy superior al de la economía real.

De acuerdo con mediciones recientes, la riqueza de los súper ricos ha crecido a tasas que multiplican por mucho el promedio de la última década, impulsada por auges tecnológicos, burbujas bursátiles y la revalorización de activos financieros. El número de personas que ostentan patrimonios superiores a los mil millones de dólares ha superado la barrera de los tres mil individuos a nivel mundial, destacando casos emblemáticos en los que las fortunas personales individuales han rebasado umbrales antes impensables en la historia económica moderna.

Este crecimiento explosivo contrasta de forma radical con la economía real. Mientras que los salarios de los trabajadores comunes se estancan frente a la inflación, el capital financiero de la cúspide se autogenera mediante la especulación, la concentración monopólica y la optimización fiscal agresiva en paraísos financieros.

La asignación de estos recursos titánicos responde a una lógica de maximización de beneficios e influencia geopolítica. Las inversiones de los multimillonarios y de los grandes fondos de capital privado que controlan se dirigen principalmente a sectores estratégicos y de alta rentabilidad:

- Inteligencia Artificial y tecnología de punta: El desarrollo de la IA, los centros de datos avanzados y los semiconductores concentran una parte masiva del capital de riesgo y de las grandes tecnológicas, generando plusvalías extraordinarias.
- Bienes raíces de lujo y activos refugio: Los multimillonarios diversifican sus carteras adquiriendo propiedades exclusivas en las principales capitales del mundo, tierras agrícolas altamente productivas y materias primas estratégicas.
- Empresas tecnológicas de la información y redes sociales: La compra y control de plataformas digitales no solo busca el rendimiento financiero, sino también la capacidad de influir en la opinión pública y moldear las narrativas globales.
- Industria aeroespacial y defensa: Los contratos gubernamentales y la carrera por la comercialización del espacio exterior representan otro de los destinos predilectos para las grandes fortunas.

La otra cara de la moneda: Pobreza, salarios y desempleo

En el extremo opuesto de esta pirámide económica, la situación de la inmensa mayoría de la población mundial refleja una crisis estructural persistente. Los datos sobre pobreza global demuestran que cerca de la mitad de la población mundial sobrevive en condiciones de precariedad, enfrentando dificultades severas para cubrir sus necesidades básicas.

A pesar de los aumentos en la productividad laboral global (PIB por hora trabajada o por empleado) durante las últimas décadas, los datos de organismos como la OIT (Organización Internacional del Trabajo) muestran un estancamiento o retroceso histórico de la participación de los salarios en el Producto Interno Bruto (PIB) en la mayoría de los países capitalistas más avanzados y en desarrollo. La proliferación de la economía de plataformas (repartidores, conductores de aplicación), la subcontratación, la pérdida de convenios colectivos y la pérdida de estabilidad laboral buscan reducir al mínimo el valor de la fuerza de trabajo para amortiguar la caída de los márgenes empresariales.

Cientos de millones de trabajadores en el mundo se encuentran atrapados en la categoría de trabajadores pobres: personas que, a pesar de tener un empleo formal o informal, perciben salarios que no alcanzan para superar el umbral de la subsistencia digna en un contexto de altos costos de vida.

Por su parte, el desempleo y la informalidad laboral afectan a más de la mitad de la fuerza laboral global, que padece una profunda inseguridad en el empleo. La falta de protección social, sumada a la pérdida de poder adquisitivo provocada por la inflación acumulada de los últimos años, ha deteriorado drásticamente la calidad de vida de las familias trabajadoras. Alimentos básicos, vivienda y servicios de salud se han vuelto bienes inalcanzables para una proporción alarmante de la población, agravando la inseguridad alimentaria y la vulnerabilidad social a escala planetaria.

La acumulación extrema de riqueza en manos de unos pocos multimillonarios no es un accidente del mercado, sino el síntoma de un modelo económico inhumano. No es que se están produciendo fallas en el sistema capitalista: este sistema, de manera natural, provoca esta profunda contradicción económica y de clase. El problema está en la propiedad privada de los medios de producción.

