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AFF-UCW

I stand in affirmation of the resolution resolved; A just government

ought to recognize an unconditional right of workers to strike.

For clarification I provide the following definitions from various dictionary

sites; Just: conforming to a standard of correctness. (S1) Government: a

particular system used for controlling a country, state, etc. (S2) Ought: a

moral obligation (S3) Right: something to which one has a just claim. (S5)

Workers: a person who works for a company or organization: (S6) Strike: to

stop work in order to force an employer to comply with demands- the

affirmative will not acknowledge any strike other than the basic stoppage of

work. Violent and unconditional strikes are not relevant or included in this

resolution. (S8)

My value for this round will be Human Rights- Above all else we must value

the rights of people above all else. To take away fundamental rights is to go

directly against the basis of morals. My Criterion for this value will be Jane

Addams Lateral Progress- Lateral progress means that social advancement

can not be declared through the breakthroughs or peak performances of a

few, but could only authentically be found in social gains held in common

(S18)

My contentions are as follows: Contention 1: A Working Title

Contention 2: The NLRA Contention 3: Who is a Worker?

Contention 4: Who Wins?

Contention 1: A Working Title

Subpoint A: Times of Change- (History) (Across Time)

Tomb-builders and artisans began complaining of month-long payment

delays in 1159 BC, The pharaoh and ancient workers eventually

compromised and they got their paychecks — and the strikes led to

greater awareness of corruption within the Egyptian ruling class. (S10)

At the turn of the last century, the United Mine Workers of America

(UMWA) began a strike that threatened to create an energy crisis. J.P.

Morgan believed the strike could threaten his businesses and made a

deal with the union. (S11) In the modern day, Doctors in South Korea

launched a nationwide strike in August, and health care workers in

Kenya, Spain, Bosnia, and Peru have all gone on strike at some point

during the pandemic. While this looks like a disaster on the surface. 7000

health care workers had died from Covid. Beyond risking their lives,

Many workers continue to work in under resourced systems, with

inadequate personal protective equipment (PPE), dealing with a

situation that was both unprecedented and completely foreseeable.

Subpoint B: Strike a Deal- Strikes give workers a right they cannot

easily gain on their own. They are the most effective form of collective

bargaining. While other methods exist, strikes have consistently gained

the most results. (Baseline) (Strike work) (Res) (ForceBoo) (Inalienable)

Contention 3: Who is a Worker?

Subpoint A: Everyone Deserves Rights- (Health) (Right) (All) An

example in Massachusetts, Even through coronavirus surges, Muldoon

2021 affirmed understaffing and cuts were the “new normal” at the

hospital, despite nurses going above and beyond during an emergency

situation to take care of patients. If essential workers cannot strike, they

will be taken advantage of. (S15)

Subpoint B: Plan B- (See Resolution’s use of Worker, any, all)

Contention 4: Who Wins?

Subpoint A: Strikes Help Society- The right to strike is a right to resist

oppression. The strike (and the credible threat of a strike) is an

indispensable part of the collective bargaining procedure. Collective

bargaining (or “agreement-making”) provides workers and employees

with the opportunity to influence the establishment of workplace rules

that govern a large portion of their lives. Crimson 2019 (S16)

Subpoint B: Grass is Greener-Without the right to strike, workers have

no effective recourse against unhealthy conditions, inadequate wages, or

employer tyranny. Suppressing the right to strike, is supporting

corporate greed over the common good of workers. Clarion 2018 (S17)

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