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Letter to The New York Daily News:

On June 16th, city workers of New York City assembled for a rally near City Hall in downtown Manhattan. Attending were thousands of teachers, transit workers, healthcare workers, and other city workers representing numerous unions. The fire department and police department were represented as well, as were borough presidents, neighborhood and community leaders. They were all there to show solidarity and oppose proposed cuts to schools and city services. It was a well attended, relevant, and important city event.

The Daily News chose to not cover and report this story. Instead, their cover page on June 17 (and page one of The New York Post) had a picture and a headline about a “400 pound” union leader who stole \$300,000.

The intent is obvious. Ignore thousands of city workers and their families fighting to maintain their standard of living and report instead about an obese “UNION” person who stole money and spent it on prostitutes. The intent is to accuse unions of stealing money and put that in the minds of NYC taxpayers. Train them to resent and despise city unions and those in favor of them. Train them to side with a billionaire mayor and his friends on Wall Street when it comes to financing their city.

The intent is to ignore actual events and create ugly imagery to persuade people. This is not journalism. This is a blatant act of class warfare.

Whose side are you on? We now know.

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