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**NO WORK, NO SCHOOL,  
NO SHOPPING!**

**DOWN WITH THE TRUMP REGIME!  
FOR A CLEAN BREAK WITH THE  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY!**



Capitalism's brutal march toward a generalized global war against peoples and workers, abroad and at home, is leading humanity and our planet toward total obliteration. For many, this is already true.

The genocide inflicted on the Palestinian people in Gaza for more than two years is now compounded by the ongoing massacres under the aegis of Trump's "peace council," which aims at nothing less than the further appropriation of Palestinian land, in Gaza as in the West Bank, by speculators and profiteers, and the forced expulsion of the Palestinian population.

The Israeli-U.S. war on Iran continues to spread across the Near and Middle East, causing countless deaths and destruction in Iran as well as in Lebanon, with irreparable consequences.

The wars that for years have been devastating Ukraine, Russia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo continue to ravage human life in unprecedented levels for the sake of profiteers and their quest for profit, markets, and resources.

In France, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, and other European countries, imperialist governments of all political colors are lining up one after another behind U.S. imperialism and Trump, which more and more aims its guns towards China.

To this we can add the U.S. military coup and kidnapping of President Maduro in Venezuela, and the accompanying pillaging of its oil reserves by U.S. corporations, the starving of Cuba by U.S. imperialism, and the threats for further military aggression in the region, including against Mexico and Greenland.

At home, the attacks against workers and immigrants, against women and LGBTQ people, the occupation of cities by militarized federal agents, and the open murder and repression of activists are but the domestic corollary of the globalized war for profit and markets.

More than ever, Rosa Luxemburg's statement at the outbreak of World War I rings true today: "Either the triumph of imperialism and the collapse of all civilization as in ancient Rome, depopulation, desolation, degeneration – a great cemetery. Or the victory of socialism, that means the conscious active struggle of the international proletariat against imperialism and its method of war." This is the task at hand, to save humanity and our planet. Across the world, workers and young people are resisting the onslaught of capitalist war and exploitation, showing us that an alternative is possible. Here in the United States, inside the "belly of the beast," workers and young people are resisting the Trump regime's move towards fascism.

In every city occupied by federal agents for the purpose of persecuting immigrant workers – be it Los Angeles, Chicago, D.C., or Minnesota—workers have stood up and chased out these oppressive forces.

This movement culminated in Minnesota on January 23, 2026, when, in sub-zero weather, over 100,000 workers

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and youth organized work-stoppages, strikes, and school walkouts demanding “ICE Out of Minnesota: Day of Truth & Freedom.” Hundreds of local businesses voluntarily shut their doors in solidarity. Clergy were arrested blocking ICE operations. One in four Minnesotans either participated directly in the “general strike,” or had a close family member who did. A week later, a national day of action spread across the country in solidarity with Minnesota, with protests, work stoppages, and school walkouts in thousands of cities. The result: Trump and his federal agents had to back down and withdraw from Minnesota, with various top officials being fired, including the Secretary of Homeland Security.

The actions in Minnesota show us the way forward: only the working class through its independent political action can stop the move toward fascism. A true general strike is on the agenda.

But a general strike is not simply a large protest, nor even a shutdown of most small businesses, no matter how inspiring. Historically, general strikes—from Seattle in 1919, to Minneapolis and San Francisco in 1934, to the de-facto general strike by immigrant workers on May 1, 2006—were the culmination of extensive preparation: rank-and-file organization inside unions, democratic strike committees, strike funds, political education, and, above all, independence from the capitalist political parties. These incredibly powerful working-class tools must not simply be declared, they must be built from the ground up by workers within their unions and organizations.

To achieve this, workers cannot remain politically tied to the Democratic Party—a capitalist party—while attempting to wield the immense power of a general strike against the capitalist class. A movement that mobilizes to strike against ICE one day, then endorses Democratic politicians who vote to fund ICE the next, is subverting its own goals.

