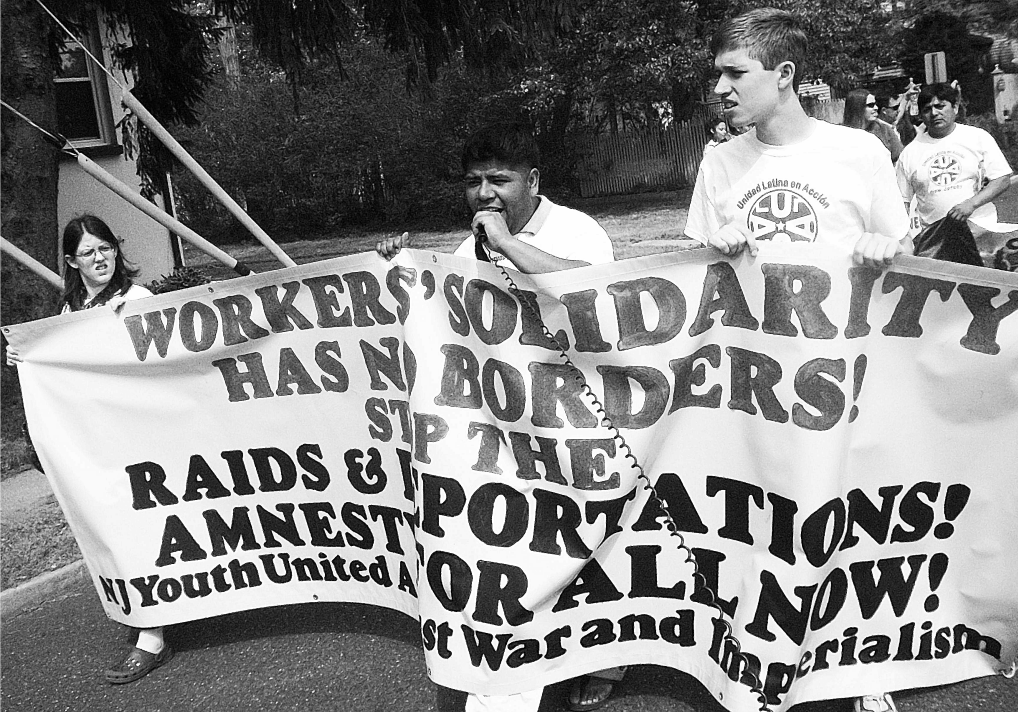


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WALL STREET OCCUPATION ENGAGES RENEWED YOUTH ACTIVISM



Soporte inmigrantes jóvenes!

Support NJ's Immigrant Youth! (In English)

Imagine que en algún momento, agentes del gobierno pueden llamar a su puerta y llevar a Ud., sus padres, un hermano, o una hermana para una detención larga y deportación final. Eso es la condición de por lo menos 40,000 inmigrantes jóvenes en NJ.

Según una carta que fue enviado a YO! de Alexander Shalom, Consejo de la Política de ACLU, inmigrantes jóvenes de NJ encaran muchos peligros. Aunque todos los estudiantes entre de 5 y 20 tienen una derecha a educación pública y gratis a pesar del estado de inmigración, el ACLU hizo una encuesta y encontró que 1 en 5 barrios de NJ crean barreras ilegales para inmigrantes jóvenes sin documentos a asistir las escuelas públicas.

NJ los niega ayuda financiera para los estudiantes talentosos quien no son ciudadanos y no poseen una "Tarjeta Verde" aunque de otra manera tienen derecho a las becas. NJ también niega becas para estudiantes quien son ciudadanos

Imagine that at any moment, government agents can knock on your door and drag you, your parents or a sibling off for detention and deportation. That is the truth for as many as 40,000 undocumented youth in NJ.

According to Alexander Shalom, Policy Counsel of ACLU, NJ immigrant youth face many perils. Even though all students between 5 and 20 have a right to free public education regardless of immigration status, an ACLU survey found that 1 in 5 NJ school districts create illegal barriers for undocumented students.

NJ denies tuition grants to talented NJ students who are non-citizens and do not possess a "Green Card" even though they otherwise qualify for the grants. NJ also denies grants to students who are citizens but whose parents are

undocumented, NJ state and county colleges are required by NJ law to charge "out of state" tuition for undocumented students even if they meet NJ residency requirements for in-state tuition.

Furthermore, many youth go through the rite of passage of getting their drivers' license when they turn 17 or 18 but not true for undocumented youth in NJ who are barred from driving.

