

TRUMP AND CONGRESS TO AMERICA:
DROP DEAD

Trump’s “Big Beautiful Budget Bill” robs from the poor to give to the rich.

It’s the single biggest upward transfer of wealth in our nation’s history. The top 1% receive tax cuts totaling \$1.02 trillion, roughly equal to unprecedented Medicaid cuts that leave millions without healthcare, close hospitals and drive up all health insurance costs while profits soar. It’s estimated we’ll see 50,000 more preventable deaths annually. Massive cuts to food programs will leave more children hungry.

Yet there’s plenty of money to care for us all. We are struggling because billionaires, their corporations, and their politicians are attacking the little we have so they can take it all, including our democracy.

Trump’s horrifying “border enforcement” effort got a record \$170 billion for walls, prisons, abductions and deportations. The Pentagon gets an additional \$150 billion so military contractors can keep profiting while our rogue government makes the world more dangerous for us all. Our climate denying energy industry gets \$18 billion in new handouts, plus greater access to our public lands.

The good news is millions who favor a world of peace, justice and plenty for all are joining together to win the fight. People are building community from the bottom up based on mutual aid, sharing and co-operation for survival, and as a vision of how our society should look. And it doesn’t look like a prison camp or an overcrowded “shelter.” It looks like a society built on shared abundance, equality and love. Join these millions fighting the attack on our lives and building a movement for a society that provides for us all.



Stop the raids – Chicago.

Photo: Paul Goyette



Clockwise from top left: 1. They blame immigrants – Washington, D.C. Photo: Shutterstock; 2. Medicaid saves moms and babies – Washington, D.C. Photo: Repairers of the Breach; 3. Warnings not cuts – Washington, D.C. Photo: Video still, YouTube; 4. Stop the rising tide of white supremacy – Los Angeles. Photo: Nanzi Muro; 5. Don't take our homes – San Francisco. Photo: Sarah Menefee; 6. Gaza is starving – Chicago. Photo: Paul Goyette

Welcome to the People's Tribune!

We devote this edition to the everyday heroes who stand up, unite and bring hope to our movement for a society that cares for everyone.

Heroic Coach Protects His Students From ICE

A New York youth baseball coach, Yeoman Wilder, founder of the Harlem Baseball Hitting Academy, told CNN's Erin Burnett that ICE agents were out questioning his kids prac-



Yeoman Wilder. Photo: Video still, CNN

ticing baseball on the field. He heard agents asking kids, "What's your name? Where are you from? Are your parents from here?" Wilder told agents they were inappropriate questions and he'd tell his kids to "invoke their fifth Amendment, right now!" Burnett asked if the kids were scared, given the ICE agents are armed. "These are tough NY City kids who don't scare easily, he said. "So, it means something's really happening." He told kids to "get your gear, and go to the back of the batting cage, that there's only one way in and out." And he whispered to them, "I'm not going to let them get through me. You guys climb this fence and get out of here." Wilder said he told himself, "I'm willing to die today to make sure that you get home."

New York: A Mamdani Win Will Be a Victory for Us All



Zohran Mamdani, New York City mayoral candidate, visits Little Haiti in Brooklyn, promising to make the city affordable for all. Photo: YouTube

Zohran Mamdani's campaign for mayor of New York City is a giant megaphone for the demands of those who are struggling to live, and it has infuriated billionaires nationwide.

Mamdani, who will be on the general election ballot in November, won more votes in the June primary than any other mayoral candidate in New York City primary election history.

His program addresses the skyrocketing cost of living in the city for the average worker, with proposals including rent freezes, affordable housing, free child care and fare-free buses, and boosting the tax rate of the 1% and corporations to pay for it. He also courageously opposes the genocide in Palestine and defends immigrants.

A movement of people fighting to survive in America is breaking out in every city, and Mamdani is a key spokesperson and symbol for that movement. His primary victory sent shock waves through both the Democratic and Republican parties, and the corporate Democrats immediately began mobilizing to

Musicians Show Solidarity with Philly Strikers

A strong message of solidarity was sent to Philadelphia's striking city workers and their unions when headline musicians, LL Cool J and Jazmine Sullivan, refused to cross the picket line for a July 4 performance. "There's absolutely no way I can perform, cross a picket line and pick up money when I know people are out there fighting for a living wage," said LL Cool J, apologizing to his fans. Likewise, Jazmine Sullivan announced that she would



LL Cool J and Jazmine Sullivan

not cross the picket line, expressing her love for her city and belief in the workers' fight for fair living wages. Greg Boulware, president of AFSCME District 33, the largest municipal workers union in the city, expressed gratitude, saying the solidarity was a real trend by public figures, fostering awareness and respect for working people everywhere.

defeat him, ignoring the views of voters.

