

Update for Signers of Pledge to Fight for Good Jobs, Sustainable Prosperity, Economic Justice



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"Shut Down the Wall, Open the Government" Day of Action

It's Day 34 of the government shutdown and nearly 1 million federal workers are about to miss their 2nd consecutive paycheck. This coming Tuesday 1/29 - when Trump's original State of the Union was scheduled - join us and speak out against this massive injustice. [Find a MoveOn event near you.](#)

For more on the shutdown, [John Nichols argues](#) in The Nation that "the bland language of the "shutdown" coverage fails to capture the crisis into which federal workers and their families have been thrust." And in the NY Times, Barbara Erinchreich and Gary Stevenson declare that, despite (or because of) how painful the shutdown is, this is a real [opportunity for labor to take a stand](#).



Pledge Planks: 6. High-Quality Public Education—Pre-K - University

"This was about the Survival of Public Education." LA Teachers Claim Victory After Week-long Strike

Public school teachers in Los Angeles returned to schools yesterday after an historic 6-day strike - one

of the largest the country's seen in decades. The new deal meets organizers' strongest demands for a better investment in students, more respect for teachers, and a stop to school privatization. Their success has already ignited similar efforts in Denver, [where teachers took to the picket lines on Wednesday](#).

Watch the [Democracy Now interview](#) with Arlene Inouye and Sarah Jaffe, and read about more on [what and why the strikes won](#), and [how they've shown a generation of kids the power and purpose of organized labor](#).



Pledge Planks: 8. Make Corporations and Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share

A 70% marginal tax on the super-rich goes mainstream

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez' calls for a 70% marginal tax rate on the ultra-wealthy earlier this month made a ripple across the mainstream media. And since, [polls have shown that American voters overwhelming support her proposal](#). Read some analysis below:

- [Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is floating a 70 percent top tax rate — here's the research that backs her up](#), Matthew Yglesias, Vox
- [The Economics of Soaking the Rich](#), Paul Krugman, New York Times
- [Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez' Tax Hike Idea is Not About Soaking the Rich](#), Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman, New York Times
- [Ocasio-Cortez wants higher taxes on very rich Americans. Here's how much money that could raise](#). Jeff Stein, The Washington Post
- [With Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Americans Finally Have a Politician Who Agrees With Them About Taxes](#), Jon Schwarz, The Intercept

Also, elsewhere on the tax policy front, Greg Leiserson of the Washington Center for Equitable Growth just published a [new explainer on net worth taxes](#), and presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren [released a proposal that would levy a 2% wealth tax](#) on Americans with assets above \$50 million.

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The Women's March 2019 Agenda

Last weekend, the Women's March led the 2019 demonstrations and released the [2019 Women's Agenda](#) - an intersectional feminist policy platform which includes "24 essential federal policy priorities...that serve as a work plan to Congress and create a roadmap we will use to mobilize our constituents into 2020 and beyond." [Click here to read the full agenda](#).



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Rev. Barber: “You can’t say you love Dr. King and not support his agenda.”

Finally, [enjoy this fiery call to action](#) from Reverend Barber of the Poor People's Campaign at Nashville's MLK Day event this past Monday -- urging all of us to get behind a big bold agenda for change. This - ladies and gentlemen - is how we honor Dr. King's legacy. Watch the short clip below, or [find the \(phenomenal\) full speech here](#).



1. Jobs for All – Created by Rebuilding America
2. Invest in a Green Economy
3. Empower Workers to Reduce Inequality
4. Opportunity and Justice for All—With Focus on Communities Harmed by Racism
5. Guarantee Women's Economic Equality High-Quality
6. **Public Education—Pre-K to University**
7. Medicare for All – And Shared Economic Security
8. **Make Corporations and Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share**
9. A Global Economic Strategy for Working People
10. Close Wall Street's Casino
11. Rescue Democracy from the Special Interests

Thanks for all your good work! Will be back in touch with another Update soon.

Best,

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