Under the Obama Administration, the US has escalated the use of detention and deportation, through a program called S-COMM (Secure Communities). The program is supposed to be aimed at deporting criminals but many of those deported have committed no offense. NJ is siting a new detention facility in Essex County that will increase the number of NJ detainees.

NJ immigrant youth and allies have led a movement in NJ with the demand to allow undocumented youth who meet state residency requirements to pay in-state tuition costs at NJ state and county schools. The NJ Dream Act Coalition and other organizations are spear heading this effort.

NJ Youth United Against War And Imperialism supports the efforts of NJ Dream Act Coalition in its demand for In-State tuition as well as the other immigrant advocacy organizations around the state. We call for an end to the raids and deportations, the end to S-COMM and the halting of the construction of the new detention facility in Essex County

We have worked with NJ Unidad Latina En Accion to help promote the May Day Immigrant Rights march and rally they organized in Hightstown, NJ where we debuted the banner we painted with the slogans: "Workers Solidarity Has No Borders! Stop the Raids and Deportations! Amnesty for All Now!"

To all youth, citizen or resident, with papers or not, let's join forces. Attacks on immigrants are attacks on all. We are undivided by borders and treating immigrants like criminals. Through unity our generation will rise. [**Information from a paper by Marisol Conde-Hernandez was used in this article.**]

This interview is with Lisa Grab of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at Montclair State University who recently participated in the Occupy Wall Street (OWS) protest:

YO: What is the concept of "occupation"?

The occupation is modeled after the uprisings in the Middle East, where people would claim an area and not leave until their demands are met. A huge part of the occupation is the reclaiming and redefining of public space, which symbolizes giving a voice, decision, and democratic rights to "the 99%." . . . There is artwork and signs everywhere expressing political beliefs, philosophies, and visions of a more beautiful and just planet. They have drum circles where people dance around and chant—a free and nonmaterial way to celebrate life. They have workshops that educate people. They have a library, a kitchen, a medic team, information desks, and people who offer free hugs. . . .

YO: What are some of the issues of OWS?

OWS is concerned with a broad range of issues, most of which come from a root cause: corporate greed and a lack of democracy in America. There are many college students who are concerned about the debt they have piling up; workers, who are losing their union rights to collectively bargain; high school students, who see how education is becoming more and more of a business that produces test scores; the unemployed, who are unable to find a job. Everyone seems to oppose the wars, and believe the trillions of dollars spent on war should be moved to provide social services to the 99% who are suffering. There is a great sense of solidarity between the movement on Wall Street (and the other occupations across the US) and the protests going on all over the world.

YO: What are the tactics and strategies?

Overall, the biggest strategy is to remain peaceful and nonviolent to retain respect and

positive publicity for the movement. The Internet, which is always accessible through the "media center" at Occupy Wall Street, is also a good tool for organizing. Facebook and Twitter are used to broadcast news, send photos, and ask for donations when needed. Additionally, there is always a live stream of what is going on so anyone with Internet access can watch it.

The protesters also have the "people's mic" to make up for the banned sound equipment. The "people's mic" works when everyone within hearing range of the speaker repeats what they say; everyone within hearing range of the next group repeats it to the crowds behind them—until everyone hears it. Although sometimes tedious, the "people's mic" can be a powerful tool for retaining the attention of the audience and showing the solidarity and unity of the crowd to anyone who is passing by.

YO: How much focus is there on ending the wars and imperialism there?

There seems to be a significant focus on this. War and imperialism are one of the main focuses of the movement.

YO: Will OWS incorporate issues like immigrant rights, youth incarceration and other concerns to encourage greater diversity?

Yes, they definitely will be able to incorporate these concerns. Occupy Wall Street has multiple marches and workshops every week geared toward different concerns. If something is lacking, I think it is because they are lacking the organizers for it, but would be welcoming to any suggestions promoting social justice and democracy. If anyone has any ideas, I suggest they come to the occupation, talk to people, and try to organize something!

YO: What role are youth playing?

Youth are extremely involved in this movement. It proves that youth are engaged in the struggles happening all over the world. The growing popularity of the occupation movement is leading to greater youth empowerment.

Proponemos Rock Contra las Redadas! El evento contará con multi-cultural de los jóvenes actuaciones musicales. Si está interesado en ayudar a este evento, contáctenos inmediatamente.