In standing up for immigrants, Mamdani said, "The cowardice on display across our city and our state is unacceptable. New Yorkers are looking to us. They're looking to their leaders for courage and for conviction. And what they are finding instead is collaboration." No wonder the corporate Democrats hate him.

A Mamdani victory will mark a victory for the working class in New York and across the U.S. Whether we live in New York City or not, we can all embrace this movement and see Mamdani as a defender of the common cause of the working class. It's time to fight.

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Legislators Get Millions for Supporting Trump's Budget Bill

By Mark Credico

The public officials who voted to cut health-care and food support for millions of low-income families in the "Big Beautiful Budget Bill" pulled in millions of dollars to fund their campaigns, and most of them are worth more than a million dollars themselves.

According to OpenSecrets and Quiver Quantitative, the senators who approved this budget bill raised a median amount of \$13.4 million for their campaigns. House Republicans that approved the bill raised a median amount of over \$2 million for their latest reported campaign, according to OpenSecrets.

The average personal net worth for senators

that voted for the "Big Beautiful Bill" was over \$31 million. House Republicans that voted for the bill are worth an average of over \$3 million.

Public officials voting for the bill and their donors all profit from the passage of the budget bill at the expense of the poorest Americans.

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People—including children—are abducted from streets, workplaces, homes, parks, stores, and hospitals by armed, masked men, then disappeared into hellhole detention centers, or deported to inhumane prisons in foreign countries. Some are beaten and tortured. For many, no one knows where their loved ones are. Families are separated. At least one man has died in the course of being abducted and many others have died in detention. Troops and police are deployed to contain resistance to the abductions. This is not some foreign dictatorship. It is the ICE raids.

Because white supremacy has been the

divide-and-conquer tactic in this country's history, Black and Brown people are the immediate targets, but the arising corporate dictatorship is aimed at everyone. To create a dictatorship, first you dehumanize a group of people and strip them of their rights (giving the police unlimited power), and then you strip everyone else of their rights.

A vast network of internment camps is being created to eventually house the resistance. One example is the obscenely named "Alligator Alcatraz," built in Florida's Everglades to hold up to 5,000 people. Detainees report one meal a day that has maggots,

lights on 24/7, and mosquitoes "as big as elephants." It has to be shut down.

If we are to stop this and create a world based on humanity and love, we can only do it together. As an LA protester said, "It's starting here. If we don't stand up and say something, they're coming for everybody. And if you care about the people you work with, your neighbors who you see every day, then it's your responsibility as a human being to come out and raise your voice."

The ever-growing resistance is the road to everyone's freedom.

Florida protest outside Alligator Alcatraz in Ochopee.
Photo: @Luis Santana, Tampa Bay Times via ZUMA Press Wire

Labor Law Still Offers Pathway to Resist Abusive, Inhumane Immigration Laws

By Claire McClinton, People's Tribune

The National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) is a federal law that protects the rights of employees to form and join unions, engage in collective bargaining, and strike. This applies to ALL employees, *regardless of their immigration status*.

This is critical because, as the assault and

attack on, and the inhumane treatment of immigrants is rising. This important piece of national legislation is a tool that unions and socially conscious people alike can use to help fight ICE's ruthless assault.

In March 2025, when Kilmar Abrego Garcia was unlawfully and viciously deported to El Salvador, his Union, Local 100 of SMART (Sheet Metal, Air Rail & Transportation Workers)

joined the fight to secure his return, demanding, along with hundreds of thousands around the country, justice for their union Brother.

Likewise, earlier this spring, Rameysa Ozturk, a PhD student from Rutgers, was seized by masked undercover ICE agents for penning an opinion piece accusing Israel of war crimes. Her Union, SEIU, held solidarity rallies around the country on her behalf until her

release was secured.

Labor unions are still critical organizations of resistance, as are the ACLU, student organizations, mass mobilizations, and all who recognize the dismantling of democracy. Today, local unions are taking leadership in the fight by negotiating language into their agreements prohibiting ICE from setting foot inside the workplace.

Hundreds Will Lose Their Vehicle Homes in San Francisco!

By Sarah Menefee

The proposal of San Francisco's mayor to put a 2-hour parking limit on oversized vehicles is being met by an outcry from vehicle dwellers. Ninety percent of homeless families in the city live in vehicles such as RVs and will be in grave danger of being ticketed and towed, resulting in more street homelessness and broken families. As one protester testified, "If you vote on this proposal hundreds of people will lose their homes and be thrown into the streets, especially families. This will affect especially workers. The SFMTA (SF Municipal Transit Agency) cannot push 1400 people onto the streets."

