DEPORTED: MASS DEPORTATION AND GLOBAL CAPITALISM

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Eric: Suspected, Arrested, Deported
Eric and the neoliberal cycle

- Privatization
- Global inequality & outsourcing
- Enhanced enforcement arm
- Low wage work
- Cutbacks in social services
In 2012, the United States DHS deported 400,000 people, more than double the number deported in 2002, and more than the entire decade of the 1980s.
By 2014 President Obama will have deported over 2 million people - more in six years than all people deported before 1997.

Removals, 1892-2012
Who is expendable?

98% of deportees are from Latin America and the Caribbean.

88% of deportees are men.
Why is mass deportation happening?

Why now?
Neoliberalism

1) Deregulation
2) privatization of public enterprise
3) trade liberalization
4) promotion of foreign direct investment
5) tax cuts
6) reduction in public expenditures
Neoliberalism and Emigration

0 In the 1980s, developing countries around the world implemented neoliberal reforms – often at the behest of the IMF and the World Bank.

0 Neoliberal reforms were designed to integrate these countries into the global economy.

0 Economic changes led to increased emigration.
Neoliberalism and Immigration

0 Neoliberal reforms in the United States:
   0 Manufacturing jobs sent abroad.
   0 Expansion of service sector.
   0 Rising inequality.
Neoliberalism and Social Control

“The U.S. designed welfare policies and the War on Drugs, not to protect the poor, but to transform them into “compliant workers fit or forced to fill the peripheral slots of the deregulated labor market” (Wacquant 2009)

0 “The coercive arm of the state is augmented to protect corporate interests and, if necessary, to repress dissent” (Harvey, 2005)
Neoliberalism & social control.
Neoliberalism
Social Control, & Deportation

Filipino and other deportees in shackles line up to board chartered plane in Seattle, Washington for the flight home to their respective countries in Southeast Asia. (ICE Photo)
Deportation of men has escalated alongside male unemployment.
Neoliberalism – here and abroad

Economic Restructuring in the United States

Structural Adjustment in the Third World

Enhancement in the coercive arm of the state

Migration

Mass incarceration

Deportation
Why should we care?

An understanding of contemporary neoliberalism requires a critical examination of mass deportation.

- Deportation as social control.
- New class of expendable workers.