



Mamdani Attacks Workers

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New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani is going after gig workers. To do his dirty work, the mayor is using holdovers from the Biden administration (who oppose independent contractors), [reports](#) C. Jarrett Dieterle at *Reason* magazine.

The boss of New York City's Department of Consumer and Work Protection is Sam Levine, who during his tenure at the Federal Trade Commission was a follower of anti-business FTC chair Lina Khan.

The "Deputy Mayor for Economic Justice," one Julie Su, was Acting Secretary of Labor under Biden. She has warned delivery apps—the apps that make it easier for

gig workers to get jobs and get paid—that they had better "comply with worker protections."

Su is [suing](#) delivery service Motoclick for "ignoring the minimum pay rate." Also at issue are other sins that amount to contracting with independent contractors who, of course, use Motoclick's app voluntarily and can stop whenever they find the terms not in their interest. She wants (a) millions in damages for the workers and (b) "to shut the company down completely."

The Mamdani administration has also "settled with" such gig enablers as UberEats, Fantuan, and Hungry Panda for millions of dollars for not treating independent contractors as hourly workers.

Reason points out that Mamdani's war on freelancers will be costly not only for gig workers and the companies that help them function but also for customers. "Just recently Instacart instituted a \$5.99 [regulatory response fee](#) due to a recent extension of NYC's minimum wage law to grocery deliverers."

Who will be next to be pummeled by commie Mamdani?

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