This struggle is going on all over California and nationwide as developers and hedge funds take over the cities, forcing ever more people to find the only place they can afford to live is in their vehicles. Laws that make it harder to survive are created by politicians and enforced by police. People are organizing to resist these mean attacks. Here are more of their voices:

"I live in an RV and this has affected me a lot. I had been working, cooking for various schools. Where can I go to find somewhere to live I can afford? Please help us find a place to go where we'll be safe."

"Our RV doesn't have a motor right now. We can't move after two hours, it will be towed. This is the only roof over my daughter's head, the only shelter I can afford right now."

"Latino families will be forced into life-threatening situations, and they are already under threat by attacks by ICE and the police, pushing them further into danger."



RV residents rally against mean San Francisco law restricting oversized vehicles parking which will affect homeless people living in vehicles. Photo: Sarah Menefee

"I've lived in an RV for 7 years and there is no help anywhere. We don't harass people or commit crimes, we're just trying to live like everyone else."

"This is a crisis of the city's own making, they need to solve it instead of making it worse."

Grieving Father Charged with Killing Sheriff's Deputy

By Cathy Talbott and Mark Credico

On May 1, Cincinnati Police shot and killed 18-year-old Ryan Hinton as he fled from an allegedly stolen car. Soon after, the boy's father, Rodney Hinton Jr., allegedly hit a Hamilton County sheriff's deputy with his car as the deputy operated a traffic light, say local news sources. This occurred following the father viewing the police body cam of his son's death.

Rodney Hinton Jr. now faces murder charges that include possibility for the death penalty.

Local news reported that Hamilton County Prosecutor Connie Pillich determined that the officer was "legally justified in his use of force" in killing Ryan Hinton.

But to the outrage of state officials, Hinton Jr. received a swell of public support following his arrest, in the form of social media posts and multiple fundraising campaigns on different platforms and a lawsuit filed on his behalf.

One fundraiser on Spotfund said Hinton



Ryan Hinton (L) and Rodney Hinton Jr (R)
Photo: Facebook

Jr.'s alleged actions were "the result of pain, anger, and years of feeling unheard."

While not justifying or condoning his alleged actions, many in the public support Hinton Jr., and the state is trying to silence them. But the state supported his son's killer, protected the officer's identity, and literally called their actions justified.



Black Activists Speak Against Alligator Alcatraz

A Black activist (pictured at far left) speaking outside "Alligator Alcatraz" said, "We bring attention to not only the immigrant issue, but also to compel Black Americans to stand up. This is our fight also. We believe in the world where our people don't drown, or are behind bars, our land is protected, not exploited. And we believe in each other, across oceans, languages, cultures, religions. We care and we should care." – (Excerpt from YouTube)

Photo: Video still, The Smile Trust, Instagram

Climate Change: We Have a World to Save

By Cathy Talbott

In an Instagram post on the Sunrise Movement page, a Texas mom in her message to Trump, says what we all should be saying: “Burning fossil fuels is leading to storms that are more frequent and more deadly ... As the mother of a six-year-old daughter, not a day goes by that I don’t worry about the kind of world she’ll inherit. The fossil fuel industry has spent time spreading disinformation and lobbying our elected officials to deny climate change so we don’t need empty thoughts and prayers; we need action. I’ve been on multiple threads with many parents, mostly mothers, who are absolutely reeling from this crisis, who talk of being scared going forward. Can we not protect our children if the National Weather Service is being defunded? What will it be like if it’s defunded. They’re ready to take action and stand up to this administration.

“We won’t sit back and watch the renewable energy industry be destroyed and watch our agencies use our federal tax dollars to keep us safe be taken from us. We need to do everything we can to transition off fossil fuels to clean renewable energy as quickly as possible, and to assure in the meantime that all our agencies that keep us safe are fully funded.”

As the Earth warms, major storms are dumping more rain than they used to. Most of the excess heat that humans have trapped on Earth is soaked up by the oceans, and warmer ocean water combined with warmer air in the atmosphere increases the likelihood of more and greater storms.

NOAA is currently updating outdated rainfall records nationwide, taking into account how climate change could continue to make storms worse. Trump is significantly shrinking the agency, including programs that research climate change.

Floods are the most hazardous natural disaster in the U.S. Not one of us can remain



Memorial in front of White House by parents of children killed in the Texas floods.
Photo: Still from Fox Local video

immune to the devastation, whether from direct disaster or financial fallout. It will take all of us to unite on a program that puts our children’s future first. Find or start a group in your area and get busy. We have a world to save.

