

CONNECTING THE ISSUES - THE ECONOMY, THE CLIMATE CRISIS, & WAR AND PEACE

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR LABOR

This conversation brings together 2 outstanding, long-time labor-movement activist intellectuals. It focuses on strategies for labor at this critical moment, particularly those that involve systematic collaboration with the peace/anti-war movement, climate justice movement, the single-payer health movement and the diverse coalition that elected Obama.

It also introduces the Majority Agenda Project as a potential solution to the strategic dilemma facing labor organizers: They care about a number of important issues that fall outside the traditional collective bargaining relationship but have to concentrate their work on areas prioritized by the needs of current campaigns.

WITH *STRIKE!* AUTHOR

JEREMY BRECHER

Jeremy is a leading labor historian, writer, and documentary script writer best known for the labor history *Strike!* For more than two decades Brecher and the late Tim Costello have studied and written about labor and globalization, writing such well-known books as *Building Bridges: The Emerging Grassroots Coalition of Labor and Community* and *Global Village or Global Pillage*. For the past 8 years they have been joined by Brendan Smith, who collaborated with them on the book *Globalization from Below: The Power of Solidarity*. Their Emmy-nominated documentary *Global Village or Global Pillage?* has been used by unions and other groups in the US and throughout the world to present an international grassroots response to globalization. Together they partnered to form Global Labor Strategies. Recently, Jeremy helped found the Labor Network for Sustainability.

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