

How The Two Major Political Parties Feel About Unions

Historically the Democrats have been the main supporters of unions, and most unions tend to support the Democratic candidates for political office. Since industrial unions worked to reelect President Franklin Roosevelt in 1936, the Democratic Party and organized labor unions have worked together in U.S. politics. Democrats offer policy benefits when they take office and unions provide votes, money and volunteer time. Democrats have been standing by unions for decades in defense of fair pay and economic security. They've created a partnership. Labor unions helped build America's middle class and organized labor remains critical to fulfilling America's basic dream. That is, if you work hard and do your part, you should be able to get ahead and stay ahead. Labor unions demonstrate that we are stronger together than as individuals and help workers fight for the benefits they deserve.

Republicans, on the other hand, think that letting workers bargain collectively reduces a company's ability to act effectively in the business and marketplace. The unions make it harder for companies to make their products. Union workers earn better wages than nonunion workers and they give power to their employees, which no CEO wants to happen. Unions cut into corporate profits and sometimes gain more control than the agency would like them to have. There may be a new movement with the unions and conservatives/Republicans. With failed promises from the Democrats and companies moving out of the country, some unions are getting fed up. Some now lean towards the Republican approach of keeping businesses in America and growing strong companies so they can at least have a job.

The advantages of being in the union are better pay, sick leave, vacation, health benefits and safety. It also gives the lowest person a voice if they have a concern. The disadvantages of being in a union are sometimes union dues are way too expensive, some union leaders may push for mandatory strikes and sometimes long periods of unemployment.

Regardless of the differences between the two parties, I believe unions are good for the American economy, and unions provide the American worker a good living occupation. I've personally watched my dad have a great and fulfilling career working with the union.