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Boston Coalition for Palestine rejects elections that force them to select a president from two political parties, both of which will arm and support genocide against Palestinians. Boston, Nov. 2, 2024. Read online.



As early as the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee last July, protesters noted the key issues and demanded rights for migrant workers, reproductive rights and rights for LGBTQIA2S+ people, while demanding an end to genocide in Gaza (see placards behind main banner). See editorial page 3.

Autoworkers face drastic and permanent job cuts. UAW President Shawn Fain addresses Stellantis workers protesting against this threat. Warren, Michigan, Oct. 9, 2024. Read online.



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Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the neverending quest for ever-greater profits.

Capitalism means war and auster-
ity, racism and repression, attacks on
im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQ2S+
oppression and mistreatment of people
with disabilities. It means joblessness,
increasing homelessness and impover-
ishment and lack of hope for the future.
No social problems can be solved under
capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the
world, yet no one has a guaranteed right
to shelter, food, water, health care, edu-
cation or anything else — unless they can
pay for it. Wages are lower than ever,
and youth are saddled with seemingly
insurmountable student debt, if they

even make it to college. Black, Brown
and Indigenous youth and trans people
are gunned down by cops and bigots on
a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks
to wipe out decades of gains and benefits
won by hard-fought struggles by people's
movements. The super-rich and their
political representatives have intensified
their attacks on the multinational, mul-
tigender and multigenerational working
class. It is time to point the blame at —
and challenge — the capitalist system.

WWP fights for socialism because
the working class produces all wealth in
society, and this wealth should remain
in their hands, not be stolen in the form
of capitalist profits. The wealth workers
create should be socially owned and its
distribution planned to satisfy and guar-
antee basic human needs.

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been out in the streets defending the
workers and oppressed here and world-
wide. If you're interested in Marxism,
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Defend the multinational, multigendered working class!

WW EDITORIAL

Apparently “Election Stress Disorder” is a real condition. Some voters are stressed, because they fear the prospects of the election of former President Donald Trump. Others are stressed, because they know the genocide in Palestine will continue no matter who gets elected president. Then there is the absolute fatigue due to being inundated by television ads, phone calls, mailings and texts imploring us to vote for one of the two capitalist candidates or to send them money.

Particularly disgusting are the constant ads for Trump, coupled with those for right-wing Congressional candidates. These blatantly appeal to the lowest forms of bigotry, especially against migrants and against the transgender community, often both in the same message. One Trump ad falsely accuses Vice President Kamala Harris of approving gender-affirming surgeries for undocumented migrants who are trans.

The Congressional campaign ads are just as horrendous. In Ohio, for example, Republicans supporting Senatorial candidate Bernie Moreno accused Democratic incumbent Sherrod Brown of allowing immigrants to come into the U.S. and commit murders and rapes. They also claim Brown supports gender-affirming surgeries for minors and allowing “biological males” — a slander of trans women — to use women’s bathrooms and play on girls’ sports teams.

So how have Democratic candidates responded to these ads and their weaponizing of hatred against the most oppressed? Have they come out in defense of undocumented workers?

No! On the contrary, one of Brown’s ads features border patrol officers touting his support for anti-migrant legislation.

Ads for Moreno and Trump conclude with a dig at non-binary people: “Brown is for they/them. Bernie Moreno is for you.”

Have the Democrats spoken up in support of the trans community? Hardly. The most recent ad from the Brown campaign

stresses that Brown never voted to allow transgender minors to play on a team of their gender. The emphasis is on Moreno’s false statements, not on his vile transphobia.

Both the Democrats and the Republicans seek to demonstrate that they will uphold the interests and values of the billionaire class.

To make matters worse, at least one left-leaning third party candidate, Green Party vice presidential candidate Butch Ware, has been caught making a transphobic statement. (Advocate.com, Nov. 1)

Whether it’s the Democrats or the Greens, this is capitulation to bigotry, pure and simple. There is no justification for it.

While the program of Ware and presidential candidate Jill Stein has a number of bullet points supporting the LGBTQIA2S+ community, it should also call for the repeal of dozens of state bills that essentially criminalize trans youth and their health care providers.

Fight bigotry – no exceptions!

Workers World Party has a radically different approach. We are in full solidarity with every oppressed community in capitalist society. WWP believes all forms of bigotry are violations of the rights of the oppressed and are used to divide and conquer the working class. We reject this bigotry flat out.

And while we know in our bones that voting for capitalist politicians is a lose-lose situation, our party defends the basic democratic right to vote. This position is an act of solidarity with those who have been denied that right historically and politically — solidarity with all marginalized and disenfranchised sectors of our class, including people of color,



PHOTO: PEOPLES TRIBUNE

Migrant rights, LGBTQIA2S+ rights part of program of March on Democratic National Convention.

incarcerated workers, houseless people, migrants and others.

We say no to white supremacy, misogyny, anti-LGBTQIA2S+ discrimination, ableism, xenophobia, etc.

WWP won’t cater to backward attitudes to win an election — or garner financial support from the bourgeoisie.

WWP has never been afraid to take an unpopular position. We know that the class struggle is not a popularity contest — it’s a struggle for power between the working class and the ruling class. To win we need unity, not division.

An injury to one is an injury to all! Solidarity forever!

Defend the multinational, multigendered working class!

Otherwise, these apologies amount to nothing but grandstanding. □

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WORKERS WORLD STATEMENT

The election is finally over

ORGANIZE RESISTANCE

The November 5 election has happened, and the outcome is known worldwide. The most vile, disgusting, white supremacist, xenophobic, transphobic, ableist, misogynist, rapist, neofascist — the list goes on — will return to the White House in January.

These results have no doubt produced a wide range of emotions, be they despair, demoralization, frustration, fear, numbness, anger or feelings there are no words for. This is completely understandable.

A number of factors contributed to the loss by Vice President Kamala Harris to former president Donald Trump. The Democrats had absolutely no program to address very real concerns — a top concern of many voters polled — about a stagnant economy and a cost of living that has gone through the roof. There has been no letup in the U.S./Israeli genocide being committed against the Palestinian people under a Democratic administration. Why vote for four more years of this?

Still, it is painful to ponder that someone as despicable as Trump was able to fill the void, seemingly with ease.

This year's election results will require a great deal of thoughtful Marxist analysis in the weeks and months ahead. We have to have a historic, scientific and dialectical view regarding the collapse of bourgeois liberalism and social democracy.

But while analysis is important,



New York protest against genocide in Gaza, Nov. 5, 2024.

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working class revolutionaries, even under very difficult circumstances, have a primary responsibility to project a path forward. That path is one of uniting all forces, no matter the differences, to fight back against the inevitable attacks.

Karl Marx recognized in 1848 that history is the history of class struggle. Now, as we approach 2025, we have to elevate the struggle against bigotry, war and exploitation and build working-class solidarity. We literally have no other choice.

Let's cut to the chase. Some may be down, but we have to move on from

licking our wounds. Young people who have taken to the streets for more than a year to confront the genocide were out throughout November 5, and protest demonstrations are planned for the days and weeks ahead. We salute them.

And in the coming days and weeks, we must answer with all forms of protest any attack that comes our way, whether it's union-busting, racism, misogyny, anti-LGBTQIA2S+ discrimination, ableism or imperialist war. We will continue to be in the streets for Palestine — until liberation, from the river to the sea!

The resistance starts now. Organize, organize, organize! □



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