



Guest column: Real incomes higher in Right to Work states

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Even a number of supporters for perpetuating compulsory unionism in Indiana admit that states with Right to Work laws prohibiting forced-union membership, dues and fees have been much more successful than Indiana has been in expanding private-sector employment. The facts are hard to ignore.

Giving Workers a Union Choice

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One of the under-appreciated fault lines in the U.S. economy is between the 22 "right-to-work" states and the rest of the country. The former have tended to do much better economically. Now some non-right-to-work states such as Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan are thinking about joining this club that allows workers to opt-out of union membership.

Some Revealing Data from the 2010 Census

New American Online

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With the help of several blogs and websites, I've been able to gather some revealing data from the Census of 2010 — data which, in general, should cheer every conservative heart. First, it shows that the liberal blue states have slow or stagnant growth rates while the conservative red states are growing by leaps and bounds. The red states gained seats in Congress, while the blue states lost them. In addition, state and local taxes are driving citizens out of the higher-taxed blue states to the lower-taxed red states.

The DC Exclusive: Sens. Hatch and Enzi call for Obama to rescind nomination of former AFL-CIO, SEIU lawyer to NLRB

The Daily Caller Online

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Sens. Mike Enzi, Wyoming Republican, and Orrin Hatch, Utah Republican, are calling on President Barack Obama to rescind the nomination of former top AFL-CIO and SEIU employee Craig Becker to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

NLRB Chairman Names New Chief of Staff

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National Labor Relations Board Chairman Wilma B. Liebman has appointed Robert Schiff as her chief of staff, the agency announced Jan. 31.

Rand Paul: No 'Great Compromiser'

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When the history books are written, Sen. Rand Paul (R., Ky.) said, he does not wish to be “the great compromiser,” the nickname of another Kentucky senator, Henry Clay, who helped postpone the Civil War through legislative wrangling.

GOP Senators Introduce State Opt-Out Bill; Would Not Require Alternative Overhaul Plan

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Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) Feb. 1 introduced legislation (S. 244) that would allow states to opt out of many of the health care overhaul law's major provisions, including the employer mandate.

Fire Dept.'s shameful perks are an offense against the public

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It isn't just the salaries averaging \$85,000 for work that can be done in two- or three-day-a-week shifts. There's also the raises that have become expected even in dire economic times, and are extracted on the flimsiest of pretexts — most recently in exchange for drug and alcohol testing that honorable public-safety workers would undergo voluntarily, if only to keep one another safe. Then there's retirement as early as 55, meaning that many firefighters will collect generous pensions and health benefits for more years than they worked.

Are police, fire unions next on Christie's hit list?

CourierPostOnline.com
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Asked at an editorial board meeting at the Courier-Post in November why public safety unions had so far escaped his fury, Christie coyly responded, "Stay tuned."

Union Sues City Over Firehouse Staffing

Wall Street Journal Online
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The fire union is seeking an injunction to stop Mayor Michael Bloomberg from reducing the number of firefighters from five to four on the engine companies at some of the city's busiest firehouses.

'Fire' emergency

New York Post Online
2/2011/2011

Mayor Bloomberg warned yesterday that interference by the courts in the city's budget process is forcing him to speed up issuing pink slips -- an hour before two fire unions announced they were planning legal action to prevent the Fire Department from cutting staffing.

Unions at Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail Reject Arbitration, Start 30-Day Countdown

Daily Labor Report Online
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The National Mediation Board Jan. 26 released a coalition of nine unions from further mediation with the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad, starting a 30-day period before the unions could be free to strike.

Wal-Mart's Unlikely Ally: Construction Unions

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Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has reached an agreement in principle with New York construction unions to build stores with unionized labor.

Senate approves limits on construction agreements that could restrict unions

Idaho Reporter Online
2/01/2011

The plan, approved by a 27-7 vote, would limit public entities use of project labor agreements (PLAs), which could be used by labor unions to pay workers a union wage.