When workers stand together and demand better wages and working conditions, which is their only chance for survival, corporations will look elsewhere for cheaper labor - to the unorganized regions of the world. Or they will import unorganized labor - recruit foreign workers, whom they discriminate against in order to keep under-paid. The competition for jobs from the unorganized workers will bring down wages until the workers are brought into the unions and their standards are improved. Then the cycle repeats.

A vicious cycle.

The two-fold problem of "illegal aliens" and "runaway shops" is caused by this system, imperialism, a development of capitalism, and imperialism's constant search for more profits.

The real solution for the working class for these problems is to eliminate all competition among workers. But this cannot be done as long as there are capitalists who must increase their profit rates in order to "stay in business." This cannot be done under the capitalist system in which corporations own and therefore have full rein over the tools of production and can control and determine production.

The only real solution for the working class is to get rid of this system entirely, and replace it with a new system, socialism, in which the working class controls society and runs it in the interest of the vast majority of people - the workers.

the american workers party: who we are

The American Workers Party is an American communist organization.

We believe that the American working class is at odds with the capitalist class on every major issue because the basic problems of the working class cannot be solved under capitalism.

We believe that capitalism cannot provide a safe, productive, meaningful life for all, and that the continued existence of capitalism is increasingly dangerous to the world's people.

The American Workers Party is a political organization based on democratic principles and disciplined methods which seeks to join with other political organizations to unite the working class - men and women, black, white and Hispanic, young and old - in its fight against the injustices of the capitalist system.