We are planning a Rock Against the Raids, a youth concert with multi cultural youth provided music. Those interested in making this happen should contact us immediately. (908) 635-3285 NJYU@NJYouthUnited.org

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pero cuyos padres faltan de documentos. También, colegios de estado y privados de NJ les aplica la ley de NJ que cobrar precios de la instrucción "fuera de estado" para estudiantes sin documentos aunque satisficieran los requisitos para el precio de la instrucción en estado.

Además, muchos jóvenes van por el rito de iniciación de sacar sus licencias de manejar cuando se cumplen 17 o 18, pero no es verdad para jóvenes sin documentos en NJ quien son prohibidos de manejar.

Bajo del gobierno de Obama, los EEUU escalado el uso de detención y deportación baja del programa de S-COMM (Comunidades Seguras). El programa tiene como intención de deportar los criminales, pero muchos de esos que están deportados no cometían ninguna ofensa. NJ está ubicando una nueva facilidad de detención en Essex County que aumentará el número de prisioneros.

NJ inmigrantes jóvenes y aliados dirigen un movimiento en NJ con la demanda para permitir los jóvenes sin documentos quien satisficieran los requisitos de residencia del estado a pagar costos de instrucción en-estado en escuelas de estado y condado de NJ. La Coalición de la Ley de Sueño de NJ y otro organizaciones están encabezando este

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CIA - NYPD Targets NJ's Muslim Community

by Waqas Malik

Since September 11th, 2001 government and media has blurred the line between terrorism and Islam. Backed by racist politicians, media-spin and paranoia, some Americans seem ready to give up their liberties supposedly to avoid future attacks. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), never a strong supporter of immigrants or ethnic groups, has gone beyond its authoritative powers by targeting Muslim neighborhoods in New York City and New Jersey. Their alliance with the NYPD (New York Police Department) has created an aggressive entity that ignores human rights, by claiming evidence of foreign spies and terrorists in and around the area. Not since the police force's racial profiling of African-Americans has a community been so blatantly targeted. It was even discovered, unknown to local police or the FBI that the NYPD was running a secret spying operation out of an apartment rented in New Brunswick NJ where it monitored local mosques and those of Islamic faith.

It has been ten years since a terrorist attack has occurred on American soil. Yet the federal government continues to give more than \$1.6 billion to fight a non-existent threat. This does not include the billions spent on national homeland security and the build up of police equipment, weapons, and vehicles. "A report in January by the Homeland Security inspector general found that the NYPD violated state and federal contracting rules between 2006 and 2008 by buying more than \$4 million in equipment through a no-bid process"

Does it make sense that the 9/11 hijackers were foreigners from Saudi Arabia, yet the CIA wants us to believe that the Wahhabi and Al-Qaeda operatives are training American youth, in mosques and Islamic Centers? Wahabists are less than 4% of the world's Muslims around the world and less than 2% of them are considered "extremists." There are only 750 people who are part of Al-Qaeda. As an affiliate of the Islamic Center in Rockaway, I've been to and seen how Islamic organizations around NJ

and NY operate, and they are a far cry from the stereotyped "towel-headed," haters of Christian infidels.

Only recently have Muslims gained recognition and influence through the media, thus some feel that the US is "being taken-over and threatened by immigrants." Worse is the support from the Tea Party and extreme conservatives. It is funny since ALL American citizens are immigrants besides Native-Americans and descendants of enslaved.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations has an investigation of the NYPD's unconventional tactics. Spokesperson for the NYPD Paul Brownes says "the NYPD is doing everything it can to make sure there's not another 9/11 here and that more innocent New Yorkers are not killed by terrorists." I agree with public safety, but wouldn't it be wise to find solid evidence and details of suspected perpetrators instead of making assumptions?

Just because someone wears a turban doesn't make one a terrorist, and just because someone wears a turban doesn't even make them a Muslim (most are Sikhs, followers of Sikhism).

By wire-tapping, hidden cameras, and unwarranted arrests, officers are becoming more like the secret police of totalitarian dictatorships than a "democracy." The scary part is that residents aren't aware that their rights have been taken away, since authorities rarely disclose their procedures.

One man has been boosting the department's influence. David Cohen, a retired CIA operative, was hired to revamp the NYPD, creating a system of mapping out Middle Eastern and Pakistani neighborhoods, "human-mapping," using officers of similar ethnicity to spy on civilians, and arrest people with no proof of criminal suspicions. Secret squads have been set in neighborhoods to monitor stores, restaurants, and places of worship, with the hope of finding proof of "radical" activity, and shut them down, on grounds of terrorism. "Rakers" or "Mosque-crawlers," who keep a low-profile, have been implemented to visit Muslim

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