

# **WOMEN STRIKE**

CALLING ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS, TRANS\* AND NONBINARY FOLK

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## JANUARY 20-21

**Friday:** Trump/Pence Inauguration Day  
**Saturday:** Women's March on D.C.

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**JOIN US IN A TWO-DAY STRIKE  
TO PROTEST TRUMP, PENCE AND THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESS' PLANS FOR US**

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**STRIKE in D.C. / in your home town / at school / for all or part of the time / from all or some of your work**

### **WE STRIKE FROM**

Paid jobs / Emotional Labor  
Childcare / Housework / Cooking  
Fake smiles / Dishes / Errands  
Groceries / Makeup & more

### **WE STRIKE FOR**

- An end to racist and sexist assaults, and all forms of bigotry
- Reproductive freedom, full access, and no coercion
- National Health Care for all
- A \$15 minimum wage for all workers, no exceptions
- Protection and expansion of Social Security
- Childcare, free like the public schools, and paid family leave
- R-E-S-P-E-C-T



**#womenstrike**

**PLEDGE AT  
WOMENSTRIKE.ORG**

**WHEN WE REACH 20,000 PLEDGES, THE STRIKE WILL BE ON. GO TO WOMENSTRIKE.ORG.**

## WHY CALL A WOMEN'S STRIKE FOR THE INAUGURATION?

Women had many good reasons to strike before this election, but now we have a president-elect who openly disrespects and assaults women, and wants to limit our roles to servant, mother, or sexual plaything. This strike comes from anger at men in our lives who didn't vote, or who voted for Trump, or who aren't taking seriously the threat that his presidency represents. And it is a reaction to an election campaign that—apart from Bernie Sanders in the primary—ignored the universal programs that women and all people need, and that work well in so many other countries, from paid family leave to childcare to national health care.

The Democrats didn't pursue these plans when they could have, and now the Republican-majority Congress is promising to cut, undermine, privatize, or eliminate every social contract from public schools to Medicare to Social Security. They expect the family (that is, WOMEN) to fill in the gaps and pick up the pieces. NO WE WON'T. This strike is a warning. Our work can no longer be taken for granted.

## WHAT IF I CAN'T TAKE THE DAYS OFF OR OTHERWISE LEAVE WORK?

We believe this is a women's rights emergency, so we urge anyone who can take the day off and protest to do so. That might mean taking a vacation day, a personal day, or a sick day. If this is not possible, you can still sign the strike pledge and join the feminist resistance by picking some things on the list to strike on—from cooking to errands to fake smiles. We also hope you will be able to join a protest after work and on Saturday, Jan. 21, either the Women's March on Washington, or in your town.

## WHAT ABOUT MEN?

Men should strike, too, but they should take on additional work at home to support women's full participation in the demonstrations.

## WHAT IS A WOMEN'S STRIKE?

Besides our jobs, women do a lot of work that is not paid, and often not even recognized as work. When women strike, that work stops, too. In the last few months, women have held strikes in Poland, Iceland, France, and Argentina, for abortion rights, equal pay, and to end job discrimination and anti-woman violence.

## WHY 20,000 PLEDGES BEFORE WE STRIKE?

Sometimes organizations call for a protest strike, but there is no way to tell how many people are participating. The pledge count is a way to make it real. When we reach 20,000, we will announce that we are striking and why, and you will know that at least 20,000 are standing with you when you strike. Pledge at [womenstrike.org](http://womenstrike.org) and leave a comment saying why you're striking. Ask others to pledge, too.

## WHO IS CALLING THE STRIKE?

We are National Women's Liberation, the women who won the fight to get the Morning After Pill over the counter and who reintroduced "This Oppresses Women" stickers to fight sexist advertisers. National Women's Liberation is a feminist group for women who want to fight back against male supremacy and win more freedom for women. We believe that change comes about from the actions of everyday people—not politicians, the courts, lobbyists, or the media. We are funded by the dues of women, not corporations or their foundations.

The leadership and participation of women of color is critical to the success of the women's liberation movement; National Women's Liberation addresses struggles particular to women of color and racism within the feminist movement through our Women of Color Caucus. Read more about our group at: [womensliberation.org](http://womensliberation.org)

# NATIONAL WOMEN'S LIBERATION



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