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Hi @eiaine, since you quoted me in your op-ed (“Why do we demand democracy from our government, then cede our individual power in our workplaces?”) before going on to misrepresent & misunderstand labor tactics & @AlphabetWorkers, I'll be replying in this thread ■:

> Most unions aim to deliver benefits to members, even at cost to society. The new one at Google aims to charge members to deliver benefits to society. Let's see how far that goes (via @bopinion) https://t.co/fswlwP2j28
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> — Bloomberg Economics (@economics) January 8, 2021

1) "There’s an easy solution to that problem — go work somewhere else" - this suggestion is akin to right wing fascists telling dissidents to just leave when we disagree w their governance. Deciding to stay and be a positive change is CRUCIAL when a company like

Google is in all of our back-pockets-- literally. If every ethicist and conscientious objector simply leaves, the gross impact of this corporation is in a much worse place for all of, something that should trouble every Google user.

2) Claiming that full-timers fear losing our jobs to "cheap contractor labor" and noting "many temp workers put in the same hours as full-time employees, but with none of the insurance, benefits or worker protections" proves one of the reasons that contractor

solidarity is so important to the tech labor movement-- no one's labor should be arbitrarily devalued. @AlphabetWorkers is committed to fighting for fair treatment of contractors bc it's the right thing to do. Implying selfish motivations with no basis is petty & divisive.

3) @AlphabetWorkers has 600+ members within a week of coming out publicly, a feat that I would hardly characterize as our endeavor not being "as popular as it sometimes appears." Not much else to say here lol

4) "Every time I read about Google employees staging a walkout over workplace grievances, I can’t help but wonder how such a privileged group of people became so convinced of their victimhood" Shame on you for your attitude towards sexual harassment, racism, and discrimination.

5) Anyone who knows anything about labor history knows the importance of dues. The basic foundation of unions is that folks deserve fair compensation for their work, and unions takes WORK-- our staff works HARD and deserves compensation for what they do for us.

Not to mention legal fees! Workers of all sorts of backgrounds throughout history have paid dues to their union -- maybe bc we value our democracy that much. Also, you wrote this opinion piece in Bloomberg, where the journalists are unionized, FYI.

6) "Social justice activism tends to be a divisive basis for organizing a union." Actually, it doesn't. I'll just leave this awesome article here about the role of flight attendants union & marriage equality by @FlyingWithSara: https://t.co/ZID2g1T5Al

> \u201cSome of the earliest wins for LGBTQ rights happened not in a courtroom or in a legislature, but at the bargaining table...That\u2019s why I tell people all the time, start in the workplace and the politics will follow.\u201d @FlyingWithSara #unionstrong https://t.co/Z1RUn44Q4e
>
> — Raksha 4 Abolition (@raxsha) January 13, 2021

I'll stop here but the article is full of other inane observations like "Furthermore, corporations aren't democracies." I encourage @eiaine's readers to learn about labor history to better understand our movement. This won't be the last time you see tech workers organizing.