

US workers explain why they're attending the International May Day Online Rally

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Our reporters
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Workers across the United States are getting ready for the International May Day Online Rally, which is now less than a week away on Sunday, May 1.

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William

"I'm attending the May Day rally because we have a lot of problems that we can overcome as an international working class," said William, an autoworker worker at Mack Trucks in Macungie, Pennsylvania. "Anyone in the working class like me, I consider an ally."

When the pandemic began killing William's coworkers, he became radicalized. "That, and the high cost of living... I don't have a family because financially, I just can't do it... And they turned our line up, so now we're doing more work for the same amount of money."

William sends a message to workers entering into struggle in Sri Lanka, Peru, Sudan, and around the world: "I'm really inspired by their protests. It gives me a lot of heart. We need to go out here the same way they're going out there, but it needs to be organized, and that's part of what I'm looking forward to with this May Day rally."

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Randall

"The workers need to be united against COVID, and against this war," said Randall, an auto parts worker in Michigan. "We should stand behind the workers in Sri Lanka, and the workers in Ukraine and Russia. It's a world thing: we need the world's workers to unite and stop the war, otherwise it's going to stop us."

Randall's brother Adam, who was also an auto parts worker, caught COVID at work. Tragically, Adam not only died from the virus, he brought it home to their 81-year-old grandmother Annie, who will suffer from long-COVID for the rest of her life.

"I would really like to see a lot more of us workers joining these rank-and-file committees and join up with other countries that have committees in place," said Randall. "We need to see how fast we can get this going. It's the only way the working class is going to survive."

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Elizabeth

"We're a powder keg in the US," said Elizabeth, a nurse in Los Angeles County. "People are just really fed up with inflation, with another war, and with just letting the virus rip and letting people die and become infected. Especially with all these bailouts that have been given to the rich."

She continued, “There’s going to be some little spark and people will be out in the streets. And we need workers’ organizations, rank-and-file committees, to take control of what’s happening and address the social needs of the working class.

“We have to unite with our working class brothers and sisters internationally to fight what these capitalist governments are doing, basically killing the working class.”

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