

Trump ran a campaign based on racism and misogyny, and now his dangerous words are becoming actions. He promised change but has filled his administration with the usual suspects: Wall Street billionaires, corrupt politicians, and even white supremacists like Steve Bannon and Senator Jeff Sessions.

Trump has called for mass deportations of undocumented immigrants, for attacking unions and workers' rights, for taking away a woman's right to control her body, and even for cutting climate-change research after 2016 will be the hottest year on record.

Nobody can afford to "give Trump a chance." This is why on Inauguration Day, January 20th, 2017, millions around the country are planning to launch a general strike: a full day of no work, no school, and no business-as-usual.

Strike with us on January 20th. Don't go to work and don't go to school. Strike to show solidarity, to build our collective strength, and to force the ruling class to listen to our demands. Spread the word and talk to your co-workers, classmates and neighbors. When millions of us refuse to comply with the system and take to the streets, we can win.

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**THIS IS THE BEGINNING**

We must fight systems of oppression together in our society. It is time to gather together and say NO to racist violence, NO to bigotry, NO to misogyny NO to religious intolerance, and NO to Trump.

**NO BUSINESS AS USUAL**

On the Day of Trump's Election, spontaneous protests broke out across the United States. People saw the danger represented in Trump's politics and refused to comply with business as usual. Out of those protests, a nationwide call has gone out for a General Strike on the day of the Presidential Inauguration, January 20th.

# WHAT IS A GENERAL STRIKE? WHY A GENERAL STRIKE?

A General Strike is a political action in which the general population refuses to engage in work, they close the doors to their workplaces and their schools. Born out of early 20th century labor movements, we can thank General Strikes for the 8 hour workday, minimum wage, and the weekend, among other accomplishments.

The General Strike is one of the strongest political tools that the people have at our disposal. General Strikes have the power to force governments to their knees. Just in these past few months: a General Strike forced the South Korean President to resign, a General Strike forced the Polish government to roll back restrictive anti-choice legislation.

Our political system only offers limited input for ordinary people in the form of voting and lobbying our "elected representatives." When it fails the people, we have little recourse to act within the system. A General Strike has the power to bring the system to a halt, to force those in power to hear the people.

In addition to the disruptive power of the General Strike, it is also a demonstration of solidarity. Trump won an election based on hate and fear. We seek to overcome that hate and fear with mutual respect and love. With Solidarity. By joining together in the General Strike we show that we are able to overcome a politics based on individualistic difference. We will stand together and defend each other in the face of misogynistic and racist attacks, cuts to social services, environmental catastrophe, and impoverishment.

Instead of being forced to rely on a broken system that only offers false choices between hatred and corruption, by striking we show that we are ready and able to build a new order. One that is not based on hate, fear, and profit, one that is built on solidarity, mutual-aid, and respect. When we do not work, when we do not go to school, when we do not allow business as usual, we show that we will not allow politics as usual to rule us. We will not allow a racist, misogynistic billionaire to rule us.

## It is important to not normalize Donald Trump's governance.

A first step to building a meaningful opposition to his rule is to make sure the day is not a normal work day. We have no illusions that not going to work on January 20th is going to bring down the Trump administration and systems of oppression in a single day. But striking together is the first step towards building the meaningful solidarities and organization that will allow us to actually oppose and survive his administration.

# THE ELECTION IS OVER THE RESISTANCE BEGINS NOW