

CNN News Highlights — US Autoworkers Strike

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Translation

現在有更多關於美國汽車工人聯合會針對美國三大汽車製造商福特、通用汽車和 **Stellantis** 發起的歷史性且史無前例的罷工的新聞。這是史無前例的，因為這是工會歷史上第一次對美國所有三個加入工會的汽車製造商進行打擊。

工會工人正在尋求增加工資、福利和工作保護。這些要求出台之際，三大汽車製造商均公佈了創紀錄或接近創紀錄的利潤。工會正試圖奪回十多年前他們被迫放棄的許多福利，當時這些公司現金匱乏，且瀕臨破產。

工會成員表示，他們週六與福特進行了相當富有成效的談判，但工會和三大公司在工資和福利方面仍然存在很大分歧。福特和通用汽車公司對罷工做出了回應，威脅要解僱非罷工工人，因為缺乏罷工工廠的零件。

通用汽車錶示，如果罷工繼續下去，他們本週將解僱多達 2,000 名工人。但走在糾察線上的工人們表示，他們會堅持下去，直到達成適合他們的協議。在錄製本新聞時，談判正在進行中。這是我們的 **Rahel Solomon** 的更多內容。

是的，這最終將取決於時間。最終的經濟代價有多大，實際上取決於罷工持續的時間。現在，分析師警告如果在延長罷工的情況下，經濟成本將會增加。安德森經濟集團的一項估計稱，如果罷工持續 10 天，可能會給經濟造成 50 億美元的損失。現在，根據這一估計需要考慮的一件事是，這將是 **UAW 143,000** 名工人的全面罷工，而目前只是十分之一的 **UAW** 工人罷工。因此請記住這一點，但該估計確實包括工資損失、製造商以及供應商的損失等。

現在，各位，如果感覺罷工比平時更多的話。是的，這不僅僅是你的想像。那麼，說實話，在美國和世界各地，罷工活動增加的背後是什麼，當我問我們 **Art Wheat** 時，他在康奈爾大學負責勞工計劃，他說高通脹、緊張的勞動力市場，這工人們感覺自己佔據了上風。他們可以要求他們想要的東西。公眾對工會的支持也穩步增加。隨著 **COVID-19**，工人們繼續思考他們想要的工作與生活平衡類型。

現在，就工資而言，汽車工人落後於普通工人。這是平均水平。根據政府數據，汽車工人的平均每小時工資約為 **27.99** 美元。而全國工人的平均收入約為 **33.82** 美元。現在我們應該說，對於汽車製造商來說，你知道，他們說，等一下，我們也必須擔心價格，因為我們必須與非工會競爭對手競爭。因此他們也必須意識到價格。我的意思是，這就是汽車製造商的說法。顯然，雙方的差距還是相當大的。至少在我們看來是這樣。但最終可能對經濟造成的損害實際上會取決於這次罷工最終需要多長時間。



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Answers

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