[1] Forbes. Lista de multimillonarios del mundo 2026 <https://www.forbes.com/billionaires/>

[2] Oxfam. <https://www.oxfamintermon.org/es/nota-de-prensa/riqueza-record-multimillonarios-amenaza-democracias>

*“Las peroratas de Trump de que Irán
se rendiría inmediatamente se están estrellando con la realidad.
Israel está sintiendo los efectos que
sus armas hacían en otros países, en su propio suelo...”*

La agresión imperialista y la resistencia de los trabajadores y los pueblos

Por: Pablo Miranda

El sistema capitalista representa cada día más de lo mismo, la explotación y opresión de las clases poseedoras sobre las clases trabajadoras en todos los países. En su fase imperialista ha extendido sus tentáculos por todos los países de la tierra, avasalla y oprime a todos los pueblos y naciones, a todos los países dependientes.

El sistema capitalista imperialista se afirma en el uso de la violencia para someter a los trabajadores, para imponer su dominación. Es fuente de guerras, responsable de crímenes infames, de agresiones militares en todos los continentes.

El imperialismo ha extendido sus tentáculos por todos los países de la tierra, somete a los pueblos y naciones a su dependencia, se apropia de la plusvalía generada por millones de trabajadores a escala planetaria.

El sistema imperialista es poderoso en el ámbito económico, militar y político.

La ideología del capitalismo y el imperialismo es la ideología dominante en la sociedad de clases. Según sus panegiristas y, en el imaginario de buena parte de los trabajadores y los pueblos, es invencible, es prepotente, capaz de desatar guerras de agresión en los diversos países del planeta. Pero, en realidad, no es invencible, es vulnerable.

La contradicción entre el carácter social de la producción y la apropiación privada de la riqueza creada es intrínseca del sistema capitalista, es la fuente de riqueza y del poder político y militar. Esa contradicción sólo puede resolverse con la eliminación de las causas sociales y la destrucción de la explotación y opresión de los trabajadores, con la revolución social del proletariado y la construcción del socialismo y el comunismo.

El sistema capitalista imperialista es una realidad en todos los países, está preñado de contradicciones: la que opone al capital y al trabajo, a los trabajadores y a las clases capitalistas, la que enfrenta a los pueblos y naciones oprimidas y al imperialismo y, la que confronta a los monopolios internacionales y a los países imperialistas entre sí.

Los trabajadores y los pueblos derrotaron al imperialismo en varios países, evidenciaron que se lo puede vencer, muestra de ello son:

La revolución proletaria que triunfara en Rusia, en 1917 y en otros países de Europa, Asia y América Latina. La Revolución de Octubre quebró el acenso, aparentemente, incontenible de la dominación del capital y de los países imperialistas sobre los trabajadores y los pueblos.

La lucha por la independencia de los países coloniales y semi- coloniales. Las victorias alcanzadas por los trabajadores y los pueblos demostraron que se puede vencer a las guerras de agresión, en las batallas de liberación social y nacional, que la decisión y la unidad de combatir con las armas de los pueblos puede derrotar a los países imperialistas.

Las guerras de liberación en Indochina que derrotaron al imperialismo francés y dieron lugar a nuevos países; las guerras independentistas en diversos países de África que triunfaron luego de varios años y expulsaron a las tropas élite de los países imperialistas de Europa. En Vietnam los trabajadores, el pueblo y la juventud vencieron a más de 600.000 soldados norteamericanos que invadieron el país. En 1959 se produjo el triunfo de la Revolución Cubana a 90 millas de EE.UU.

La experiencia histórica pone en evidencia que la naturaleza del imperialismo, lo define como poderoso; según algunos, como super poderoso; está definido y descrito por Lenin como un "coloso con pies de barro", es decir, dueño de grandes poderes y recursos, pero vulnerable a la decisión de los trabajadores y los pueblos de luchar por su liberación. Si las batallas de liberación social y nacional se libran con decisión, los poderosos países imperialistas pueden ser vencidos y derrotados, expulsados de los países agredidos.

La historia demuestra que la lucha antiimperialista de los trabajadores y los pueblos, cuando persevera y cuenta con una dirección consecuente puede vencer la dominación imperialista y lo hace rompiendo la cadena de dominación por su eslabón más débil.

