



Rescue American Jobs

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Blue-Collar and White-Collar Workers Join Forces in Communities across America to Rescue American Jobs and to Restore the Middle Class Economy

MESA, ARIZONA, January 1, 2004 – Voted by readers of Forbes magazine the most significant business trend of 2003, offshoring became the catchword in business circles in 2003, and it is quickly becoming one of the hot issues of the 2004 elections.

While the offshoring trend has built momentum, laid off technology workers have created hundreds of anti-offshoring cyber-groups and websites to challenge the offshoring trend.

In the wake of cyber-organizing, Rescue American Jobs, a non-profit organization, is quickly forging unlikely alliances between blue-collar and white-collar American workers and small business owners who are launching community-based campaigns across the U.S. to preserve middle class American jobs.

“The Internet is a great organizing tool, but to unite American workers across party lines, occupations, and industries, we must also get out into our communities,” says Dawn Teo, one of the organization’s founders.

Rescue American Jobs, founded in the fall of 2003, has already begun organizing local chapters in 37 states, and they have plans for chapters in every major city in the U.S. before the 2004 fall election season.

And their message is getting out – complete with visual impact. Campaign signs with a message but no candidate are appearing in yards, intersections, and along roadways across America. Their message is simple, “No Jobs. No Recovery.”

“The candidates refuse to take a stand. They straddle the fence or flip-flop from day to day, so why bother to put a candidate’s name on the sign?” says Teo, “Our public officials no longer serve the public. They serve big business and special interest groups.”

Rescue American Jobs is demanding legislative accountability. “Every day we hear people asking for corporate accountability, but legislative accountability for elected officials is essential to the survival of our democracy.” says James Pace, Director of Legislative Affairs.

“Our success across party lines illustrates the absence of responsible leadership across the political spectrum,” says Teo, “When it comes to good jobs for the American workforce, left and right meet in the middle.” And their membership statistics are living proof. Their members are one-third Republican, one-third Democrat, and the remaining third is split evenly between independents and third parties, including Green and Libertarian.



Rescue American Jobs membership also transcends industry and occupational sectors. Blue-collar and white-collar workers and small business owners are represented. From factory workers to farm workers and accountants, to engineers, and technical workers, every sector of the traditional American working class is represented in their membership.

“Rescue American Jobs is about more than organizing. It is about mobilizing the American people. Helping people understand that each of us can truly make a difference after decades of apathy and inaction,” says Pamala Slight, National Director of Chapters and Membership, adding, “and understanding that we must.”

Rescue American Jobs is a nonpartisan 501(c)(4) non-profit organization dedicated to safeguarding the economic security of the American middle class. Their fundamental objective is to restore and preserve the employment of the American workforce by ensuring balanced economic, labor, immigration, and trade policies.

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