



NO TO MILITARIZATION OF COMMUNITIES AND BORDERS **YES** TO COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION

WE DO NOT ACCEPT MILITARISM AS A SOLUTION TO MIGRATION

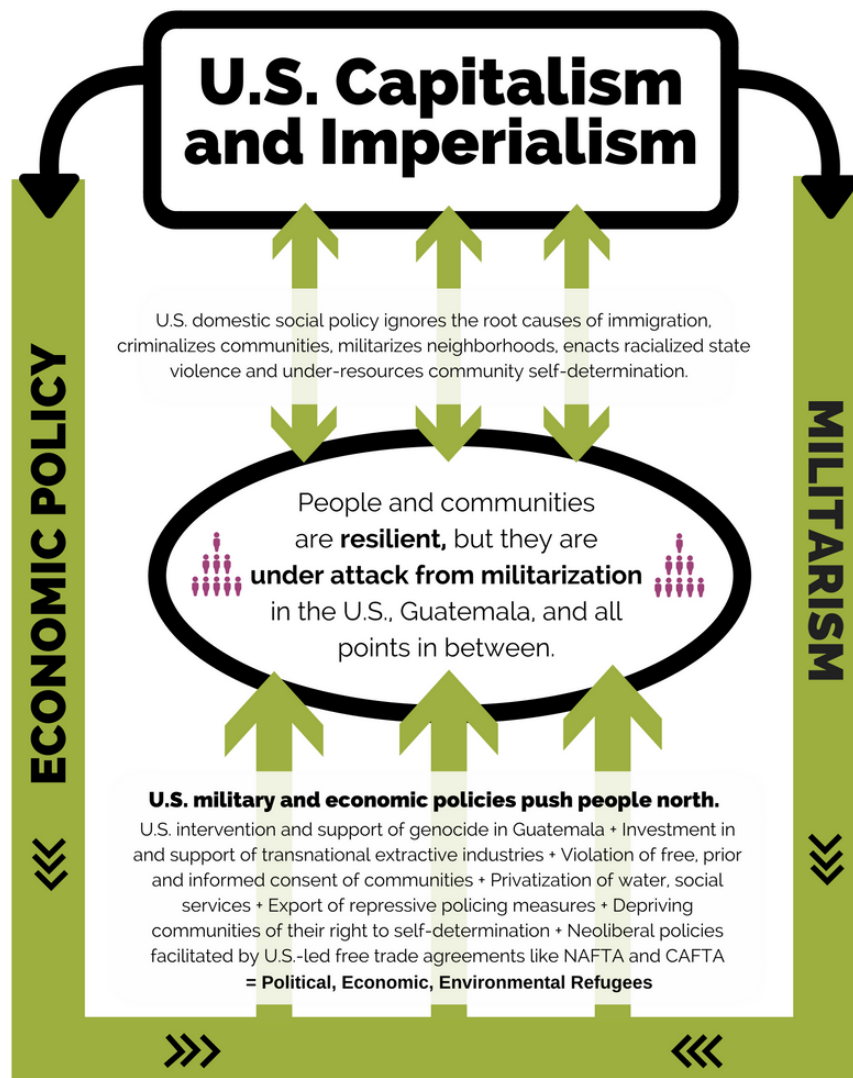
As the Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA), we believe that all of us have shared stakes with the people of Guatemala in the eradication of U.S. militarism in Central America. We know the same systems that work against human rights and social justice abroad also limit the possibilities for self-determination, justice, and accountability at home. Notably absent from U.S. discourse on im/migration, especially during an election year, is the U.S. government's role in creating the conditions of inter/national displacement through capitalist and imperialist domestic and foreign policy.

We join communities across the U.S. in denouncing militarization within and on our borders and **demand an end to detentions and deportations.** We need justice for militarist violence on a border that is being pushed further south and accountability for the policies that create political, economic, and environmental refugees by making communities unsafe.

How does this happen?

U.S. domestic social policy divests from communities and invests in militarization. The U.S. exports this model as foreign policy through war, occupation, training for international police departments, and neoliberal "development" or free trade agreements.

The U.S. border is effectively pushed south into Mexico and Guatemala, creating a militarized zone from the U.S. into Central America. This is instrumentalized by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), police, and border industries, and agreements such as Plan Mérida and the Alliance for Prosperity, which finance militarized security plans in Mexico and Central America. Private interests motivated by profit benefit at every stage of this process.



The Alliance for Prosperity: prosperity for whom?

Over the next year, the U.S. will allocate \$750 million to countries in Central America in the name of tackling corruption, increasing security, and addressing the root causes of migration. Yet human rights organizations are denouncing the plan as an initiative to further militarize the police and protect U.S. economic interests.

"The Alliance for Prosperity is framed as an anti-immigration plan that seeks to curb immigration through economic growth and competition by deepening the neoliberal economic model that is based on resource extraction. The United States isn't just supporting governments through security policies and attacks against corruption, but is mobilizing contingents to guarantee security for their own megadevelopment investments.

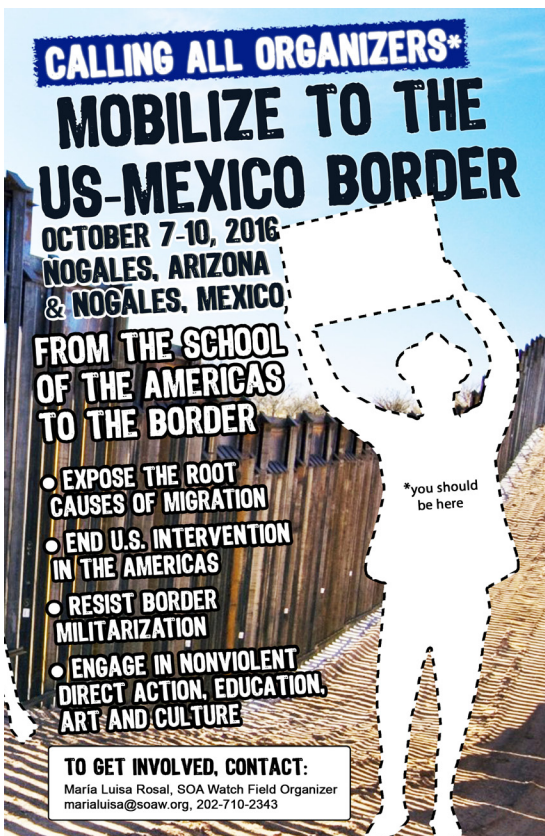
The main people affected are the same as always: migrants, workers, and communities."

- Fernando Solis, investigative journalist with El Observador



Take ACTION against militarism!

Join us at the border



This October, NISGUA will join other activists at the School of the Americas Watch Convergence at the U.S.-Mexico border to denounce ongoing U.S. militarism in Latin America. We'll be joined by our tour speaker, Maudí Tzay, a community psychologist with ECAP, whose work brings healing to movements for justice. Maudí will talk about the emblematic case of Sepur Zarco, in which she accompanied women survivors of sexual slavery in the first case in the Americas to recognize sexual violence as a crime against humanity—violence promoted by many of the high-ranking military officers trained at the School of the Americas.

#StopUrbanShield

Urban Shield is an annual international SWAT team training, war games and weapons expo to share new forms of state repression and violence. This year's expo is taking place in Pleasanton, CA and NISGUA is mobilizing in the Bay Area to stop it. Learn more and join us! stopurbanshield.org

"The Stop Urban Shield coalition resists the globalization of police repression to stifle community self-determination movements and militarize daily life. We are working to end Urban Shield, and to build up strong and stable communities." - Mohamed Shekh, Critical Resistance Oakland