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The following is excerpted from the union's strike bulletin "A Better Way" about Yale's claims of how many Local 34 members are on strike.

Lies, Damn Lies and Statistics Leaders and Mis-leaders: Yale Math does not compute

With Yale's massive media manipulation machine cranked up into high gear, we are hearing once again, Yale's attempt to put some spin on it's labor relations failures.

Every time there has been a walkout here, Yale has come out fast with incredible (or should that be non-credible?) numbers that don't add up on people not striking. Their latest effort is even more transparent and pathetic than before.

Apparently believing that if you're going to lie, lie big, Yale told reporters 1,451 of 2,456 Local 34 members reported to work yesterday. Even assuming that Yale actually knows how many people were at work yesterday (a dubious assumption, since Local 34 members do not punch in), it doesn't add up. As recently as July, Yale presented us in writing with a precise number of workers in the Local 34 bargaining unit: 3,045.

Do the math, Yale: **3,045** workers minus **1,451** people who Yale says went to work = **1,594** not at work (also known as striking). That number is in line with our own counts of people out in Local 34.

Local 34 President Laura Smith put Yale's most recent example of numbers manipulation this way: "Whether its describing their offer, our offer, and now the numbers of workers on strike, Yale has the continued arrogance to believe that just because they say it, no matter how phony and false, people will believe it."

Jesse Jackson spoke to us yesterday about leaders and mis-leaders. We all know what category Yale administrators and their high-paid PR people fall into.

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