



May Day 2025



On May Day 2025, tens of thousands of people came out across the United States on the international workers day. Organizers claimed 250,000 in more than 1,000 marches and rallies, with some in every state. They were driven by opposition to the assault on working people by the administration of President Donald Trump, with his barrage of executive orders attacking immigrants, transgender people, universities and everyone on the Republicans' hit list.

While Democratic Party front groups held large parades on April 5, with slogans such as "Hands off NATO," these events had no political impact whatsoever. Although reflecting mass discontent, they only served to chain people to the party of imperialist warmongers that with its anti-worker policies on behalf of big money Wall Street donors paved the way for Trump, again.

The Internationalist Group organized contingents in the May Day marches in New York City, Portland, Oakland and Los Angeles focusing on calls for workers action to stop the deportations. In each case, we marched with unions and groups of workers with whom we have been working on this effort.

In New York City (above), the Labor Committee to Defend Immigrants, which includes members of over a dozen unions, had a contingent of 50 marchers, which also included activists from the Hunter College Committee to Defend Immigrants, followed by an Interna-

tionalist contingent of three dozen supporters of the IG, Revolutionary Internationalist Youth, Class Struggle Education Workers and Trabajadores Internacionales Clasistas. One of the seven banners highlighted the fight to bring back Kilmar Abrego García, a sheet metal worker from Maryland who was illegally deported to El Salvador.

On the West Coast, the Portland Labor Committee to Defend Immigrants, including supporters from the six area unions that have passed motions calling for labor action against deportations, joined with Class Struggle Workers – Portland, the IG and RIY, highlighting the case of farm workers organizer Adolfo "Lelo" García and day laborers organizer Jorge Luis seized by I.C.E.

In Oakland, California (below, left) an Internationalist contingent of 19, including members of a newly formed Committee to Defend Immigrants at Berkeley Community College, took up position next to the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 10 with its banner calling for workers action against mass deportations and mass firings, for no military cargo to Israel and Ukraine, to "defend the rights of ALL of us."

And in Los Angeles (below, right) the Internationalists marched with a banner of Transport Workers Against Deportations, with signs denouncing the genocidal U.S./Israel war on Gaza, and calling to "End Capitalism – Workers to Power!" ■

