Why Right to Work is wrong!

*“In our glorious fight for civil rights, we must guard against being fooled by false slogans, such as 'right-to-work.' It provides no 'rights' and no 'works.' Its purpose is to destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining…. We demand this fraud be stopped.”* – Martin Luther King Jr.

All workers benefit from unions, because unions set pay standards and workplace protections. Union members — workers like you — benefit most from the union's collective bargaining power to negotiate with employers on their behalf. This basic right gives you as a union member more power than if you tried to negotiate as an individual.

**Why this is currently important**

As it hears *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31*, the Supreme Court will decide whether public-sector unionism violates the First Amendment rights of workers who refuse to join unions. The case will be one of America’s most consequential for government labor–management relations. If the Court rules for the plaintiffs, state- and local-government workers in 22 states will no longer have to belong or pay union dues as a condition of employment. This would ultimately diminish the benefits the union negotiates.

**With unions workers receive.**

* Better Wages
* More Access to Benefits
* Job Security
* Better Safety
* Strength in Numbers
* Seniority

All of these benefits and gains have a cost associated with them. There is no free lunch. What this Supreme Court ruling will do if it votes against unions would erode our bargaining power to get workers a better deal. This would open the door for free riders (workers that reap the reward of belonging to a union without paying union dues). This is also why our elections have consequences.