En la lucha para enfrentar al imperialismo se han librado cruentas y duras batallas por parte de los trabajadores y los pueblos. Esas batallas destruyeron el sistema colonial y semicolonial en varios países. Sin embargo, esas importantes conquistas se han referido, en lo fundamental, para proclamar la independencia política de una potencia imperialista para caer luego en las garras de otro país imperialista.

Estas circunstancias ocurrieron, básicamente, debido a que la dirección de esos procesos fue asumida por patriotas que representaban los intereses de las burguesías nativas y, en algunos casos, de los señores, de los reyes y sus cortesanos, de los caudillos. Esos actores, evidentemente, no tenían la mira en la liberación social y menos en la construcción del socialismo, que garantizaría una independencia plena y duradera. Por estas razones, también, en los países que se proclamaron independientes la lucha contra el dominio imperialista es una tarea que sigue planteada.

La burguesía está superada por la Historia como una fuerza con la capacidad de liderar la lucha de la liberación nacional; en la época del imperialismo y la revolución proletaria esa responsabilidad corresponde a la clase obrera, a las demás clases trabajadoras de la ciudad y el campo, a las juventudes rebeldes y patrióticas.

Para que se cumplan las condiciones de una lucha antimperialista ineludible, consecuente, es necesario que la clase obrera asuma en los hechos el papel de vanguardia de las demás clases trabajadoras. Eso es posible debido a que los intereses del proletariado inmediatos y mediatos, en los actuales momentos, son en lo fundamental, los mismos que demanda el campesinado, los trabajadores autónomos, el semiproletariado.

Para que la clase obrera pueda cumplir esos grandes objetivos es necesario la existencia de un partido comunista, afirmado y guiado por los principios del marxismo leninismo, involucrado intensamente en la organización y la lucha de los trabajadores y los pueblos.

Los crímenes del imperialismo y de su más importante expresión económica, política y militar, el imperialismo estadounidense conducido actualmente, por el sector más recalcitrante y reaccionario, capitaneado por Trump son expresión del guerrerismo más abyecto, de los afanes de imponer sus intereses en todo el planeta, de mostrarse como la fuerza política y militar más poderosa, Invencible.

Desde hace más de sesenta años, a raíz del triunfo de la Revolución Cubana en enero de 1959, EE.UU. implantó un bloqueo comercial y económico pretendiendo ahogar las conquistas de la Revolución y el referente que significó para los trabajadores y los pueblos y particularmente para la juventud de América Latina.

Ahora, el gobierno de Trump se plantea que ha llegado la hora de terminar con el régimen cubano y colocar en su lugar a un títere. Luego de la toma de Venezuela, que venía jugando un rol solidario vendiendo petróleo a Cuba, se ha impuesto un bloqueo total al suministro de hidrocarburos a la Isla, amenaza con sanciones a cualquier país que venda petróleo a Cuba. Esta nueva situación está provocando un agudo desabastecimiento, que es aprovechado para las bravatas del imperialismo yanqui.

La administración Trump impuso un bloqueo económico y comercial contra Venezuela y el gobierno bolivariano. Trasladó la famosa IV Fuerza Naval a las aguas del mar Caribe. Desde esas posiciones ejerció actos de piratería siniestros contra lanchas de pescadores a las que bombardeó, hundió y asesinó a su tripulación. Vociferó que se trataban de naves que transportaban droga, pero no mostró ninguna prueba. Validando la solvencia de su palabra como expresión de la omnipotencia. Finalmente invadió militarmente, utilizando aviones y navíos a Venezuela, capturó al presidente Maduro y a su esposa. Llegó a acuerdos políticos y económicos con el gobierno de Delcy Rodríguez quien, formalmente, demanda la libertad de Maduro, pero cumple incondicionalmente las órdenes de Trump.

Venezuela es un botín codiciado por los gobernantes de EE.UU. y los monopolios norteamericanos debido a su riqueza petrolera. Contiene las mayores reservas de crudo del mundo, posee importantes minerales, hierro, cobre y las denominadas tierras raras.

