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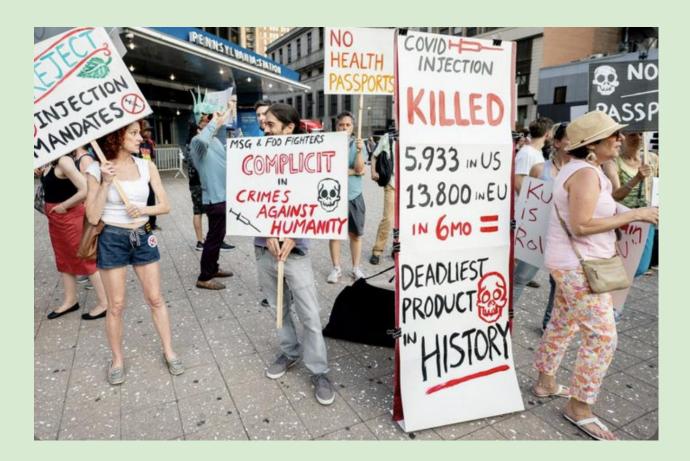
# MANDATE IS AFFECTING ALL OF US

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### **COVID MANDATE**

Biden has given all companies that are 100 employees and up till Jan 5. To get settled in by making sure all employees have vaccines and have been having COVID testing weekly. All companies below 100 employees have already been affected since November, affecting people's lifestyles as they get fired if they have refused the mandate. The unemployment rate fell to 4.6% from 4.8% in September. Businesses want to hire, but millions remain unemployed and outside the labor force. In total about 17 million workers are being affected in the US. I have been looking at some articles and also mention some rise in strikes as people try to take advantage of companies giving better pay, motivating people to get vaccinated.



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#### How are businesses feeling and has anyone done something to stop it?

Republican governors have said that they would fight against having companies with more than 100 employees to require the mandate which is regular testing and having require vaccinations. The White House has received a number of lawsuits, Republican national committee chairwoman Ronna McDaniel stated "will sue the administration to protect Americans and their liberties." Without doing so they would see a company spending a lot more since it jeopardizes their cost up to 14,000 dollars for each violation. As quoted by Christopher Young, executive

director of the American Association of Meat processors" we believe that the choice to have or not have a vaccine should be a choice of each individual American made in consultation with their family doctor,.... The Industry overall will lose good employees who have made the personal decision not to get the vaccine." This quote speaks for all companies I would say since it's every business problem.

#### How do the people feel?

Surveys have shown that as many as half of unvaccinated workers say they will leave their jobs if they're forced to get the COVID-19 shot, but in reality few of them actually quit. That's according to an article in The Conversation, a nonprofit news organization that covers academic research. Researchers looked at companies that have vaccine mandates in place and saw that, so far, only a fraction of workers leave their jobs when it comes down to it.

