

# NO ONE IS ILLEGAL

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## General Election 2015 Immigration Controls? It's a Mug's Game!

### IMMIGRATION IMMIGRATION IMMIGRATION!

This is what the politicians are all talking about, as if migration was a problem, or even THE problem facing people today. They say that there needs to be a 'conversation' about immigration, that 'we need to listen to these concerns'. But day after day, week after week, they have this 'conversation' in a negative way, scapegoating migrants.

The three major parties - Tories, Labour and Lib-Dems - all say that they will:

- Make it more difficult for migrants to get benefits and services - not allowing them to claim benefits unless they have been here for a number of years (a different number depending which party) and only allowing them to claim them for a short time. This will, of course, mean that migrants will be even more vulnerable to super-exploitation by employers without that welfare safety net, undermining wages and conditions of all of us and yet these same parties make lots of noise about stopping exploitation of migrants.
- Make controls even more strict than before
- Increase 'internal controls' - making public sector workers spies for the Home Office. In the case of the Tories, already rolling out a programme whereby landlords have to check tenant's immigration status. This policy will actively encourage landlords to racially discriminate - turning away people they think they will have to investigate and taking in white Brits only.

- Pick and choose the migrants on the basis of what suites British capitalism, caring nothing for the needs and aspirations of migrants themselves. Labour makes it clear "Labour's plan will bring in smarter controls to get investors and entrepreneurs who bring billions into Britain, but restrict low-skilled migration" Ed Milliband. In other words, let in the richer migrants and keep out the poor! What kind of socialism is that?

All this and more is creating greater division in our communities and in our work places, stirring up hatred, feeding organisations such as UKIP, far-right and fascist parties, whilst trying to appease them. You won't hear them talking about unlimited detention and the appalling conditions in the immigration detention centres. You will hear them talk about 'benefit tourism'. But look at the reality. Thousands of people drowning in the Mediterranean every year - Benefit Tourism!!?

But set against all this there is resistance. First and foremost by the migrants themselves. There have been uprisings and hunger strikes throughout Britain in the immigration detention centres. There are migrants getting unionised, taking industrial action, against for example, cleaning agencies for a living wage.

There are organisations such as ourselves who are trying to fight back in solidarity with migrants and against the whole notion of 'illegal immigrants'!

- Get involved. Contact us at [info@noii.org.uk](mailto:info@noii.org.uk), website [www.noii.org.uk](http://www.noii.org.uk).



### Questions to Ask Your Candidates at hustings, in meetings or on your door step

- Do you think that you should be allowed to live anywhere in the world? So what about migrants from other countries?
- Do you agree that nobody should be illegal because of where they are born, where their parents were born, what language you speak?
- Do you therefore oppose all laws that makes people illegal immigrants?
- Will you raise your voice in opposition to indefinite detention and campaign to close all immigration detention centres?
- Will you challenge the inequalities in benefit entitlements between migrants and others in this country?
- Do you agree with double punishment for foreign national criminals - that they serve their sentence like everyone else, but then get torn away from their families and communities and deported?

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## 'LET THEM DROWN!'



"We do not support planned search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean. We believe that they create an unintended 'pull factor' encouraging migrants to attempt the dangerous sea crossing and thereby lead to more tragic and unnecessary deaths".

Lady Anelay on behalf of the ConDem Govt, 2014



"Frankly they should sink several of the boats"

Nick Griffin 2009

## JIMMY MUBENGA JUSTICE DENIED

On 12 October 2012 Jimmy Mubenga was killed by asphyxiation by three G4S security guards - Terence Hughes, Colin Kaler and Stuart Tibeinig. They were restraining him on an aeroplane trying to deport him to Angola. People on the plane heard Jimmy cry out that he could not breathe but they continued to restrain him in a dangerous, and it turned out, a fatal position. When they were taken off the plane they were allowed to sit together in a cell writing down their accounts of what happened.

Jimmy left behind his wife and four children in Redbridge. The family, friends and supporters naturally campaigned for the guards to be prosecuted for murder or manslaughter and G4S itself to be prosecuted for corporate manslaughter. The Crown Prosecution Service looked into it but did not proceed.

However in an intense inquest into the death the inquest jury brought in a verdict of unlawful killing. After the inquest the Coroner wrote a detailed and damning report. This included the important evidence that the G4S guards had racist material on their mobile phones - awful racist 'jokes'.

Yet despite this the Crown Prosecution Service still dragged their feet until finally, at the end of last 2014, the three guards were put on trial at the Old Bailey. But the Judge decided not to allow the jury to see some of the evidence. In particular:

- The unlawful killing verdict at the inquest
- The racist texts on the mobile phones

The guards were all found **NOT GUILTY**. So we have an anomalous position. On the one hand the courts have decided that it was an unlawful killing and yet nobody has been found responsible - neither the guards or G4S. On anybody's definition there has been no justice.

In 2011 G4S whistle-blowers told the parliamentary Home Affairs Committee concerns about the use of dangerous restraints on deportees. No charges have been brought against this huge company that is set to run police custody suites and act as landlords of asylum seekers.

Jimmy's family join all those who have lost loved ones held in custody by the authorities or those, like G4S are, contracted by the State to detain and deport people.

## I DON'T WANT A PRISON GUARD AS MY LANDLORD

**Group 4 Security (G4S) lost the Home Office contract to deport asylum seekers after Jimmy Mubenga died while being 'escorted' by G4S guards on a forced deportation to Angola in 2010.** One year later, when asylum housing was fully privatised, G4S were handed £620 million of public money to house people seeking asylum in Yorkshire and the Midlands for 7 years. G4S had no previous experience of housing and were best known to people seeking asylum as the company that locked them in detention centres, transported them to deportation flights or 'escorted' them while being forcibly deported.

As one Zimbabwean asylum seeker said "I Don't Want a Prison Guard As My landlord" Serco (infamous for running Yarl's Wood detention centre) and Reliance, another security company, were given the rest of the biggest ever Home Office contract - their record has been as poor as that of G4S.

## PADDINGTON DEPORTED

**Popular Paddington Bear was deported back to Peru yesterday.** He was arrested 6 months ago for being an illegal entrant under section 24 of the Immigration Act 1971, detained and now thrown out of the country. His friends thought that he could claim asylum but fleeing a natural disaster does not qualify him to become a refugee. His adopted family have campaigned for him but now Mr and Mrs Brown themselves are under investigation for "assisting unlawful immigration" and could face up to 14 years in prison.

We asked the Home Office for a statement but they said that they do not comment on individual cases.

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