The Trump/Pence Regime on Immigrants:

What they have done

- One of Trump’s first acts in office was an executive order targeting all 11 million undocumented immigrants for deportation, regardless of any supposed criminal record.
- Arrests of immigrants are up almost 40 percent from the record highs under Obama.
- Every day since Trump/Pence came into office, over 400 people have been ripped away from their lives, families, and jobs by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In June alone, ICE agents arrested 13,914 people.
- In prepared remarks for an appearance at the U.S.-Mexico border, Attorney General Jeff Sessions wrote: “It is here, on this sliver of land, where we first take our stand against this filth.... This is a new era. This is the Trump era.”
- At least 114 Iraqi immigrants—nearly all Christians who face extreme persecution and threat of death if deported—were rounded up in SWAT-team type raids by ICE agents in Detroit.
- Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced new policies depriving state and local law enforcement of federal funds unless they allow ICE agents access to local jails and notifying ICE at least 48 hours before incarcerated undocumented immigrants are set to be released.
- In front of hundreds of police Trump declared he was getting rid of immigrant “animals” who were causing gang violence in their communities. “They’re going to jail,” Trump yelled, “and then they’re going back to their country.”.
- Trump pardoned ex-Sheriff Joe Arpaio, infamous for mass torture and humiliation of immigrants in his jails and racial profiling of anyone suspected of being undocumented.

What they said they will do

- To step up anti-immigrant operations, the Trump/Pence regime plans to hire 5,000 more Border Patrol cops and 10,000 more ICE agents.
- Plans for Trump’s wall for the border with Mexico are going ahead, with the regime calling for the allocation of $1.6 billion to start construction, $23 billion for more boots on the ground, and other funds to build new detention prisons.
- Trump/Pence announced at end of June they will begin arresting parents and other relatives who hire “coyotes” to help their children cross the border into the U.S.
- Trump’s Pentagon is considering reneging on enlistment contracts for 1,000 foreign-born recruits without legal immigration status, who had been promised a path to citizenship for serving in the military—making them targets for deportation.
- Trump enthusiastically backed a Congressional bill that would cut the total number of legal immigrants and refugees admitted into the U.S. by half, effectively limited to well-educated English speakers.
- 58,000 Haitians—who had been driven out of their country because of devastating hurricanes and earthquakes—may be forced back to a country that is wracked with a cholera epidemic on top of deep poverty.

What they have unleashed nationally

- A bill that would turn civil immigration infractions into criminal violations punishable by prison, expand immigration prisons, require local law enforcement to hand over to Department of Homeland Security data on all immigrants who are arrested and suspected to be undocumented, and other draconian measures is now in Congress.
- The Christian fascist Texas governor Abbott signed a bill requiring that local law enforcement detain a person they suspect of being undocumented until their immigration status is checked—the law effectively bans sanctuary cities and campuses in the state.
- Trump created a new government office under Homeland Security, called VOICE, which will “publicize” supposed crimes committed by undocumented immigrants and is part of whipping up a climate of hatred and terror against immigrants.
- Laws are being proposed which would impose mandatory five-year minimum prison sentences for deportees caught re-entering the country.
- Tens of thousands of Central Americans, many of them children traveling alone, have entered the country over the last few years escaping brutality and death in their home countries and seeking asylum. The fascists are introducing bills to make asylum more difficult to obtain.
- Among the victims of Trump-era anti-immigrant violence: Srinivas Kuchibhotla, an immigrant from India, who was murdered in February in Kansas by a white man shouting “Get out of my country” as he fired his gun; a Latino man in Lansing, Michigan, whose attackers yelled “Trump doesn’t like you” and stapled a note on his stomach saying “Go back to Mexico, wetsback.”
- The attorneys general of 10 states and one governor wrote to Attorney General Jeff Sessions demanding that if the DACA program for “Dreamers” is not ended by September 5, they will sue.
- In the first seven months of 2017, 239 people died trying to cross the Mexico-U.S. border, a 17 percent increase from the same period last year—even as there are significantly fewer people trying to cross. The further militarization of the border is forcing immigrants to cross the border at more remote and dangerous areas like the Arizona desert.

Immigrants are full human beings, not “illegals” or criminals, to be demonized, terrorized, hunted down, locked up, and thrown out.

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11 million people slated for deportation

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