

## Summing Up the April 5 Rallies

The wave of Hands Off rallies on April 5, 2025 confirmed that where there is oppression, there will be fightback. Across the country several hundred thousand people came out to shout No! to attacks on our trade union rights, our Social Security, our health care, on our fellow federal workers who make these programs work, and on the science that creates vaccines.

Demonstrators packed twenty blocks of Manhattan. They filled the plaza in front of Oakland, California city hall. They rallied in cities big and small.

The anger no longer respects the usual political dividing lines. It has erupted in districts where voters tried Trump after suffering the Democrats' inflation. Republican congresspersons have been shouted down at their town halls. In an Oregon county that went 68 percent for Trump, the crowd shouted, "Tax Elon," "Tax the wealthy," "Tax the rich," and "Tax the billionaires." When a representative in Indiana mentioned Social Security "adjustments," a roar of protest silenced her.

Rallies in some smaller cities and around particular schools and workplaces were militant about fighting ICE raids. When people know each other in daily work, they see their common humanity and respond.

The April 5 events were called by Indivisible, a fake mass organization run by Democratic Party operatives. The executive director was previously a policy man for a Democratic congressperson. Indivisible did all it could to make "democracy" the theme of the rallies, the liberal capitalist alternative to open

fascism. Its plan is to repeat rallies like April 5 until the 2026 elections.

But the capitalist republic of the last 250 years is broken for good. There is no going back. Whatever happens to Trump, the ruling capitalist class can no longer work out their problems with constitutional politeness. Their solution for working people is more suffering, more insecurity, and war against other imperialists. The only way out is forward to communism, a state of the working class, by the working class, and for the working class. Together we will replace capitalist oppression with communist liberation.