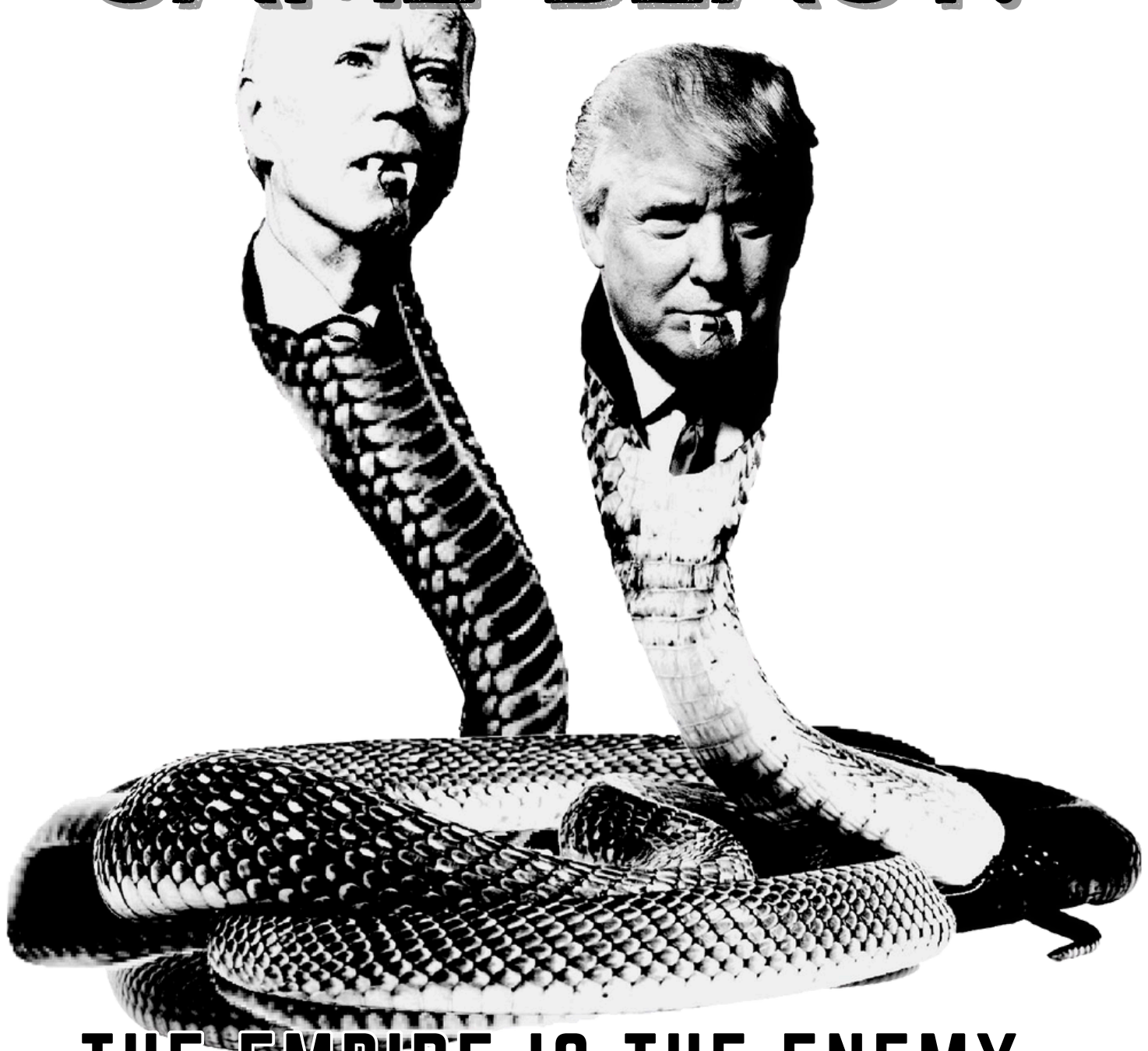


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STATEMENT ON THE INAUGURATION OF DONALD TRUMP 1/20/25

For more than a year now, the destruction of medical facilities, the extermination of entire families, and the slaughter of children has been the reality for people in Gaza, all of that death and destruction facilitated by the United States, and by the Biden-Harris administration.

We have no pretense that Donald Trump will represent anything other than a different flavor of US imperialism, a new head on the same beast. While Trump occasionally claims to be an opponent of certain US wars, under his first administration, US drone strikes reigned down, white phosphorus was dropped on Syria, US-made bombs supplied the Saudi destruction of Yemen, and economic sanctions strangled Venezuela and Nicaragua. Trump wrote the same blank check to Israel that all US presidents have for decades.

What binds all of the standard bearers of both parties together is a shared commitment to keeping US imperialism as the top-dog empire in the world, no matter what the cost in human lives, no matter how many genocides they commit, or countries they destroy. From Biden's cowardly refusal to enforce U.S. Law requiring halt of weapons to Israel in the wake of clear human rights violations, to Trump's "America First" nationalism, allegiance to US imperialism explains the bi-partisan commitment to Israel's genocide, terrorist occupation of Palestine, and expansion of the war into Yemen, Lebanon, Syria, and Iran.

Like Biden, Trump understands that Israel's murderous occupation is integral to maintaining US domination of the whole world: to disciplining the nations and peoples that step out of line of the US-dominated order, to ensuring the smooth flow of commodities, and to prop up their proxies in the middle east and North Africa.

Following Trump's inauguration, the same political forces that have worked overtime in the last year to keep the Palestine protest movement confined in routinized protest and tied to the Democratic party will attempt to seize this moment to line their pocketbooks and hustle their dead-end schemes. Widespread disillusionment with electoral politics and politicians presents new opportunities, if there are people bold enough to seize them.

The most urgent task before us today is to unite all the people who can be united in mass resistance outside of the confines of electoral political and the tactics and strategies that are acceptable to rulers. To launch a new wave of bold and creative resistance that identifies clearly with the people of Palestine and the people of the world, and not US imperialism, and actually aims to disrupt and shut down the US-Israel war machine. To stop acquiescing to new waves of repression, stand with everyone who has come under attack for opposition to the genocide, and defend courageous resistance.

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