



Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!

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Long time ago, May Day was about celebrating Spring — for which [rejoicing](#) is appropriate. Over the last century, it has become International Workers' Day.

“In 1889, an international federation of socialist groups and trade unions designated May 1 as pro-workers day,” [informs](#) the Wikidates.org website, “on the anniversary of the Haymarket Riots in Chicago (1886).”

Five years later, clearly opposed to cavorting with socialists, the U.S. established Labor Day on September 1, an alternative date to honor workers.

Today, political rallies and protests are [expected](#) in major cities across the country. “On May 1, 2026, workers, students, and families rally, march, and take action across

the country to demand a nation that puts workers over billionaires, with many refusing business as usual through No School. No Work. No Shopping,” [says](#) May Day Strong, the umbrella group organizing events.

These are the revolutionary slogans of a [General Strike](#), intended to shut down society. Or perhaps, since the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the National Education Association (NEA) are big [supporters](#), just provide teachers a day off.

And considering Cato Institute’s [graph](#) of student performance in public education charted against tax outlays to the cause, any teachers’ union suggestion of skinflinty on the part of Mr. Moneybags The Taxpayer is obscene.

“Workers over billionaires” is the sort of un-American class-warfare slogan that is not only divisive but also badly misguided: [billionaires](#) create jobs, without which being a worker really loses its luster. Plus, it’s ineffective: Demonizing the rich never made a society any richer.

Apter for the day? The international [distress call](#): Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.