

UNITING AGAINST THE XENOPHOBIC GOVERNMENT AND THE FASCIST THREAT!

In Germany, the fascist-leaning parties AFD and BSW are gaining momentum; in the United Kingdom, it is Reform UK. In Italy, the Netherlands, and soon Austria, governments include fascist-leaning parties. In Argentina, Milei is brutally attacking workers, students, and democratic freedoms. In the United States, Trump is launching a crackdown on migrants while simultaneously supporting the ethnic cleansing of Gaza and the West Bank. Nationalism and protectionism, xenophobia and racism, clericalism and masculinism, hostility towards women's rights and hatred of minorities (religious, ethnic, sexual), conspiracy theories and climate denial—these are the banners of reaction. Increasing inter-imperialist rivalries, along with capitalism's economic, social, and environmental deadlock, are pushing traditional bourgeois parties towards xenophobia. Everywhere, fascist or supremacist groups are multiplying their acts of violence. It is always minorities and the proletariat who are targeted, first and foremost the most oppressed segments of the proletariat and youth—those deemed foreign, stripped of rights, scapegoated, and paying the price.

In France, on January 24, the Minister of the Interior tightened the conditions for exceptional residence permits, affecting undocumented workers who must now live in fear of immigration controls for seven years instead of five, with additional restrictions. In 2023, only 34,724 people were regularized out of 450,000 undocumented workers, according to the Ministry of the Interior. But for Retailleau, this is far too many. Taking office with the mantra "order, order, order!", he has made the crackdown on migrants and the undocumented a priority.

We must have the courage to confront all the causes fueling Islamism, starting with uncontrolled immigration. (Retailleau, Le Parisien, January 6)

After the Prime Minister spoke of a "feeling of migratory submersion," a bill restricting birthright citizenship in Mayotte was passed on February 6 by LR, RN, and EPR deputies, with 162 votes in favor and 93 against. Wauquiez, Le Pen, Darmanin, Retailleau... all in unison: this is just the first step, as birthright citizenship must be abolished nationwide. They are following in the footsteps of Pétain, who abolished it in 1940. Bayrou now calls for a grand national debate on "French identity."

The PS, PCF, and LFI continue to uphold the myth of the "Republican front." After urging people to vote for Macron, they now advocate electoral alliances with "democratic" bourgeois parties (EELV, Renaissance, LR...) to "block the RN." But today, racism and xenophobia are being propagated from within these same "Republicans" at the highest levels of the bourgeois state. It is the Bayrou-Retailleau-Valls government paving the way for the RN. The Nouveau Front Populaire seeks to confine the working class and youth to pacifism, parliamentarism, and appeals to the bourgeois state. LFI envisions no alternative beyond early presidential elections—at the risk of a Le Pen victory. The PS refuses to censor Bayrou's budget out of respect for the stability of the bourgeois state and French capitalism. The PS, PCF, and LFI all demand more police and repression. Union bureaucrats tolerate police organizations within labor confederations and participate in the conclave of Bayrou-Retailleau-Darmanin.

The Popular Front strategy strengthens the RN and allows fascist groups to expand. Asking the bourgeois state to ban fascist groups fosters illusions, leading people to believe that bourgeois democracy can curb the rise of racism and fascism. But what we are witnessing is precisely the opposite. Retailleau now seeks to dissolve *La Jeune Garde*, an antifascist organization.

Dissolution is a tool, especially regarding La Jeune Garde, which must be considered. (Retailleau, Le Parisien, January 21)

Hands off La Jeune Garde! Unconditional defense of La Jeune Garde—no dissolution!

To defend ourselves against the police and to keep Fascist punks (Cocarde, UNI, GUD...) out of our streets and universities, we call for the immediate formation of self-defense groups and security teams, involving all workers' organizations, parties, unions, and antifascist groups.

Decaying capitalism is the root cause of rising reaction and fascism. We must prepare for the international revolution! This begins with the fight against the government that is strangling vocational education and public universities. Against xenophobia, racism, nationalism, and protectionism, we stand for proletarian internationalism: total freedom of movement and settlement for all students and workers! Abolish borders and build global socialism! This is the fight of young communist internationalists!

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