

UAW convention delegates:

Changing the UAW's Culture? You may want to read this banned book!

As we overhaul the UAW's culture, we need to understand our Union's past. In the era of globalization, we need a strategic understanding of the UAW's role – and the role of the AFL-CIO – in their approach to building solidarity with autoworkers – across our southern border, and beyond.

Rob McKenzie, a retired Ford worker and a former President of UAW Local 879 in St Paul, MN, spent the first five years of his retirement doing just that. He published his findings in 2022, describing a heroic fight by Mexican FORD workers in 1990 to overcome their pro-management union. Their struggle won the support of UAW members at Ford Twin Cities Assembly. It ended when hundreds of armed goons rushed the plant to crush the workers "sit-down," shooting nine, and killing one.

McKenzie didn't accept the official explanation of what went down, so he began a years-long investigation to uncover the truth. His findings took him further than he expected – right to the doorsteps of the AFL-CIO, the CIA, and a government-funded outfit linking the two: AIFLD (American Institute for Free Labor Development).

The UAW leadership tried to block his research and has since shunned the book: **El Golpe – US Labor, the CIA and the Coup at Ford in Mexico**. It's time to open its pages, to learn what we need to know as we build a union founded on the principle, "Solidarity knows no borders."



Join us on Zoom - 3:30 pm ET - Saturday, April 29

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UAW 722 Retiree & author, Rob McKenzie

The webinar will feature McKenzie in a discussion with **Frank Hammer**, retired UAW-GM worker, and former President and Chairman of UAW Local 909, Warren MI. Hammer, a New Directions activist in Reg. 1, has his own connections with AIFLD. His brother was an AIFLD operative who was assassinated in El Salvador in 1981. The story of AIFLD's role, and the assassination, is featured in Chapter 4 of McKenzie's book.

The webinar will be the first in a series aimed at giving UAW members an international perspective on the challenges we face fighting the multinationals, and the union misleaders who attempt(ed) to protect them.

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