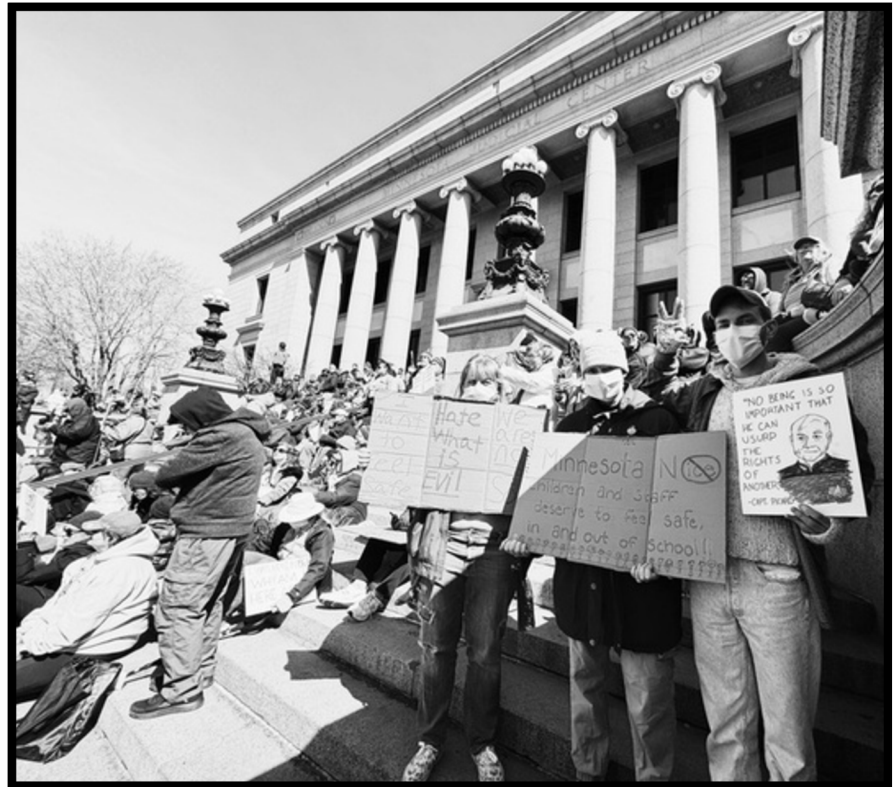


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This is why workers and youth, and the labor movement, must break with the twin parties of capital. Minnesota points the way forward for the working class because it shows what is possible. It proves that workers are not apathetic, that unions—especially rank-and-file union members—can move, and that mass action can disrupt capitalism, even under conditions of fear and repression and the threat of death.

To achieve this, workers must organize independently of capitalist parties, union members must build rank-and-file strike committees, coordinate across unions and sectors, prepare for sustained confrontation rather than symbolic protest, and push their unions to break politically with the Democratic Party by forming our own political party—a Labor Party rooted in the unions and communities of the oppressed and their organizations. We can only win this fight with an independent working-class political movement.

This May Day, we sow no illusion in the midterms as Democratic Party po-

liticians would have us believe. This May Day, we say no work, no school, no shopping! We say, only an independent workers’ movement can defeat the fascist forces and end the march toward globalized war.

Governments, fear the revolt of the people. Down with war, down with exploitation!

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# NO KINGS 3 IN ST. PAUL: “YOU CAN’T JUST STAND BY THE SIDELINES”



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On March 28, 2026, a massive crowd gathered in St. Paul for No Kings 3, the flagship Minnesota protest against the Trump administration’s anti-immigrant offensive, attacks on democratic rights, and against the war in Iran. Attendance estimates ranged from 100,000 to 200,000. The demonstration came after months of outrage in the Twin Cities over the federal immigration crackdown, including the January murder of Renée Good and Alex Pretti by ICE agents during a brutal immigration crackdown in Minneapolis. The interviews below reflect that mood: grief, anger, and determination, but also a growing understanding that we have to be the ones to fight back for ourselves.

Nearly every interview captured the massive scale of the demonstration. Terry, a retired healthcare worker, said, “The crowd is amazing. It goes way back, way further than the other ones we’ve been to. And it’s gotta be double the ones that I attended before.” Marcus, a high school student not quite 17 years old, said there were “people as far as I can see,” while a protester named Jack described the Capitol grounds as “just a sea of people,” adding, “I’ve never seen this

many people.” Olivia Hansen, an English teacher, said it was “packed to the gills ... there isn’t really any space to move.” For many, the sheer size of the crowd was inspiring and beautiful, and unsurprising given the recent ICE brutality in their town.

