Us vs. Them: Organizing for Worker Power

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ACROSS

- 1. Every good meeting ends with these
- 10. How it feels when our strategies don't work
- 11. Powerful word when said by a united group of workers
- 12. Shares island with Haiti (abbr.)
- 13. Eugene Debs' party (abbr.)
- 15. Kind of low-income housing (abbr.)
- 18. _____ welfare: description of how government helps big business
- 23. One type of migrant worker that Woody Guthrie sang about
- 24. We need a strong majority ____ board in order to beat the boss



- 25. Replaced by cassettes and CDs
- 27. You don't need to be a hero or an _____ to be a good organizer
- 28. Zoom prerequisite
- 30. Perfect
- 31. Advocates of 32 Across say budgets can't have these
- 32. Spending cuts + attack on public sector = ____
- 35. ____ is not enough to have all the right arguments
- 36. Management uses different wage _____ to divide workers
- 37. We're strongest when every member _____ to every rally
- 39. Powerful worker tool not used enough
- 44. Right-wing group that likes the Second Amendment more than any other (abbr.)
- 45. Can't we just use our superpowers to _____ the capitalists?
- 48. Nothing _____ a flagging movement like a big victory
- 50. First month in Cuba
- 52. When we ____, we win!
- 54. The kind of details we often hear from oppressed workers

- 56. Pennies, for example
- 58. Worker who uses 41 Down
- 59. The kind of transition we need from fossil fuels
- 60. Popular disinfectant these days
- 61. Bold and brash-but why mostly applied to women?

DOWN

- 1. Montgomery bus boycott state (abbr.)
- 2. Worker who maybe doesn't belong in our unions
- 3. You are familiar in France or Spain
- 4. It ______ to be an activist these days!
- 5. Yiddish cry of frustration
- 6. When the contract isn't great or terrible; it's
- 7. Before ergy and thusiasm-needed by our movement
- 8. Office threatened with privatization
- 9. MLK or JFK, for example
- 12. We need more than a few leaders to _____ the work of the union
- 14. What austerity is ultimately all about
- 16. What good organizing is all about
- 17. When the public sector is starved of funds, it makes it easier to _____
- 18. We want employers to ____ the high road instead of austerity
- 19. We had hoped __G would stay alive a few more months
- 20. What we build through our 16 Down
- 21. When we get _____ reception from management, we're probably doing something right
- 22. What every organizing conversation should include
- 26. A campaign needs a good one to grab attention
- 29. ____ had a nickel for each of the boss's lies...
- 31. Austerity advocates want to _____ unions
- 33. A bit of a safety net for laid-off workers
- 34. The M____ provides pensions to Mass. teachers
- What charter school advocates were, after Massachusetts unions defeated their expensive ballot measure
- 40. Concerning
- 41. Four in Rome
- 42. Kind of marijuana
- 43. When the landlord _____ someone, let's blockade
- 46. Pissed off
- 47. They may think workers are their _____, but one day we will be their lords
- 49. Scratch a traditional politician and you'll find a big one
- 51. Kind of worker not covered by the NLRA
- 53. Nashville is its capital
- 55. Union chartered when the UE was smeared as communist
- 57. We demand a _____ about our working conditions

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