

SCOTUS to workers: drop dead — Trump's layoffs can proceed

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Labor union activists rally in support of federal workers during a protest on

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On July 8, the [Supreme Court](#) rubber-stamped another one of Donald Trump's fascist policies. This time, the Court lifted all judicial holds on the implementation of Trump and DOGE's massive layoffs of federal workers.

Seventeen different government agencies with 40 different layoff actions will now begin those cuts in earnest. Tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of federal workers will likely find themselves without a job quickly and without ceremony.

While the Federal layoffs [resume](#), Donald Trump and his billionaire friends are demanding tax cuts and deregulation in an effort to consolidate their already massive profits. SCOTUS allowed Trump's layoffs to resume four days after the passage and signing of the "Big Beautiful Bill." The fascist megabill ravages what was left of an already meager social welfare net and effectively reinvests that money into a more profitable industry - [war](#).

Less money for federal worker salaries, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP means more for war planes, tanks, and bombs from Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, Boeing, and Northrop Grumman. The wealthy of this country have decided they will no longer approve any social programs for the people. It's a massive across-the-board wage and benefit cut for the whole working class.

Musk and Trump may be having a public personal dispute, but their fundamental program of austerity and repression continues to be implemented. These layoffs are a brainchild of Musk and DOGE and represent the agenda of a broader class of billionaires beyond just Musk.

Bezos, the Walton Family, the Koch Brothers, and many more benefit greatly from the massive corporate tax cuts and austerity to social programs at the core of the

“Big Beautiful Bill.” Trump and company aim to completely break the back of the organized working class by destroying what is left of the labor movement and forcing millions of workers into lower-paying jobs.

The SCOTUS rubber stamp on Musk’s layoffs, along with the passage of the “Big Beautiful Bill,” signal a deepening of the capitalist crisis. The billionaire class no longer feels like it can afford a single cent invested into society beyond police and the military. As such, the myth that capitalism is a tide that raises all boats is more exposed than ever. The U.S. capitalist system was never meant to share the wealth, but to hoard it at the top on the backs of workers and oppressed people.

And now, Trump is ensuring that the U.S. capitalist system pursues that purpose without compromise. There is no solution to capitalist greed or fascist repression in the furtherance of that greed within the framework of capitalism. Only a socialist system based on the power of the working class can end the exploitation and racism at the core of this rotten capitalist system, a system that only benefits the likes of Trump and Musk.

