

International Women's Day and the Socialist Strategy for Women's Liberation



MARCH 8 is International Working Women's Day, and though its revolutionary history is typically overlooked, it was inspired by the struggles of working-class women--and declared by socialist women as part of the fight for working-class self-emancipation.

In 1907, women workers in New York City organized demonstrations demanding better pay, shorter working hours and the right to join a union. In 1909, garment workers in New York went on strike for 13 weeks in what was called "The Rising of the 20,000." These struggles inspired German socialist Clara Zetkin to propose the day at the second International Conference of Working Women in 1910--to honor working-class women's struggles and to draw connections between the fight for workers' power and the struggle against women's oppression.

A renewed struggle for women's equality is desperately needed today in the face of attacks on reproductive rights, ongoing pay inequality, and widespread sexual assault and intimate partner violence.

Join us as we celebrate this holiday and strategize about how to fight for women's rights today!

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7:00 p.m.

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