

# The Red State Walkouts

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When I write for *New Politics*, I tag my blogs with key words. I wonder how many other Left publications include "teachers unions" under "labor" or include "education" as a separate topic and run critical analyses—as we do?

I explain in this just-out piece in *Jacobin* why the Red state teacher walkouts cannot be understood without noting how teaching as work and teachers as workers have been overlooked. The work they/we do is in education. It's a story about women's work and school reforms that have aimed to destroy the profession, globally. The story pushes against the mold of labor struggles in which union officials speak for workers and of national boundaries.

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