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Part-time jobs, no benefits: The real state of the working class

By Gary Wilson

In his March 6 State of the Union address, President Joe Biden declared, "We have the best economy in the world." He said millions of new jobs had been created in the last three years and that unemployment was at record lows.

Fact-checking is not required for presidential speech writers, so exaggerations are acceptable. Biden was maybe speaking loosely. The morning after, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported a rise in unemployment in February, including a full percentage point increase for Black and Latinx workers.

But last month, Biden tried to back up his claims with a BLS report showing that over the 12 months ending in January 2024, average weekly wages increased by 3%, while the average price of consumer goods rose by 3.1%. So they are saying wages have almost, but not entirely, caught up with inflation.

Actually, the BLS report is like a trickster's sleight of hand.

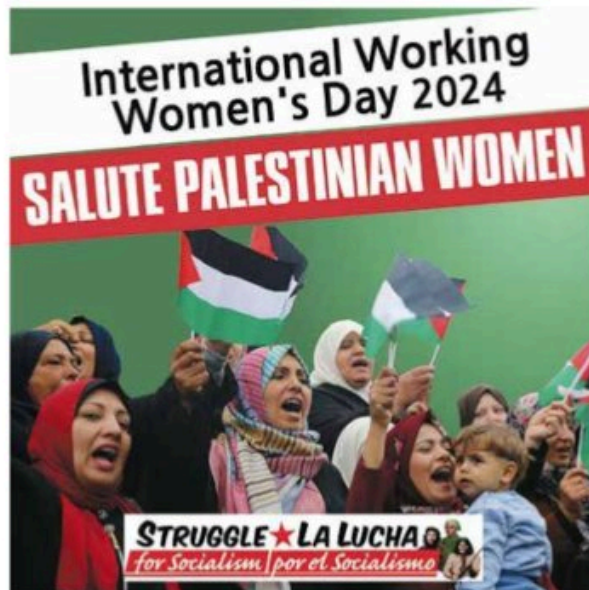
While the government reports a 3% wage increase, this figure is only for full-time workers, excluding a significant section of the workforce, such as part-time and contract workers. The full-time data includes "earnings" by management and corporate officers.

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On International Women's Day, we salute Palestinian women and women worldwide struggling against U.S. imperialism and capitalist oppression.

It is imperative that we amplify the resistance of Palestinian women during the current genocide perpetrated by Israel and its puppet master, the U.S.

Their heroic resistance and sacrifice remains foremost in our hearts and minds this Int'l Women's Day 2024.

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