

FIRST THEY CAME FOR THE IMMIGRANTS AND WE SAID ***NOT TODAY, MOTHERFUCKER***

The number of immigrants wandering the globe trying to escape repression, war, poverty and starvation is growing exponentially as this world falls apart. Because economic, environmental, and political disasters are everywhere, the immigrants in detention centers have their brothers and sisters across the world. In North America, as elsewhere, undocumented immigrants inside and out of these special prisons have begun to rebel.

Capital and the State are spreading devastation into every corner of the globe, poisoning those lands they haven't yet stolen where a few still manage to create their lives on their own terms. Just as the homeless are not simply individuals who love sleeping in doorways and under bridges, so immigrants are not just carefree nomads wandering for the love of adventure; migration across national borders is a strategy for attempting to take back control of one's life. The fact that these people then find themselves undocumented, facing travel bans and border walls, is the most blatant expression of the precarity that capitalism is imposing on all of us. Those who respond by refusing to submit to borders drawn by our rulers find themselves criminalized, defined by racist propaganda as dangerous and criminal elements.

In every country, capitalism needs cheap labor. The most desperate, those who live in daily fear of capture and deportation, are the most easily blackmailed. If they don't accept the worst conditions at the lowest pay, they become disposable and can be turned over to the authorities. In turn, politicians present these immigrants to local workers as a threat to their own precarious jobs, using this as blackmail to enforce servility among all the exploited. Such racist and nationalist ideologies have always served to erode solidarity between immigrants and those "native-born" workers who persist in the delusion that they have more in common with the bosses who exploit them. *This is the lie of the citizen and the "illegal."*

The European refugee camps, ICE transit centers, and immigrant detention facilities are the concentration camps of modern democratic states – not metaphorically, but literally, because they are zones for holding those perceived as objective threats to the state, outside of the arena of civil rights, stripped of all but the bare minimum recognized as "human rights."

As these concentration camps for immigrants have spread throughout the world, they have become hotbeds for rebellion. Riots, hunger strikes, and planned escapes are frequent. Those locked up inside are not resigned to their miserable conditions. This is why solidarity is possible. Since those locked up in these specialized prisons are rebelling, we can find ways to intertwine their specific struggle with our own struggles against the whole of prison-society. The destruction of these concentration camps for the undocumented requires the active destruction of a social order that turns the entire world into a combined prison/shopping mall.

We have no interest in making conditions in these hellholes more "humane," in streamlining the citizenship process, in picking between "good" and "bad" immigrants. We only want to destroy these prisons and the world that needs them, a world that has made us all into strangers, while stealing away the capacity to create our lives on our own terms.

Uncompromising solidarity with refugees, immigrants, and with anyone who's found themselves a stranger in this world.

Against the repressive machine wielded first against immigrants, but soon against the rest of us.

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No to borders of any kind!
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