



Speak Out Now

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We Need to Stand Together! No Kings! No Billionaires! No ICE! No Wars!

This Saturday, March 28, people will be mobilizing in No Kings! No Billionaires! demonstrations across the country. Most of the focus will be on the actions of Trump and his administration. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of reasons for people to demonstrate their anger and opposition to the attacks we are facing.

We are always living in a time of war – a class war. It is a war of the billionaires on working people around the world. That war has now reached a greater magnitude.

We are seeing the unchecked power of this system unleashed without limits: an ongoing genocide in Gaza; a massive war on the people of Iran; a war on Lebanon that has displaced over a million people; in sub-Saharan Africa, people are facing massive starvation and internal wars as corporations strip those lands of valuable minerals; and the Cuban people are facing whatever devastating blow the U.S. politicians have in store.

In the U.S., the poorer you are and the darker your skin, the more severe the attacks. The social programs that tens of millions of people depend on and are funded by our tax dollars are under attack. They were already inadequate and now essential services are being stripped even further. Healthcare through Medicaid; food through SNAP; funding for public schools and school lunch programs; public housing and more. Government agencies that monitor and protect the environment, evaluate food and water safety, set public health standards, and even fund scientific research have been severely weakened.

The result has been even deeper poverty for many. More people are living paycheck to paycheck and going deeper into debt. Most haven't seen wage increases that keep up with inflation, and with energy, utility, and food prices rising, there's no room to cut back.

For younger people, the future looks bleak. A college education is no guarantee of a future, other than massive

debt for many after graduation. Cuts in programs and increasing control over what is and isn't taught mean that education is becoming more of an indoctrination than an encouragement to develop the skills to think, analyze, and prepare to meet the challenges ahead. This is especially true with people depending on AI for what are accepted as answers.

What quality of life will we have in the coming decade? A recent president said that "we are addicted to oil." "We" are not addicted to oil. It is the billionaires who are! They have invested trillions of dollars in oil production, that is the basis of production of most things we need, from food to medicine, clothes, and transportation. Most of this could be replaced with newer, less harmful technologies. But they would rather see the destruction of our Earth's ecosystems than the dismantling of their system that guarantees the continued flow of oil and profits.

For these reasons and many more, this is a time when great changes are possible. The question in front of us is, who will lead the way? It should be us – the majority. We do the work that keeps society running. We need to break through the isolation and divisions that keep us apart. Saturday, March 28, is an opportunity to begin to do that.

This Saturday we can ask our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates to join us. It is an opportunity to express ourselves, whether by making a sign to carry, or connecting with people we don't know. With millions in the streets, we can reaffirm our humanity and feel our power. We can take a step towards making the changes we need.

It can seem like a big task, but turning away from it is a sure way to end up with a future none of us wants. It's one of those times when we all have something to do. No one can do everything, but each of us can do something. Saturday can be a start.

NO KINGS

**MARCH
WITH US!**

NO BILLIONAIRES

NO WAR

**& NO BUSINESS
AS USUAL!**

Our collective activity is the first step towards transforming this system.

Join and march with us at the No Kings rally in Baltimore to demand NO KINGS, NO BILLIONAIRES, NO WAR, and an end to the capitalist system that produces them.



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**NO KINGS PROTEST
SAT, 3/28 @1PM**

at Hopkins Plaza

Meet Speak Out Socialists at 12:45 near Planet Fitness on Charles & Lombard to join the demonstration together. Join us for food after the march at Tabor Ethiopian!

**THE SYSTEM BROUGHT
US HERE—ONLY WE
CAN GET US OUT**

presentation and discussion

THU, 4/2 @5:30PM

Homewood Friends Meetinghouse
3107 N Charles St, Baltimore

Tornados in Baltimore!?

On March 16, Johns Hopkins Hospital and the whole area faced an unusual crisis: the threat of tornados in Baltimore. Many departments stopped admitting and discharging patients. Nonessential staff were sent home. The shuttle bus systems shut down early, forcing some workers to use PTO to cover their pay so they could get home.

Unusual weather is becoming more frequent in all parts of the world. As the climate crisis worsens, workers and regular people are paying the costs. Things like needing to use PTO or stressing about getting ourselves and our kids home safely really hurt us, and there are larger threats too, like losing our homes or lives to freak weather. We shouldn't have to pay for the billionaires' reckless business of burning fossil fuels for profit. Working people and our children deserve a future. We should address this like the crisis that it is!

We live in the wealthiest country in the world, and it is our labor that has created all of this wealth. We aren't the ones who benefit from this. The super rich — the bosses of the big corporations and banks — keep the wealth and make all the decisions. Working people do the work that makes society run, and we can organize to unite our forces. When we do, we have enormous power to change things and make a better world.

We Pay Twice For Pointless Wars

The U.S. military budget has grown by 50% in the last ten years. Has your family budget grown that much? After they shovel our money to the weapons industry, our rulers get into wars that do us no good like the one in Iran. In response, Iran is blocking shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, choking off 20% of the world's oil supply.

When gas prices go up, it costs more to fill your tank. But the trucks and ships that bring us everything we need to live have to gas up, too. So now, we're going to be paying much more for gas and everything else. Thanks to the U.S. billionaires' addiction to war everything is going to get more expensive than ever. We get to pay twice for it: once in our wasted taxes and a second time to just stay alive!

Workers Need to Fight for What We Need, Whether Strikes are Legal or Not

After months of work by activists and organizations around Maryland, state legislators debated a bill that would allow public school and library workers the right to strike. It's outrageous that it's currently illegal for public workers to strike. All workers need to fight their bosses over wages, benefits, hours, working conditions, and equal opportunities for all in both the public and private sectors. Education and library workers are right to demand an end to strike bans.

Workers have fought hard throughout history just to get better wages and hours. So, when a government says it is "giving" us a right, it is only because people have fought for it. Just like Black people's civil rights and women's rights, these rights were not given to us; we took them for ourselves. The minimum wage, eight-hour day, and much else did not come about because workers waited for the politicians to give it to them. It came about because workers organized and fought for these rights. In 1968, public service workers in Baltimore, led by sanitation workers, went on strike to win the right to have a union, even though their strike was against the law. Other community members organized and demonstrated to support them. The workers organized in a way that showed the politicians that they were determined to get what they wanted.

We should remember that the politicians do not serve our interests and will put rules and conditions in the proposed law that will make the right to strike a right in name alone. It will be up to the workers to make it meaningful. Our rights are only guaranteed when we are well organized. When we need to strike, we must organize to do so, whether it is legal or not.