



Forum: How do we Fight Repression

And Win?

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WHAT IS POLITICAL REPRESSION? WHY DO WE NEED TO FIGHT REPRESSION AND WIN?

Political repression occurs when someone becomes a threat to the status quo and the state suppresses their dissent, either with criminal charges or brute force. Repression not only attempts to silence individuals but also serves to scare others into shutting up and backing down.

People are understandably scared of repression, and it's okay. The risk is real. But instead of trying to guarantee people's comfort and safety, we need to get good at not only dealing with repression but turning it around on the oppressors and strike back at them every time they try and scare us into shutting up.

MARIMAR MARTINEZ FACED REPRESSION FOR RESISTING ICE AND WON!

In October 2025, Marimar was shot five times by Border Patrol Nazi Charles Exum in Brighton Park, IL, after she followed their vehicle and alerted people in the neighborhood that federal agents were in the area. Marimar was charged with assaulting and impeding the operations of Exum and other federal officers, smeared in the media, taken into custody, and offered a deal that she refused, only for the case to be later dismissed when prosecutors realized ICE agents were covering up key evidence. **Marimar stood up to ICE and faced brutal retaliation for her defiance, but she stood firm and won.** Now Marimar is going on the offensive by pursuing a civil suit against Exum and leading calls to charge him and the other agents responsible for her shooting.

IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN DILLEY STOOD UP!

On Jan 24, about 1,500 immigrants (80% of the population) protested at South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley behind the prison walls, demanding "Libertad para los niños!" and "Let us out, let us out!" Despite risking further repression in detention, immigrant families showed immense courage and demanded their freedom. **Immigrants locked up in Dilley showed how even those facing the highest risks can stand up against ICE!**

ON FEB 28TH LET'S STRATEGIZE ON HOW TO FIGHT REPRESSION!

Marimar and Dilley families are examples of resistance and bravery in the face of brutal repression that we should celebrate and model. On February 28th, Dare to Struggle is inviting those who want to smash the deportation machine, people who have experience fighting repression, and immigrants fearing deportations to come together to develop an organized strategy against political repression that can have a national impact. **By fighting repression, we can build a culture of resistance and show those in power we are not afraid! Share your story! Join the fight!**

**¡NO TENEMOS MIEDO!
WE ARE NOT AFRAID!**

**¡LIBERTAD PARA LOS SECUESTRADOS!
FREEDOM FOR THE KIDNAPPED!**

**¡ALTO CON LAS DEPORTACIONES!
STOP THE DEPORTATIONS!**

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