

Call for Professors to Boycott Teach for America

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Should Labor Historians Encourage A Boycott of Teach for America? Please comment.

In the last few years, Teach for America has gone out of its way to send its Corps members into cities which have fired large numbers of veteran union teachers- among them Chicago, Newark and Washington DC. Basically, the organization has become a source of replacement labor for cities seeking to close schools, eliminate or weaken teacher tenure, and undermine the power of teachers unions.

This role for TFA seems to have coincided with the increasing influence the Walton Foundation, which is now TFA's largest single source of funding, has had on Teach for America leadership.

Do you think there would be support among labor historians for a petition or some sort of national action to get faculty to refuse to allow TFA to recruit in their classes,

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and students to refuse to join it?

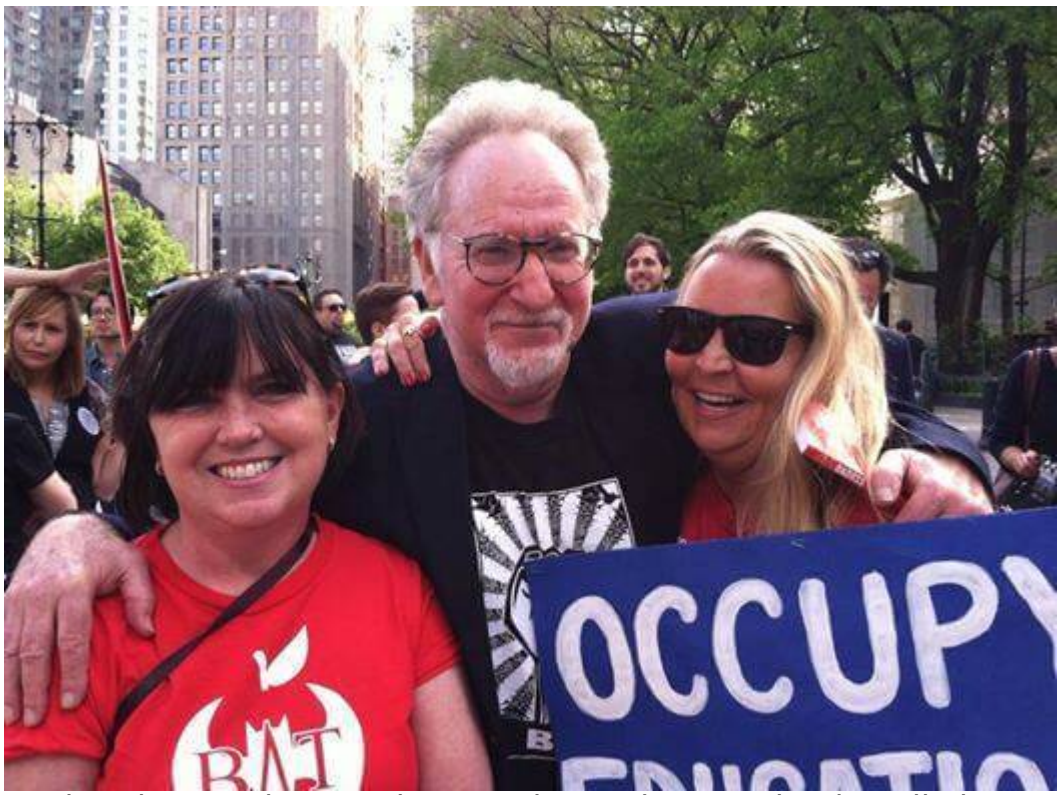
I hope so. In the coming months we might organize an educational drive and petition to be on the front lines of this campaign:

In the meantime, here is a short video I just did to take the cover off the damage TFA has been doing in inner city communities:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PREZXh4coIo&feature=youtu.beje

Please circulate it widely. Let us know your thoughts in the comments section below this post.

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Mark Naison and comrades at Take Back Out Schools Rally in NY on May 17

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