

DROP THE CHARGES ON NOCHE DIAZ AND LEO PARGO!

As Trump targets Chicago for mass deportations, CPD outrageously arrest Revcoms for leading a crowd to chant "In the name of humanity, we refuse a fascist America!"

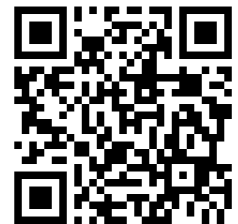
Noche Diaz is a national spokesperson for the Revcom Corps for the Emancipation of Humanity

Leo Pargo is a leader of the Revcom Corps in Chicago

On February 1, Noche Diaz and Leo Pargo were part of an emergency protest called by the Revcom Corps, which converged with another protest of mainly Latino youth against the ICE raids being launched by Trump. Together, hundreds of people marched through downtown Chicago to protest mass deportations and the whole Trump/MAGA fascist program.



Watch the video of the arrest



Right in front of Trump Tower, Noche Diaz spoke from atop a bus stop and led the crowd to chant: "NO! In the name of humanity, we refuse a fascist America! Into the streets, day after day. Do not stop. Make this country ungovernable!"

A swarm of Chicago police, including a Deputy Chief, violently pushed into the crowd, endangering many protesters, and illegitimately arrested Noche and Leo.

The two have since been released and face Class A misdemeanor charges, the most severe type in Illinois law. Noche is charged with Reckless Conduct and Leo is charged with Obstructing an officer. **Both charges carry up to 364 days in jail and a \$2,500 fine.** As shown in the video, these charges are ridiculous and illegitimate. This is a straight up violation of basic First Amendment rights.

Since Trump's inauguration, people have been hit with a **fascist** whirlwind of government purges, attacks on immigrants and trans people, anti-scientific lunacy, and destruction of rule of law itself. There are beginnings of important resistance, but this is nowhere near enough! Noche and Leo not only had a legal right to do what they did, **THEY WERE RIGHT!** They are doing what *everyone* needs to be doing right now

Inspired by the message from the revolutionary leader Bob Avakian that "This is not a time for demoralization and despair—it is a time for righteous anger and revolutionary determination," they told the truth, acted with courage, and inspired others to do the same.

Everyone who values the right to free speech, and doesn't want to see people brutally arrested for exercising that right, should demand: **DROP THE CHARGES!**

Everyone who is outraged about the terror being inflicted on immigrants, and the fact this supposed "sanctuary city" is prosecuting protesters who stand up for immigrants, should demand: **DROP THE CHARGES!**

Everyone who recognizes the grave danger we are facing with Trump/MAGA fascism, and the importance of mobilizing millions to defeat this, should demand: **DROP THE CHARGES!**

Everyone who recognizes that there's something fundamentally rotten about the current system and appreciates the work of these revolutionary leaders fighting for a positive way forward – and doesn't want to see them targeted and suppressed – should demand: **DROP THE CHARGES!**

**** Sign the petition!** [Change.org/DropTheChargesOnNocheAndLeo](https://change.org/DropTheChargesOnNocheAndLeo)



**** Stand with Noche and Leo in court:** March 12, 9am, 727 East 111th St, Chicago, Branch 35-2

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