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## **“Immigrant, ¡Sí Se Puede!”**

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On Saturday, October 21st, Da Urban Butterflies and Allies attended the Immigrant Rights March at Union Square in New York City. As Da Urban Butterflies we feel that immigrants have come to this country to work and better our living conditions. We support immigrant rights because they are human rights.

For the most part, immigrants help the economy of this country, and in turn, they are exploited and blamed for the ills of our society. But the U.S government never goes in depth into analyzing the problem. The problem is that the U.S government goes into our countries-Third World countries- and steals the riches of our lands, our civil/political rights and our national employers/companies. The U.S is sold to us as a place of opportunities, and since our opportunities have been stolen from us in our own countries, we come here. We come to work and often are mistreated and even killed by organizations like the Minutemen.

In participating in marches one finds a lot of pride in being Latina, representing one's flag. I still don't understand though why so many people want to carry the U.S flag after all this country has done to other countries in the world. But I guess it is a way of assuring the people of the U.S. that we, the immigrants, are not the enemies. Is there any other way to reassure the U.S. population of this? I wouldn't know. What I do know is that the October 21st march was not all that I thought it would be. There wasn't a lot of people and we rallied for too long. But it was still a time to proudly say, “I am an immigrant, ¡Sí Se puede!”

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