

International Women's Day

At the end of the 19th century, capitalism flourished, especially in the United States. Many women and children at that time had to work in factories, suffering with low wages and extreme labour exploitation. Furious at that brutal oppression, on March 8, 1899, in Chicago and New York, protests erupted among female workers in the garment industry, demanding wage increases and reduced working hours. Despite being persecuted and locked out of the factories, they united, persisted, and struggled, forcing capitalists to make concessions. That victory not only encouraged the spirit of the struggle of working women throughout the United States, but also spread and became a powerful source of encouragement for the movement of working women worldwide. In 1910, at the 2nd Socialist Women's Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, 100 women representing 17 countries decided to establish "Women's Day" to promote equal rights, voting rights, and protection for women.

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In Vietnam – and half the world – women are honoured on March 8 with festivities and gifts of flowers. March 8 is also a day for men to show loving care to the women in their lives.

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When was International Women's Day established?

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Who established it?

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What was the original purpose of International Women's Day?