

# **WOMEN AND ALLIES: NATIONAL STRIKE AND BOYCOTT**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

**MEET AT COLUMBUS CIRCLE, NEW YORK CITY @ NOON**

On Monday December 12th, Women and their Allies will conduct a national general strike and boycott of the incoming Trump Administration. Here is what you can do:

Stay home from work. Encourage your employer to shut down your workplace for the day. Encourage businesses to make a public statement in support of the strike.

Withhold all spending. Don't shop. Show the machine that it cannot run without your participation.

The Women and Allies National Strike Committee has issued the following statement:

We demand the crusade against Roe vs Wade and Planned Parenthood cease. Congress and the President should focus on providing free or affordable birth control options for ALL Americans.

We demand Donald Trump take a firm stance on sexual assault and rape.

We will not tolerate being paid less or otherwise discriminated against because of our gender, our religion, or our identity.

We will not tolerate hate.

We will not remain silent.

We will repeat boycotts and strikes until our voices are heard.

## FACTS ABOUT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

**Stephen Bannon** has been named chief strategist and Senior Counselor to Donald Trump. On November 18, 2016, Bannon remarked in an interview: "**Darkness is good: Dick Cheney. Darth Vader. Satan. That's power.**" Stephen Bannon is the executive chair of Breitbart News LLC, whose online news stories denigrate women, immigrants, and the LGBT community. Breitbart news has published stories with these titles: "**Birth control makes women unattractive and crazy**", "**Would you rather your child had feminism or cancer?**" and "**Gay rights have made us dumber, it's time to get back in the closet**".

Nominee for Attorney General, **Jeff Sessions** has referred to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) as "un-American" and "Communist-inspired." In 2000 and 2009 Sessions voted against measures expanding hate crime legislation to include sexual orientation. He has voted in favor of **ending special funding for businesses owned by women** and voted against extending the definition of hate crimes to include sexual orientation.

Vice President **Mike Pence** is an opponent of abortion, Pence has been a staunch opponent of efforts to expand LGBT civil rights. In 2000, Pence stated "**Congress should oppose any effort to recognize homosexuals as a 'discrete and insular minority' entitled to the protection of anti-discrimination laws** similar to those extended to women and ethnic minorities.

**Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price** opposes abortion rights. He is opposed to gun control. He is opposed to gay marriage. He is opposed to job discrimination protection for the LGBT community.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development **Ben Carson** at first declined a cabinet position in the administration, with an aide stating: "The last thing he would want to do was take a position that could cripple the presidency." In a 1998 commencement speech at Andrews University, Carson publicly expressed the view that the Pyramids of Giza were not tombs, but grain silos built by Joseph, the Biblical son of Jacob. He added that "various scientists" say ancient aliens could have designed the structures. Carson has described himself as pro-life, comparing women who have abortions to historical slave owners, and supports overturning *Roe v. Wade*. In a 2006 debate, Carson stated: "**I don't believe in evolution.**" Carson also labeled the theory of the Big Bang as "ridiculous".