

The **Louisville Workers Brigade** is an association of working people dedicated to educating, supporting, and uniting working class forces in the Louisville community. We organize with union and non-union workers alike.

The Brigade **educates** workers by organizing regular Educational Presentations which focus on Labor and Working Class history and issues and by producing easy-to read literature for working people.

The Brigade **supports** workers through aid during strikes, by platforming workplace grievances, by providing counsel to workers exploring options for organizing their workplaces, and through organizing solidarity actions for workers in need.

Lastly, the Brigade **unites** workers by breaking down the divisions which the owning class has used to divide workers against each other and by organizing regular Community Socials where working people can meet other workers in the community and can begin to build ties of solidarity with one another.

The Brigade proudly continues the legacy of **Class Struggle Unionism** which understands that our present economic system is designed for the minority owning class to become unbelievably wealthy off the labor of the majority Working Class. We reject the false notion of "peaceful coexistence" between these two rival classes whose interests are diametrically opposed to one another. Instead, we seek to heighten this class conflict by empowering workers to secure economic, political, social, and cultural power for themselves through struggle.



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Over the past few months since the election of the right-wing billionaire Donald J. Trump, ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) forces have made no hesitation to conduct workplace raids, neighborhood sweeps, and targeted arrests to apprehend undocumented immigrants, not only in our great river city, but nationwide. In nearly every case, the individuals - documented or undocumented - are deported, separating families and disrupting communities. In Louisville, it is reported that children are afraid to go to school out of fear of ICE sweeping their schools!

This, coupled with nationwide resentment of “illegal immigrants” has come to the center of attention of American politics. But what *exactly* is going on?



### **Why Does Immigration Happen?**

Immigration is not a random or isolated phenomenon—it is deeply rooted in our current economic system which we refer to as Capitalism. The wealthiest corporations extract labor and resources from poorer nations, leaving behind devastated economies, poor living conditions, and few opportunities for the working class. This systemic exploitation forces working class people to migrate in search of stable living conditions, often to the very imperial core countries that caused their displacement in the first place. Immigration, therefore, is not a choice but a necessity for millions of people fleeing the consequences of capitalism.

### **How The Ruling Class Wins**

Corporations thrive on the exploitation of immigrant labor. While immigrants are essential to the economy, the system is designed to keep them vulnerable and disposable:

Immigration is kept nearly illegal to maintain a system of control. Undocumented workers, threatened with deportation, are less likely to demand fair wages or safe working conditions. This creates a pool of cheap, exploitable labor.

Immigrants are treated as disposable. If one worker is fired or deported, another is readily available to take their place. This cycle ensures that corporations always have a desperate, replaceable workforce.

By design, the system benefits from the precarious status of immigrants, using their labor while denying them rights and protections.



### **Why is Immigration Demonized?**

If immigrants are so vital to capitalism, why are they vilified in media and culture? The answer lies in divide-and-conquer tactics. By demonizing immigrants, the ruling class sows division among the working class, preventing solidarity and collective action.

We see this take place in the form of nationalism—a powerful ideological tool used by the ruling class to create divisions among the working class. By promoting the idea that one's primary loyalty should be to “America”, nationalism fosters a sense of “us versus them.” Immigrants, who may come from different cultural or linguistic backgrounds, are

portrayed as outsiders or threats to the “American” identity and prosperity. This narrative distracts from the real causes of economic hardship, such as labor exploitation and wealth inequality, and instead blames immigrants for issues like job scarcity, wage stagnation, or strained public services.



### **What Do We Do?**

We are to stand firmly in solidarity with immigrants, recognizing that their struggle is inseparable from the broader fight for working-class liberation. Our position is clear:

- We support the right of all people to migrate in search of safety, dignity, and opportunity.
- We oppose the exploitation of immigrant labor and demand full rights, protections, and fair wages for all workers, regardless of their immigration status.
- We reject the divisive tactics of the ruling class and strive to build unity among all workers, immigrant and domestic alike.

Immigrants are not our enemies—they are our comrades in the struggle against a system that exploits us all. Together, we can fight for a world where no one is forced to flee their home, and where all workers are free to live and thrive with dignity.

### **Join the Fight for Liberation!**

Solidarity knows no borders. Organize, resist, and build a future where everyone is free.

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