En los últimos tiempos se ha conformado una alianza de EE.UU. y el gobierno sionista de Israel, conducido por el criminal confeso, Netanyahu. Juntos arremetieron en contra del pueblo de Palestina, perpetraron crímenes de lesa humanidad contra la población, mujeres, ancianos y niños. El genocidio a que fuera sometido el pueblo palestino, la destrucción inmisericorde de las ciudades y aldeas provocó más de 70 mil muertes, así como el despojo de sus tierras y sus hogares de millones de seres humanos, y su destierro a la franja de Gaza. Esas acciones criminales han recibido el rechazo y la condena de los pueblos del mundo. Es la expresión más brutal del genocidio. (Trump ha sido descarado al declarar que intenta exiliar hacia Egipto a los palestinos, para construir un resort, playas y diversión para los millonarios del mundo, levantando una más de sus grandes empresas).

Los argumentos blandidos son el exterminio de las fuerzas militares de la resistencia Palestina y en otros países árabes, el Grupo Hamas en Gaza, Hezbola en el Líbano, Hutías de Yemen y milicias en Irak. En los hechos la intervención norteamericana y sionista se dirige a los trabajadores, los pueblos y la juventud que resisten y combaten por su Patria y su heredad.

La resistencia y la lucha del pueblo palestino, de otros países árabes viene de largo, se opone al brutal avasallamiento de que soportan, se expresa en las denominadas "intifada" que en su momento mostraron la respuesta de los pueblos y la juventud contra los crímenes del sionismo, esa lucha se organizó también en fuerzas armadas de resistencia.

Los palestinos combatieron heroicamente, pero se impuso la prepotencia y las armas de los imperialistas y sionistas. En Palestina se implantó la paz de los cementerios.

Ahora, desde hace pocos días, otra vez EE.UU. y el sionismo, con el argumento de que Irán, un Estado soberano, que alberga a la civilización más antigua del mundo, posee armas nucleares, trabaja en el enriquecimiento de uranio con el propósito de construir un arsenal atómico y apoya a los "grupos terroristas", HAN desatado una guerra de agresión, utilizando misiles supersónicos, que han cobrado la vida de centenares de civiles, entre ellos 60 niñas, cuyo crimen era asistir a clases, en la escuela de su comunidad.

El imperialismo yanqui y el sionismo israelí vienen utilizando armas de destrucción masiva, lanzadas por misiles, pretenden arrasar un país, sus instituciones, las ciudades y las aldeas para apropiarse de las importantes reservas petroleras, las segundas más grandes del mundo.

Frente a esta salvaje guerra de agresión Irán está respondiendo con las mismas armas, con misiles que impactan en el territorio de Israel y en las bases militares de EE.UU. en otros países de la región.

Las peroratas de Trump de que Irán se rendiría inmediatamente se están estrellando con la realidad. Israel está sintiendo los efectos que sus armas hacían en otros países, en su propio suelo.

Según los panegiristas del imperialismo yanqui, la guerra de agresión y de rapiña orquestada por EE.UU. e Israel terminaría en unos pocos días y los imperialistas cantarían victoria, se adueñarían de las riquezas de Irán y someterían a sus pueblos; y, Trump proclamaría su condición de dueño del mundo, no está cumpliendo sus propósitos y sus plazos, se estrella con la resistencia y el contrataque de Irán.

Trump ha anunciado que enviará 10.000 soldados a invadir el territorio iraní. Probablemente lo lleve a efecto. Pero, las cosas cambiarán, los soldados del imperialismo van a combatir en otro país, en otro suelo. No tienen razones ni motivaciones, serán invasores. Van a una guerra injusta y no tendrán la convicción de que están peleando por una causa justa. Los iraníes combatirán en su propio territorio, tendrán la convicción de que están defendiendo su heredad, su Patria, tendrán la capacidad de organizarse, armarse y combatir en su defensa. Seguramente, evidenciaríamos una nueva edición de la guerra del pueblo.

La condición de nuevo emperador del mundo asumida por Trump tiene rechazo en los propios EE.UU., en cientos de ciudades los trabajadores y la juventud han salido a las calles, condenan la guerra de agresión, abuchean las poses del presidente, bajo la consigna de NO MAS REYES, representan el sentir de la mayoría de la población norteamericana (los observadores aseguran una derrota contundente en las próximas elecciones de noviembre que se celebrarán en EE.UU.)

