

AFD 218 Mar 20 Links Teacher Strikes and Hostile Architecture

- Teacher strike WV / Oklahoma
 - <http://wvpublic.org/post/could-west-virginia-teacher-strike-spark-labor-movement#stream/0>
 - Kentucky, Arizona and Oklahoma are all talking about protests, even strikes
 - Despite this surge of solidarity, union labor in the United States remains largely at a crossroads. The U.S. Supreme Court is [expected to decide](#) on one important aspect of labor's future in June (Janus v American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees): Whether public employees in a union workplace should be required to pay dues to a union they choose not to join.
 - West Virginia is among the states that already has what's known as a right-to-work law. Notably, teachers unions here don't have collective bargaining rights, and their salaries are set by the state Legislature.
 - Students were inspired by their teachers, too. Many joined them at the Capitol. Some at Capital High School in Charleston issued an open letter supporting teachers and the walkout. And Gov. Jim Justice credited sixth-grader Gideon Titus-Glover, who spoke up at a town hall in Wheeling, for broadening his perspective on teachers' demands.
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/06/us/west-virginia-teachers-strike-deal.html>
 - Teachers struck for nine school days, waited until 5% raise for teachers, school staff, and other state workers was signed into law
 - Will have to search for places to cut, including tourism and state dept of commerce; worries that Medicaid will be cut.
 - Jersey City teachers go on strike over health insurance
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/16/nyregion/jersey-city-teachers-strike.html>
 - Working under an expired contract since Sept. 1
 - Judge ordered them to return to work March 19
 - Oklahoma:
<http://newsok.com/three-things-to-know-about-a-possible-teachers-strike/article/5587382/4>
 - Many believe a strike will happen starting April 2
 - School boards have already approved closure plans, which will protect teacher pay, some as long as 5 days.
 - Earlier this week the OEA said it had not seen enough urgency out of lawmakers. The Legislature has discussed and worked on some pay raise proposals, but nothing close to what the OEA has demanded, which includes funding for schools, health care and state employee raises. The Senate was [just short](#) of passing a tax increase on cigarettes, gasoline and gross production in an effort to raise \$450 million for a 12.7 percent teacher pay raise. Democrats said it wasn't enough but Senate President Pro Tem Mike Schulz expects to try again.

House Speaker Charles McCall [backed a plan](#) this week to give most teachers as much as a \$20,000 raise within six years. No funding details were offered and the teachers union called it a “political stunt.”

- <https://www.thedailybeast.com/before-bannon-the-destruction-of-the-administrative-state-started-in-oklahoma>
 - Nearly 20% of school districts are on 4-day weeks
 - Teachers paid less than WV
 - In Oklahoma, companies drilling for oil and gas do not pay property taxes on the land holding their reserves, resulting in a “[gross production tax](#)” of [approximately 3.2 percent, compared to 8.3 percent in Texas and 13.4 percent in Wyoming](#). In 2015, that tax scheme amounted to a [\\$470 million dollar](#) break—draining money that could have gone to the state.
- <https://rewire.news/article/2018/03/13/no-less-oklahoma-teachers-next-strike/>
 - The lack of investment in education also extends to students. Per-pupil spending in Oklahoma [ranks near the bottom](#) of the country—the fourth lowest. Many school districts have gone to [four-days-per-week instruction](#) as a means to save money. The dismal public school system has left some students unprepared for college. Nearly [four out of ten students](#) educated in public schools must take remedial courses once they start university.
 - A photo of Danks on the side of the road with her sign spread online, and she later was able to start a nonprofit to help other teachers, but what she most wanted to accomplish was to bring awareness to the plight of teachers in Oklahoma.
 - At Danks’ district, Tulsa Public Schools, teachers are “working the contract,” meaning they are only working the required amount of time in their contract. No grading at night or emailing parents on the weekends.
- <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/3/9/17100404/teacher-salary-under-paid-database>
 - Idaho, teachers had their pay cut by 8.4% since 2010, adjusted for inflation.
 - Mass, pay raise of 12.5% since 2010, adjusted for inflation
- Hostile architecture
 - <https://www.cnn.com/style/article/new-dean-harvey-james-furzer-hostile-architecture-debate/index.html>
 - <http://metro.co.uk/2017/01/31/anti-homeless-spikes-removed-after-someone-covered-them-with-cushions-6416604/>
 - <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-03-02/design-crimes-how-hostile-architecture-is-hurting-our-cities/9498912>
 - <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/dec/11/rough-sleepers-homeless-charity-architecture>
 - <https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2014/06/how-cities-use-design-to-drive-homeless-people-away/373067/>

- <https://www.fastcodesign.com/3067822/after-locals-kept-covering-anti-homeless-spikes-with-cushions-this-building-just-gave-up>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/shortcuts/2014/jun/13/london-black-revs-target-tesco-anti-homeless-spikes>
- <https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/seattle-dot-plans-to-remove-hostile-architecture>
- <http://www.newsweek.com/illegal-feed-criminalizing-homeless-america-782861>
- <https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2014/10/22/357846415/more-cities-are-making-it-illegal-to-hand-out-food-to-the-homeless>