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Women Go on Strike in US to Show Their Economic Clout

Organizers of January's Women's March called for 'Day Without a Woman' strike

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PHILADELPHIA — Some American women stayed home from work, joined rallies or wore red to demonstrate their economic clout Wednesday as part of a multitude of International Women's Day events held around the globe.

The Day Without a Woman protest in the U.S. was put together by organizers of the vast women's marches that drew more than 1 mil-

lion Americans into the streets the day after President Donald Trump's inauguration.

The turnout this time appeared in many places to be far smaller. And there were no immediate estimates of how many women heeded the call to skip work.

A crowd of about 1,000 people, the vast majority of them women, gathered on Fifth Avenue in the shadow of Trump Tower to demonstrate. Women dressed in red and waved signs reading "Nevertheless she persisted," "Mi-

sogyny out of the White House now" and "Resist like a girl."

"Trump is terrifying. His entire administration, they have no respect for women or our rights," said 49-year-old Adina Ferber, who took a vacation day from her job at an art gallery to attend the demonstration. "They need to deal with us as an economic force."

Rallies were also planned in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Washington and Berkeley, California. Some businesses and institu-

tions said they would either close or give female employees the day off.

School in such places as Prince George's County, Maryland; Alexandria, Virginia; and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, canceled classes after hundreds of teachers and other employees let it be known they would be out. In Providence, Rhode Island, the municipal court closed for lack of staff members.

The U.S. event — inspired in part by the Day Without an Immigrant protest held last month —



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Teacher Pia Martin greets students as they arrive to school at the Science Leadership Academy as teachers take part in "A Day Without a Woman" demonstration in Philadelphia, Wednesday, March 8, 2017. Organizers of January's Women's March are calling on women to stay home from work and not spend money in stores or online to show their impact on American society.

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- TOP NEWS stories of the moment:** A large image of a courtroom hearing with the headline "WATCH: Attorney General, Police, Community Testify to End Profiling in Oregon".
- COMMUNITY CALENDAR:** A calendar widget highlighting "LOCAL events".
- THE SKANNER NEWS BRIEFS:** A list of recent news items, including "The latest LOCAL news BRIEFS".
- PHOTO GALLERY:** A section titled "Recent PHOTOS" showing various images.
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- Real-time TWEETS:** A section showing tweets from @TheSkannerNews, including "#ADayWithoutAWoman" and "#InternationalWomensDay".
- Real-time FACEBOOK posts:** A section showing a Facebook post from "The Skanner News Group" with 2,053 likes.
- NORTHWEST NEWS:** A section titled "Top PORTLAND & SEATTLE news" featuring articles like "Justice Department wants its appeal of old travel ban tossed" and "Flip the Script Provides Housing, Jobs and Afrocentric Therapy for Blacks Released from Prison".
- U.S. & WORLD NEWS:** A section titled "Top NATIONAL & WORLD news" featuring articles like "Conservative Backlash Threatens to Sink New GOP Health Bill", "Trump Signs New Travel Ban Targeting Those Seeking New Visas", "NAACP Speaks Out on Hate Crimes Against Jewish Community", and "GOP Rebels Threaten Republicans Secret Healthcare Plan".
- OPINION:** A section titled "TOPICAL commentary" featuring an article "Trump and Senior Aide Are Just Plain Lying about Voter Fraud".
- AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE NEWS:** A section titled "AFRICAN AMERICANS in the news" featuring an article "Chicago police alter policy on force following backlash".
- ENTERTAINMENT:** A section titled "MOVIES, TV, BOOKS... Kam William's reviews, trailers, news" featuring an article "Scarlett Johansson's divorce filing prompts custody battle".

was part of the U.N.-designated International Women's Day.

In Rome, hundreds of women set off on a march from the Colosseum to demand equal rights. Germany's Lufthansa airline had six all-female crews flying from several cities in the country to Berlin.

Sweden's women's soc-

quiet," she said. "I also wanted to make a statement to say that women are doing it for themselves. We're out here in the workforce and making a difference every day."

Trump took to Twitter and asked others to join him in "honoring the critical role of women" in the U.S. and around the

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cer team replaced the names on the backs of their jerseys with tweets from Swedish women. Finland announced a new \$160,000 International Gender Equality Prize. Women also held rallies in Tokyo and Madrid.

In New York, a statue of a fearless-looking girl was placed in front of Wall Street's famous charging bull sculpture. The girl appeared to be staring down the animal. A plaque at her feet read: "Know the power of women in leadership. SHE makes a difference."

As part of the Day Without a Woman protest, women were also urged to refrain from shopping.

Some criticized the strike, warning that many women cannot afford to miss work or find child care. Organizers asked those unable to skip work to wear red in solidarity.

Monique LaFonta Le-one, a 33-year-old health care consultant in Colorado Springs, Colorado, had to work but put on a red shirt and donated to charity, including Planned Parenthood.

"I have bills to pay, but I wanted to make my voice heard, no matter how

world. He tweeted that he has "tremendous respect for women and the many roles they serve that are vital to the fabric of our society and our economy."

Lovely Monkey Tattoo, a female-owned tattoo parlor in Whitmore Lake, Michigan, offered female-centric tattoos with messages like "Nevertheless, She Persisted" — a reference to the recent silencing of Sen. Elizabeth Warren on the Senate floor — for \$50 to \$100, with proceeds going to Planned Parenthood.

Women make up more than 47 percent of the U.S. workforce and are dominant among nurses, dental assistants, cashiers, accountants and pharmacists, according to the census.

They make up at least a third of physicians and surgeons, and the same with lawyers and judges. Women also represent 55 percent of all college students.

At the same time, American women earn 80 cents for every dollar a man makes. The median income for women was \$40,742 in 2015, compared with \$51,212 for men, according to census data.