



Massive Kroger Strike Rocks Colorado Supermarkets

Description

Ten thousand workers at King Soopers grocery stores in Colorado are on strike due to unfair labor practices. The workers, part of the United Food and Commercial Workers local 7 union, voted overwhelmingly in favor of the strike after their contract expired. The union accuses Kroger-owned King Soopers of violating labor laws by intimidating workers, cutting benefits, and not sharing important information. This strike follows a previous one in 2022 that led to a lawsuit against Kroger and Albertsons for colluding to undermine the workers' leverage.

Chris Lacey, a service manager at King Soopers, expressed concerns about understaffing and unfair treatment of workers wearing union symbols. The union is demanding better pay and working conditions for employees and wants the company to address these issues. However, King Soopers has denied the allegations and emphasized their commitment to staffing. The strike is expected to last two weeks to bring attention to the workers' concerns and give the company a chance to respond.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Strike** /straɪk/ (noun): A work stoppage organized by a group of employees to gain concessions from their employer.
2. **Unfair** /ʌn'fɜːr/ (adjective): Not based on or behaving according to the principles of equality and justice.
3. **Allegations** /,æɪ.lɪ'geɪ.jənz/ (noun): Claims or assertions that someone has done something illegal or wrong typically without proof.
4. **Intimidating** /ɪn'tɪm.ɪ.deɪ.tɪŋ/ (adjective): Making someone feel afraid or nervous.
5. **Benefits** /'benɪfɪts/ (noun): Advantages or profits gained from something.
6. **Demands** /dɪ'mændz/ (noun): Insistent requests or claims made by a person or group.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which grocery stores are experiencing a strike with ten thousand workers?

Option: Safeway

Option: King Soopers



Option: Walmart

Option: Target

2. Which union are the workers at King Soopers part of?

Option: United Auto Workers

Option: United Food and Commercial Workers local 7

Option: National Education Association

Option: Teamsters

3. What are the workers accusing Kroger-owned King Soopers of violating?

Option: Antitrust laws

Option: Environmental regulations

Option: Labor laws

Option: Tax laws

4. What is the strike demanding for better pay and working conditions for employees at King Soopers?

Option: Reduced working hours

Option: Union representation

Option: Health insurance benefits

Option: Stock options

5. What was the workers' response to King Soopers' commitment to staffing?

Option: Accepted the commitment

Option: Rejected the commitment

Option: Requested more information

Option: Postponed the strike

6. For how long is the strike at King Soopers expected to last?

Option: One month

Option: Two weeks

Option: Three days

Option: Indefinitely

True-False

7. The workers at King Soopers voted against the strike.

8. Chris Lacey is a service manager at King Soopers.



9. The previous strike in 2022 was against Kroger and Walmart.
10. The union accuses King Soopers of intimidating workers.
11. King Soopers has acknowledged the unfair treatment of workers.
12. The lawsuit against Kroger and Albertsons in 2022 involved antitrust violations.

Gap-Fill

14. Chris Lacey expressed concerns about _____ and unfair treatment of workers wearing union symbols.
15. The union is demanding better pay and working conditions for employees at King Soopers to address these _____.
16. The strike is expected to last for _____ to bring attention to the workers' concerns.
17. The previous strike in 2022 led to a lawsuit against Kroger and Albertsons for colluding to undermine the workers' _____.
18. King Soopers has denied the allegations and emphasized their commitment to _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. King Soopers 2. United Food and Commercial Workers local 7 3. Labor laws 4. Better pay and working conditions 5. Rejected the commitment 6. Two weeks

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 14. understaffing 15. issues 16. two weeks 17. leverage 18. staffing

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)



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1. What are taxes on imported goods known as?
Option: Subsidies
Option: Tariffs
Option: Coupons
Option: Dividends
 2. What is the general increase in prices for goods and services called?
Option: Deflation
Option: Inflation
Option: Stagnation
Option: Recession
 3. What term describes the degree of variation of a trading price series?
Option: Stability
Option: Volatility
Option: Consistency
Option: Predictability
 4. Which term refers to the degree of optimism consumers feel about the state of the economy?
Option: Investor Confidence
Option: Consumer Sentiment
Option: Market Volatility
Option: Financial Stability
 5. What are accusations made without proof called?
Option: Evidence
Option: Allegations
Option: Justifications
Option: Verifications
 6. What are advantages or rewards gained from a situation called?
Option: Challenges
Option: Benefits
Option: Obstacles
Option: Complications
 7. What is money or other benefits exchanged for a loss or injury known as?
Option: Punishment
Option: Compensation
Option: Exoneration
Option: Penalty



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8. What is the action of preserving something from harm called?
- Option: Risk
 - Option: Protection
 - Option: Endangerment
 - Option: Vulnerability
9. What is the process of determining the economic value of a company or asset?
- Option: Erosion
 - Option: Valuation
 - Option: Depreciation
 - Option: Dilution
10. What term refers to the belief in one's ability to succeed?
- Option: Doubt
 - Option: Confidence
 - Option: Fear
 - Option: Anxiety

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Workers went on _____ to demand higher wages and better working conditions.
12. An agreement between two parties is called a _____
13. The state of a country's _____ influences its overall prosperity.
14. The project faced a significant _____ due to unexpected complications.
15. His doctor gave him the _____ to rest for a week after the surgery.
16. The case ended up in _____ as the two parties could not reach a settlement.
17. The community raised serious _____ about the environmental impact of the new factory.
18. The company reported record _____ for the last quarter.
19. There has been a noticeable _____ in customer satisfaction ratings recently.



20. The country relies heavily on _____ to meet consumer demands.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The company its production output in response to falling demand.
22. She felt it was that she had to work longer hours without extra pay.
23. The job interview was with multiple panel members asking tough questions.
24. The increase in customer led to a surge in production.
25. The company is considering to a more strategic location to cut costs.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Tariffs 2. Inflation 3. Volatility 4. Consumer Sentiment 5. Allegations 6. Benefits
7. Compensation 8. Protection 9. Valuation 10. Confidence

Gap-Fill: 11. Strike 12. Contract 13. Economy 14. Delay 15. Recommendation 16. Litigation 17. Concerns
18. Earnings 19. Decline 20. Imports

Matching sentence: 1. Decreased 2. Unfair 3. Intimidating 4. Demands 5. Relocation

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