



In Defense of the US Working Class

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Synopsis: Without understanding the devastation of the lives of working-class families in regions like West Virginia, and the vast increase in class inequality since the 2008 crisis, what is happening in the United States cannot be accurately understood.

A giant has begun to stir. In her 2016 presidential campaign Hillary Clinton calls them 'deplorables' who inhabited the backward regions between New York and San Francisco. But tens of thousands of teachers and school employees from West Virginia, Oklahoma, and beyond set an example in 2018 with their victorious strikes. Working people across Florida mobilized and won restoration of voting rights to more than one million former prisoners.

Drawing on the best fighting traditions of the oppressed and exploited producers of all skin colors and national origins in the US, they fought for dignity and respect for themselves, their families, their communities, and working people everywhere throughout the country.

Critique: "In Defense of the US Working Class", Mary-Alice Waters (a member of the Socialist Workers Party National Committee since 1967) is a talk she delivered in Havana, Cuba as part of the events celebrating May Day, the international day of the working class. Erudite, thoughtful and thought-provoking, "In Defense of the US Working Class" is an extraordinary and unreservedly recommended addition to personal, community, and academic library Contemporary Political Science collections and supplemental studies reading lists.

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