

STATEMENT FROM THE RAZA PRESS AND MEDIA ASSOCIATION

Stop The Fascism and Racism In Arizona

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TO PROGRESSIVE MEDIA WORKERS, SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUPS, AND LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS:

On Friday, April 23, 2010, Governor Jan Brewer of Arizona (land stolen and under illegal U.S. occupation), signed Senate Bill 1070 into law. It will give local and state law enforcement personnel the authority to stop anyone, anywhere, to demand proof of citizenship based only on “*reasonable suspicion*”. Senate Bill 1070 requires police to check for proof of status documentation from anyone who is suspected of being in Arizona “*illegally*”, and obligates them to arrest those not producing it. Furthermore, this law provides further encouragement to racist-vigilante groups like the Ku Klux Klan, Minutemen, and other like groups, to escalate their violent attacks against Raza men, women, and children.

The passage of SB 1070 should surprise no one. History is clear that the displacement of Mexicanos/Indigenous peoples from our lands and exploitation of our labor by White/Europeans in the Southwestern U.S. states (stolen from Mexico) for over 160 years has been made possible by the terrorizing and murder of Mexicanos and other non-Europeans. The white workers, in the majority, have been duped by the ideology of “white supremacy” (racism) or have become willing collaborators in our oppression as a way of holding on to the stolen resources and land upon which they currently live.

It is our responsibility to inform and raise the consciousness of our communities to the reality that it doesn’t matter if you were born on “this side” or the other side of the “border”, a large sector of the White/European population hate us and will do anything in their power to keep us from living in peace and as human beings. This is what SB 1070 is all about.

Therefore, we support all forms and means of resistance that Raza in Arizona, or any part of occupied America, use to protect our human rights and the safety of our families. Our position is clear, there can be no peace without justice.

WE DEMAND:

- Immediate repeal of SB 1070.
- End to all forms of oppression of Mexicanos and other non-European peoples.
- That Sheriff-pig Joe Arpaio, Governor Jan Brewer, and the major supporters of SB 1070, be arrested and brought to trial for crimes against humanity.

WE CALL UPON:

- All Raza media workers to join the struggle to expose to the world the racist oppressive nature of the U.S. ruling class, hypocrisy of the U.S Government, and deep seated racism found in U.S. society in general.
- All Raza groups and individuals who are serious about defending the rights of our communities to join militant, disciplined, and anti-colonial/capitalist organizations, as this is the only way to end oppression and achieve our liberation.
- All Progressives and Revolutionaries of the international community to support our struggle against racism/oppression of Raza in Arizona and throughout the U.S.

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