

SMASH RACISM

TORIES OUT!

JOBS, HOMES AND SERVICES FOR ALL!

- BUILD THE STRIKE WAVE
- FIGHT FOR A NEW MASS WORKERS' PARTY

- Defend the right to asylum – with democratic community control of emergency funding and resources. No to racist immigration laws
- Build a united struggle for jobs, homes, and services for all. For councils to set no-cuts budgets based on what our community needs – not what the Tories want to give us
- Homes for all! Take over the empty homes, build council homes, cap rents and stop evictions
- Support the strikes! Fight for above-inflation pay rises for all. Pay rises in the public sector must be fully funded
- Save our NHS - end privatisation and fully fund the health service
- No more austerity - reject council cuts and tax rises
- Tories Out! Starmer's New Labour doesn't speak for us, so fight for a new working-class party
- Nationalise rail, mail, energy and utilities under democratic working-class control and management, with compensation only on the basis of proven need
- Take the wealth off the super-rich. For a socialist alternative to capitalism's poverty and crisis, war and environmental destruction.

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The Tories are attempting to stir racist division in communities at a time when workers are uniting in a fightback against the cost of living crisis. This is not a coincidence!

The introduction of their Illegal Migration Bill is the latest attempt to scapegoat refugees. With right-wing propaganda and legislation the Tories are trying to blame migrants for the lack of housing and the strain on public services their pro-capitalist policies have caused.

Even the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) report agrees with socialists when we say that war, conflicts, repressive regimes, attacks on human rights and environmental disasters are the reasons for this large number of people being displaced. Let's be clear, no one just decides to be displaced or become a refugee. It's not a choice: it's desperate people taking life-threatening journeys to have a life. No person in that situation should be made to feel like it's their fault.

The Tories know that the introduction of this bill will not stop desperate people trying to flee to Britain. This is a cynical and very deliberate attempt to set the news agenda for prime minister Rishi Sunak and home secretary Suella Braverman.

Their aim is to break down the working-class unity being built against the Tories. The Tory divide-and-rule attempts must be opposed and the right to jobs, homes and services for all as well as the right to asylum fought for alongside the fight for wages we can live on.

It's clear far-right racist extremists feel emboldened under the Tories to carry out anti-migrant attacks. The attempted attacks on hotels housing asylum seekers in Kirkby and elsewhere are only the most recent in a string of racist attacks and attempts at intimidation. We

also saw the attempted petrol bombing of an asylum centre in Dover last year.

How do we fight to smash racism?

The fight against racism has to include the fight against the conditions that allow racism to flourish.

The potential for a united trade union campaign for jobs, homes and services for all couldn't be clearer, and would be the most effective way of building a movement to cut across the still at present relatively small support for the far right.

Such a campaign should also demand the resources our local councils need in order to meet the needs of both refugees and the existing population.

Working-class people need a political voice

The fight against racism in our local communities, workplaces and places of education must be linked to a political campaign against the divisive, racist politics of the Tories. But the question is what political alternative exists to the pro-austerity parties who agree with attacking the conditions of workers and refugees?

It is becoming more and more clear that Starmer's Labour is no alternative. Labour Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves has called on the Tories to step up deportations! That's because Starmer's Labour also defends the idea that working-class people should pay for the crisis while the rich get richer.

A starting point would be standing workers' candidates in the local elections and the next general election. This is due by the end of 2024 but could be much sooner. If only a fraction of those workers currently on strike were to stand

as workers' candidates, this would help lay the groundwork for building the political party workers will need on their side in the important battles to come.

This would be a big step forwards in the fight against racism right across society. But racist division is inherent within capitalism – a system where wealth is hoarded at the top of society by the super-rich who tell the rest of us to fight amongst ourselves for the remaining crumbs!

Recent analysis of the top 350 companies listed on the London Stock Exchange carried out by Unite the Union, showed that the average profit margins of these 350 companies rose by 89% between the first half of 2019 and 2022.

As Malcolm X explained over 50 years ago; “you can't have capitalism without racism”.

That's why we fight for a fundamental, socialist transformation of society. We fight for the nationalisation of the banks and major industries under democratic workers' control and management so we can begin to run society in the interests of the majority – to provide decent jobs, services and housing for all.

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