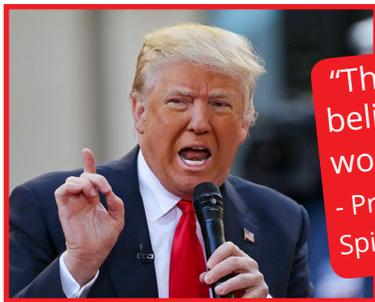


Right to Work is Wrong for Workers

"Right to work is a lie dressed up in a feel-good slogan. It doesn't give workers freedom. Instead it weakens our right to join together and bargain for better wages and working conditions." - AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka

What is Right to Work?

Right to Work is a name coined for legislation aimed at weakening the rights of working people like you and me to negotiate for fair pay and better working conditions. The end goal is to destroy unions. These bills are high on the Republican agenda and are championed by extremist groups funded by corporate CEOs and billionaires. President Trump has made promises to the American people about jobs, but meanwhile he's in favor of Right to Work laws which drive down wages for everyone.



"The president believes in right to work."
- Press secretary, Sean Spicer, 2/3/17

Why is RTW so bad?

Right to Work isn't just bad for unions, it's bad for all working people. Employees in RTW states make on average 15% less each year (\$8,191) than workers in other states.¹ Furthermore, there's a ranking of states called the "Wellness Index" that looks at factors like health, education, civic engagement, and income. On the Wellness Index, 20 of the bottom ranked 25 states are RTW states.²



1: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages - Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015

2: Boston Consulting Group & Labor Tribune: <http://bit.ly/2Ik9x7b>

Victory in New Hampshire!

On February 16th, working people in New Hampshire scored a huge victory for all of us – Right to Work was rejected by the Legislature! Thousands of workers and their unions – from firefighters to nurses, building trades to public sector – mobilized and won. New Hampshire's newly elected Republican Governor called Right to Work a top priority, but he was no match for a united labor movement.



Do we need to worry about RTW in Massachusetts?

With the NH victory, we stopped Right to Work in our backyard and Democratic majorities in the Massachusetts legislature make a similar attack here unlikely.

However, President Trump's pick for the Supreme Court lays the groundwork for an upcoming case that could force the public sector in every state to go "Right to Work." Limiting worker rights and union power remains a top priority for President Trump and conservative lawmakers across the country. In addition to RTW, bills aimed at reversing protections like the prevailing wage have already been filed.

Are you ready to join the fight? By standing together we can keep our right to a voice on the job -- and our economy -- strong. Sign up for email updates at: www.massflcio.org.