View the post at: <https://bit.ly/46pFRMS>

Govt Failure Contributed to Texas Flood Deaths

By Karel Riley

AUSTIN, TX —Over 130 people, many of them children, are confirmed dead in Texas flash floods in July. Criticism over disaster response and preparations is mounting, as people realize government failed. Government leaders at every level refused to fund improved

systems for communities prone to flash flooding, after criticism. The governor was forced to put the flood warning system issue on the special session’s agenda. Camp Mystic, where most of the children lost their lives, was 99 years old, with some older buildings located in a very dangerous area of the flood plain.

The National Weather Service issued alerts hours before the water rose, but critical positions for local coordination had already been cut. NOAA and weather science jobs had been eliminated. FEMA’s budget had been cut. Kristi Noem, Sec. of Homeland Security, did not authorize deployment of FEMA’s search-and-rescue teams until three days after flooding began. She also required her approval of all expenses over \$100,000. FEMA did not answer nearly two-thirds of calls to its disaster assistance line because Noem did not renew the contracts of hundreds of contractors at call centers.

“The real heroes are ordinary working-class people. They rose to the occasion. Nobody asked them to do anything. They just decided to go help their neighbor,” said Chas Moore, founder, Austin Justice Coalition. A group of 13 fire fighter volunteers from Mexico arrived to help without being asked. As the Guadalupe River rose, local volunteers and neighbors made valiant attempts to save as many lives as they could. Heroically, one man saved two girls but lost his life.

People are demanding the positions and functions cut at FEMA, the National Weather Service and NOAA not only be restored, but strengthened. To help victims, contact Kerr County Flood Relief Fund: <https://bit.ly/3GQdInI>

Gazans Demand ‘Agency, Memory and Hope’

The true number of dead and missing in Gaza may be around 500,000, say military experts. With Israel deliberately blocking food and other supplies into Gaza, the World Food Programme estimates another 500,000 face starvation. Israel wants to create a “humanitarian city” at the southernmost end of Gaza, where it claims 600,000 people will be concentrated and given aid, but observers say this will simply be the last stop before the Palestinians are expelled from Gaza or killed.

In an article in dawnmena.org, Yahya al-Masri, a Palestinian writer in Gaza, reported comments from Gazans on what they want from ceasefire negotiations, and how they see the “humanitarian city.”

Bilal, a 30-year-old nurse, told al-Masri a real ceasefire “must mean an end to displacement, an end to hunger and a return to normal life.” Abu Samir Khalifa, a 66-year-old man from Jabaliya, said, “I haven’t eaten for days. I’m an old man—I cannot take all this.”

“Now, they want to push us into a fenced zone and call it safety? That’s not safety, that’s a trap,” said Ahmad, a 34-year-old teacher. Layla, a 22-year-old university student, said: “It feels like they want to erase us, not protect us. We want education, not cages. Our future is being stolen piece by piece.”

Al-Masri concluded: “...Gazans are not passive recipients of aid. We demand agency, memory and hope—just as any other person or community. Any ceasefire that does not

center our voices risks repeating the mistakes of the past. Any solution that limits our freedom or ignores our needs will never bring lasting peace. This war has taken far too much. What we ask now is simple: Let it not take our future too. If there is to be peace, it must begin with respect for our voices, our rights and our humanity.”

Voices for Unity from Austin and Chicago (excerpts):

Chas Moore
Founder, Austin Justice Coalition
(from ‘Good Trouble’ speech):

“Every time, the heroes are the people... A lot of Black Americans in the last election didn’t think immigration was their fight. Straight people who see trans people get mistreated and say, ‘That’s not my fight.’ Anytime a human is going through injustice it is indeed our fight. We are all on stolen land. Everyone who says the immigration fight is not my fight, you are fooling yourself



Chas Moore (L), Jorge Mújica (R)

and you have drunk the punch. How dare we sit back and act like we don’t have work to do. On a daily basis there are still people sleeping on the street.”

Jorge Mújica
Campaign organizer with Arise Chicago
(from Breakthrough News interview):

“It’s divide and conquer. There’s been divisions between immigrants and native populations forever ... African American populations are absolutely right. They have been denied services and resources for the longest time.... Immigrants feel envious of African American populations in the sense that, ‘Oh, they’re citizens, entitled to this and that,

while I am not....’ And then from the other side you see, ‘Well, I’ve been denied all these services and benefits all my life, and all of a sudden I see government giving immigrants these benefits.’ [But] many details never make it to the media ... most immigrants are not given any kind of benefits at all. They don’t have access to those benefits under the law, but they pay taxes and everybody benefits from taxes undocumented immigrants pay. But that’s too detailed to put forward in a massive way. It takes immense education.”