Every protester expressed a determination to stand up for their neighbors. Terry said, “You can’t just stand by the sidelines and make them think we think this is normal. It is not normal. It is horrific.” Joan, a retired nurse and grandmother, said, “I will not be silent. I’m a grandma. I want a world for my granddaughters that is better than this.” Marcus said he came out because “what we need is people to obstruct the status quo and show that we mean business.” Jack said he was there “to stand up for what we believe in and our freedoms” and to show that “the atrocities that are being committed in our name, that we don’t stand for that.” People made it clear that they had come out in support of fellow Minnesotans, and that the brutal kidnapping and killing of their neighbors was not something they would stand for. Dan, a graduate student, spoke about how the community had come together. “One of the really cool things about the com-

munity had come together. “One of the really cool things about the community response to ICE is just how connected we’ve all become.”

Several linked the present struggle directly to what the Twin Cities have already endured. Terry said Minnesota has “a history of fighting,” and said the George Floyd uprising had “kind of prepared this community” for “the horrific incidents that happened this past winter.” Jack called the Twin Cities “the epicenter of ... the violence that has been enacted upon by our government.” Olivia was even clearer: “Since the new year, we’ve been dealing with these jackboot thugs coming in, terrorizing us.” After a decrease in ICE presence due to the walkouts across the state, it was clear that work still needed to be done. “People are still kidnapping Minnesotans. They are still being sent to camps at El Paso. They’re still being terrorized.”

Educators spoke with particular urgency because they have seen the impact directly. Chris, a teacher for adult learners in St. Paul, said about 70 percent of his students are immigrants and refugees, and explained that “we’ve been tremendously impacted by the ICE

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occupation here.” He said attendance had dropped because people were “staying home trying to stay safe,” and added that neighbors, friends, and family members had been “in hiding.” He insisted that most Minnesotans love their immigrant neighbors. “We support their presence here in Minnesota,” and said plainly, “we need to make sure that ICE gets abolished.” Another school worker, Ham Beef, said students “of all races” had been affected and carried a sign reading, “children and staff deserve to feel safe in and out of school.” Olivia, who teaches English to immigrants, said, “the fear that they’ve inflicted on my students, no one should go through.”

It was clear that many of the protesters were able to tie massive funding of both ICE and the military to cuts to social services. Healthcare workers in particular tied the crackdown to the broader manufactured economic crisis. Joan said, “Healthcare is collapsing. I don’t think people understand that it’s held together by duct tape and bare wire right now.” Sarah Johnson, a healthcare worker who came from Wisconsin, spoke of “a lot of fear going around,” “a lot of benefits being cut,” and “a lot of scarcity.” She warned, “We are not getting any closer to free healthcare, which I feel like we should have, and that scares me.” Ham Beef tied the protests to the war, noting that because of “the things going on in the Middle East as well, the war,” that this particular event was “supposed to be the biggest No Kings protest yet.”

Asked what it would take to stop Trump, people stressed that this could not be left to somebody else. Joan said, “We all have to see that we’re all connected. We all have to have a voice. We all have to care.” Marcus said the answer is “continuing to be a part of a community instead of part of a system or a machine. We need to stand up for what we deserve and for the rights that we were given a long time ago that they’re trying to take from us.” Chris called for “sustained effort,” warning, “this is not done.” Dan said it will take “more people showing up and connecting with their neighbors,” while Sarah called on protestors around the world to “keep standing up for what’s right, even if you’re the only one in the room doing it—especially if you’re the only one in the room doing it.” were of the idea of forming a new labor-based political party. When we walked door-to-door for that campaign, people expressed a lot of anger against both Democrats and Republicans for failing to fight back against Trump.



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We fight to end white supremacy, patriarchy, and all forms of bigotry. We fight for a clean break with the capitalists, including the Democratic Party, and promote a Labor Party based on the trade unions and communities of the oppressed and for an Independent Black Working Class Party linked to the struggle for a Labor Party. Our aim is to establish a workers’ government and create a worldwide socialist economy run democratically by and for the vast majority of humanity: working people.

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