

The Organizer

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International Women's Day

The history of International Women's Day begins in the first decades of the 20th Century and is explicitly against both capitalism and patriarchy.

In 1909, the Women's Commission of the Socialist Party of America organizes national Women's Day marches to support women's suffrage in the context of women's rights, workers' rights, and liberation from hierarchy and exploitation. The date set is the last Sunday in February.

Inspired by these events, the Second International Congress, meeting in Copenhagen in August 1910, approves the proposal of its Conference of Socialist Women for an annual International day of action to demand the rights of women to full participation in all aspects of society.

In 1913, Russian women organize International Women's Day rallies. They choose the 8th of March as the date because it coincides, in the old calendar still being used in Russia, with the date of the 1909 marches. In 1917 on 8 March, the women in Petrograd take to the streets demanding an end to Russian involvement in the First World War. This sparks a revolution that topples three centuries of czarist autocracy, and establishes 8 March for the worldwide celebration of International Women's Day.

Since then, women have not stopped fighting back against repression-- personal, economic, and political. The analysis, program, and actions of these socialist feminist women of our radical past can help guide our way.

Happy International Women's Day! Solidarity Forever!

Where Do We Go After Roe?

Organizing Strategies and Options for Reproductive
Healthcare in a post-Roe v. Wade America

Tuesday March 8, 2022



**International Women's Day
Webinar**

7:00 pm Central

Register Online:
tinyurl.com/SPIWD2022

Solidarity with Striking UMWA Miners at Warrior Met Coal

The Socialist Party USA would like to express our solidarity with the 1,100 miners of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) striking against Warrior Met Coal at Brookwood, Alabama.

The miners have been on strike for ten months and counting, which is the longest strike in Alabama history. They are demanding their fair share of profits that were promised to them by Warrior Met after assuming ownership from the bankrupt previous owners.

Warrior Met is undeniably guilty of acts of violence against these workers. The strikers have bravely endured terrible abuse by Warrior Met's vigilantes and private security companies which are attempting to break the strike and weaken the union. The State of Alabama has demonstrated its complicity in this ongoing travesty by having its state troopers escort scab labor into the mines.

Throughout the duration of the strike, the company continues to profit and provide generous compensation for company executives but refuses to provide a fair contract to the miners on strike. A labor agreement was tentatively reached in the first week but was rejected by the miners as unsatisfactory.

Alabama is a Right to Work State which is designed to weaken organized labor and restrict the ability of workers to form and join unions. Despite this, Alabama also has a proud history of union resistance against repression by corporations and the government that is being exemplified now by the brave miners. The Socialist Party honors this tradition and stands in solidarity with the workers and their families continuing the fight today.

We encourage our members and supporters to donate to the UMWA Strike Aid Fund at umwa.org/umwa2021strikefund. You can also donate to the UMWA Strike Pantry, which supports the miners and their families with food and clothing, at <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/UMWAStrikePantry>.

Solidarity Forever!

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Socialist Book Proposal



SPMI comrade Veronica Tash has asked for help soliciting entries, for a book promoting socialism, educating on the subject, and arguing for independent political action. The more individuals who participate the more successful this will be.

If members are interested in helping on this project, please contact Veronica at veronicathecd@gmail.com

Working Groups and Commissions

All members are encouraged to join a Party Working Group or Commission.

Working Groups are Party organizations composed of members based on their interest in a specific movement or issue. Get more info by emailing the contacts below

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2022 Virtual National Organizing Conference

The Socialist Party USA will hold our 2022 National Organizing Conference online from August 5-7th

More information will be posted on our website this spring and summer!

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