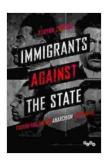
# Immigrants Against the State: A History of Resistance and Struggle

Immigrants have a long and proud history of resisting state oppression and fighting for their rights. From the early days of the United States, when undocumented immigrants helped to build the country, to the present day, when immigrants continue to fight for their rights and dignity, they have faced challenges and overcome obstacles with courage and determination.



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In the early days of the United States, undocumented immigrants were often seen as a threat to the country. They were accused of taking jobs from American workers and of being a drain on resources. In response, the government passed a series of laws that made it more difficult for undocumented immigrants to live and work in the United States. These laws included the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which barred Chinese workers from entering the country, and the Immigration Act of 1924, which established a quota system that limited the number of immigrants from certain countries.

Despite these laws, undocumented immigrants continued to come to the United States in search of a better life. They worked in low-paying jobs, often in dangerous conditions, and they often lived in fear of being deported. But they also fought back against the state oppression they faced. They organized protests and strikes, and they lobbied for changes in the law. In 1965, the Immigration and Nationality Act was passed, which abolished the quota system and made it easier for undocumented immigrants to become legal residents.

In recent years, undocumented immigrants have faced a new wave of state oppression. In 2017, President Trump signed an executive order that increased the number of deportations and made it more difficult for undocumented immigrants to obtain asylum. In response, immigrants have organized a new wave of resistance. They have held protests and marches, and they have lobbied for changes in the law. They have also created sanctuary cities, which are cities that refuse to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement.

The history of immigrant resistance in the United States is a story of courage, determination, and resilience. Undocumented immigrants have faced challenges and overcome obstacles with courage and determination. They have fought for their rights and dignity, and they have made the United States a more just and compassionate country.

#### **Examples of Immigrant Resistance**

There are many examples of immigrant resistance throughout history. Here are a few:

- In 1903, Chinese immigrants in San Francisco organized a successful strike against the Chinese Exclusion Act.
- In 1913, Mexican immigrants in Los Angeles organized a protest against the Immigration Act of 1924.
- In 1965, undocumented immigrants in New York City organized a rent strike to protest against slum conditions.
- In 2006, undocumented immigrants in Chicago organized a march to protest against the Secure Fence Act.
- In 2017, undocumented immigrants in San Francisco organized a sanctuary city movement to protect themselves from deportation.

#### The Future of Immigrant Resistance

The future of immigrant resistance is uncertain. The Trump administration has made it clear that it is committed to deporting undocumented immigrants and making it more difficult for them to live and work in the United States. But immigrants are not giving up. They are continuing to organize and fight for their rights. They are creating sanctuary cities, lobbying for changes in the law, and protesting against the Trump administration's policies. The future of immigrant resistance is in the hands of immigrants themselves. They have a long history of fighting for their rights, and they are not going to give up now.

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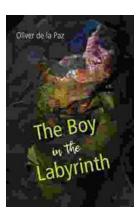
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