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This is Your Daughter's Labor Movement

Women are a significant force shaping organized labor, writes Lane Windham, a labor scholar working at Georgetown University, and women will have an important role to play in determining the future of the movement.

Women are on track to be the majority of union members by 2025, as female-dominated industries like education and health care become the primary engines of economic growth.

From teachers in West Virginia, Oklahoma and elsewhere to nurses in California, women workers are also staking new

ground on workers' rights, pushing to redefine not only their roles, but the social contract that undergirds the entire concept of work.

"Women activists, especially young women of color, are doing much more than resuscitating traditional unions," writes Windham. "They're pushing boundaries that have long constrained labor, and are re-envisioning what workers' organizations can be and do."

To read the full story, [click here](#).

Safety Concerns Grow as Inmates Are Guarded by Teachers, Secretaries, Medical Workers

Health care workers, teachers, secretaries and other support staff are being asked to serve as emergency prison guards, write Danielle Ivory and Caitlin Dickerson for the New York Times, jeopardizing their own safety and leaving prisoners vulnerable to violence.

Under previous administrations, these types of workers would occasionally fill in on security duty, but as the current administration slashes funding for federal prisons, workers without the proper training are more regularly being asked to work as substitute guards.

While understaffing, exacerbated by the administration's hiring freeze, leaves full-time correctional officers susceptible to violence, support staff are especially at risk.

When support staff spend their time working as substitute guards, they must also leave their normal responsibilities unperformed. In the case of health care workers, this means inmates with serious health conditions may not receive the treatment they need in a timely way.

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