EE.UU. forjó acuerdos, compromisos y alianzas con la mayoría de países de Oriente Medio, principalmente con las monarquías árabes. La guerra contra Irán ha significado que esos países, aliados de EE.UU., estén también recibiendo la respuesta de Irán y soportando grandes daños materiales. El aval que les daba EE.UU. no significa ninguna seguridad para ellos.

El contraataque de Irán está golpeando a los países árabes gobernados por jeques y reyes que viven de la extracción y producción de petróleo y del turismo que les proporciona más de 207.000 millones de dólares anuales, con la guerra están perdiendo 600 millones de dólares diarios.

El largo asedio de EE.UU. y los demás países imperialistas contra Irán provocó que a lo largo de varias décadas entienda y trabaje con la convicción de que debe armarse y procurar sus propias armas y defensas. La investigación científica y la experimentación han permitido a Irán desarrollar, en grandes proporciones, la industria armamentista, los misiles, los lanzamisiles y los drones (Irán ha desarrollado una tecnología propia y cuenta con grandes acopias de drones y de proyectiles).

Los acontecimientos están demostrando que un país y sus pueblos pueden hacer frente y derrotar los planes agresivos del Imperialismo. Irán tiene la capacidad de resistir la brutal agresión de la potencia más grande de la actualidad y, también de responder e infringir serios daños a los agresores.

Irán ha proclamado su derecho a beneficiar los minerales atómicos con fines pacíficos, a perfeccionar las armas necesarias para la defensa. Ningún poder, por poderoso que sea, tiene el privilegio de imponer sus designios a ningún país ni nación. Si lo hace está cometiendo un acto de piratería. Ningún Estado ni Estados cuentan con las atribuciones para implantar su poder militar, para sojuzgar y someter a otro Estado.

Trump y Netanyahu no intentaron legitimar su guerra de agresión con la venia del Consejo de Seguridad de las Naciones Unidas. El magnate norteamericano violentó las leyes de su propio país que le exigían pedir permiso al Congreso para atacar a otro país. Ni siquiera tuvieron la intención de consultar a sus aliados, los otros países imperialistas de Europa. Soy el rey y decido todo por encima de todos, parece ser la convicción de Trump.

El derecho de los pueblos a decidir sus caminos y destinos es un principio fundamental de la convivencia de los Estados y naciones. Está consagrado por las Naciones Unidas en su Carta fundamental, se expresa como el derecho de autodeterminación de los pueblos.

La guerra de agresión contra Irán está generando la indignación de los trabajadores y los pueblos, está demostrando, una vez más, que el imperialismo yanqui es el enemigo número uno de los pueblos del mundo, de la humanidad.

El imperialismo estadounidense es el más agresivo y brutal de los países imperialistas y pretende aprovechar esas circunstancias para arrastrar tras de sí, en su apoyo a los países imperialistas de Europa, principalmente a Inglaterra, Francia y Alemania. No lo han conseguido hasta ahora. Esos países precautelan sus propios intereses.

China, la segunda potencia económica y comercial, el imperialismo ascendente que amenaza la hegemonía de EE.UU., en lo fundamental ha dejado hacer. Sus manifestaciones han sido expresar, formalmente, su preocupación por el desarrollo de los acontecimientos, y los llamados a un alto al fuego.

Por ahora la confrontación entre EE.UU. y China se expresa en la denominada guerra comercial y la agresiva exportación de capitales a los propios EE.UU., Europa, Asia, África y América Latina

Rusia, la segunda potencia militar continúa dejando el campo libre a EE.UU. se limita a expresar sus preocupaciones. Busca espacio y justificación para continuar la guerra de agresión a Ucrania que desarrolla por más de 4 años.

Está claro que las contradicciones interimperialistas no son antagónicas, se expresan en la disputa de mercados, recursos naturales, zonas de influencia y en algún momento se agudizan, van a las negociaciones y vuelven a agudizarse. Parecería que, por ahora, EE.UU., China y Rusia están empeñados en políticas de disuasión.

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