

# Corporate America's War on Working People: A Long and Destructive History

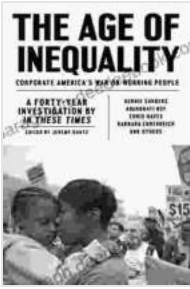


: Corporate America has a long and destructive history of waging war on working people. From the early days of the Industrial Revolution to the present day, corporations have used their power and influence to suppress wages, weaken unions, and erode workers' rights.

## **The Age of Inequality: Corporate America's War on Working People** by Charles Tilly

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**The Early Days:** The Industrial Revolution saw the rise of large corporations and the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few powerful individuals. This new economic order led to a sharp decline in the living standards of working people. Factory workers were forced to work long hours in dangerous conditions for poverty wages. Child labor was rampant, and workers had no rights to organize or bargain collectively.

**The Rise of Unions:** In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, working people began to fight back against corporate oppression. They formed unions to demand better wages, working conditions, and benefits. Unions played a key role in the passage of landmark legislation such as the Fair Labor Standards Act, which established a minimum wage and overtime pay.

**The Corporate Counterattack:** Corporate America has always been hostile to unions. In the early 20th century, corporations used their wealth and power to crush unions and prevent workers from organizing. They hired private detectives to spy on union organizers, fired workers who tried to unionize, and used violence to break up strikes.

**The Post-War Era:** After World War II, the American economy boomed and unions grew stronger. However, corporations continued to wage war on working people. In the 1970s and 1980s, corporations began to shift production overseas to take advantage of cheap labor. This led to the loss of millions of manufacturing jobs in the United States.

**The 21st Century:** The war on working people continues in the 21st century. Corporations are using new technologies to automate jobs and replace workers with machines. They are also using their political power to pass laws that make it harder for workers to organize and bargain collectively.

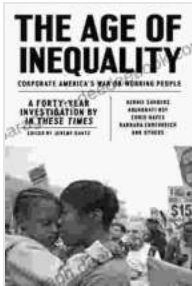
**The Impact of the War on Working People:** The war on working people has had a devastating impact on the lives of millions of Americans. Wages have stagnated, while the cost of living has risen. Working people are forced to work longer hours for less pay, and they have less job security than ever before.

**The Fight for Workers' Rights:** The fight for workers' rights is not over. Working people must continue to fight for their rights to organize, bargain collectively, and earn a living wage. We must also demand that corporations be held accountable for their actions.

: Corporate America's war on working people is a long and destructive history. However, working people have always fought back, and they will continue to fight until they achieve economic justice.

**Additional Resources:**

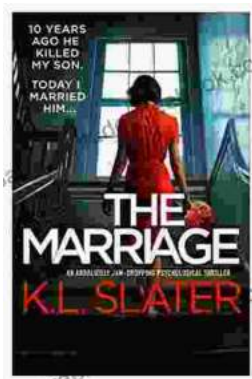
\* The State of Working America \* The AFL-CIO \* The Service Employees International Union



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