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Guest: well the first thing i tell people, it is not a public down but a government down. the public young makes it seem like it is you and me when the government unions frustrate people. Over the last couple of years, the polling we have done and you have a couple of slides, we have found there isn't a significant difference and the American people are frustrated with both of them and for to kind of behavior, for teachers to go on strike, the public is saying, no way. in fact, a majority of union members themselves, if they had the chance would fire their own union bosses if they had that opportunity. 59 versus 27 percent if they thought they would not get caught wld fire their own unions according to a survey we to for the national right to work.

Indiana panel OKs labor bill as unions protest

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Union supporters shouted "lie" and "shame" at members of a Republican-led Indiana House committee who voted in favor of so-called right-to-work legislation, after impassioned arguments that it was aimed at weakening unions and would drive down wages.

The House Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee voted 8-5 along party lines Monday to send to the full House the bill prohibiting union representation fees from being a condition of employment as is included in the

The party never stops. Russell Day flips and then he flops

TheLobbynh.com/mr.snitch

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Russell "Nightand" Day, the Republican rep from Goffstown, didn't win too many friends when he joined the 40 GOPers in the GC who voted against the right to work bill supporters have been drooling over since the day after the November election.

Labor plans to rally against attack on collective bargaining

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The AFL-CIO claims the National Right to Work Committee engineered the multi-state activity. Marks said the group actively promoted anti-union bills. The committee's office was closed Monday and officials couldn't be reached. Its webpage describes it as a non-partisan, nonprofit organization whose average contributions are \$59

Wisconsin Union Battle Could Set Stage for National 'Right-to-Work' Debate

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Currently 22 states have right-to-work laws, according to the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation. Research by the National Conference of State Legislatures shows that several states in New England and in the northern Midwest are now considering right-to-work proposals.

A space on the right

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National Right to Work is mostly silent (their agenda is private sector). This week the NLRB vote and fight happened and groups were pushing that. But, of course, that's all private sector.

State of the unions

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Indiana's right-to-work debate part of broader nationwide push

Q. There was no discussion of right-to-work laws in the last election – why is it coming up now?

A. Credit the powerful National Right to Work Committee.

Its single aim is to fight compulsory union membership.

Koch Brothers Behind Wisconsin Effort To Kill Public Unions

Forbes Online
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As the nation focuses on the efforts of Governor Scott Walker to take away collective bargaining rights from public employees in Wisconsin, new information is coming to light that reveals what is truly going on here.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker: Funded by the Koch Bros

Mother Jones Online
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The Kochs also invited (PDF) Mark Mix, president of the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, an anti-union outfit, to a June 2010 confab in Aspen, Colorado; Mix said in a recent interview that he supports Governor Walker's collective-bargaining bill. In Wisconsin, this conservative, anti-union view is being placed into action by lawmakers in sync with the deep-pocketed donors who helped them obtain power. (Walker also opposes the state's Clean Energy Job Act, which would compel the state to increase its use of alternative energy.) At this moment—even with the Wisconsin uprising unresolved—the Koch brothers' investment in Walker appears to be paying off.

There is no right to collective bargaining

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Protesters in Madison, Wis., and Columbus, Ohio, are defending the "right to collective bargaining." Guess what? There is no right to collective bargaining. Collective bargaining is a legislated privilege given to unions by friendly lawmakers.

The federal courts have been very clear on this.

Columbus Takes Center Stage in Next Big Union Fight

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The next focus of demonstrators protesting collective bargaining reforms should be Columbus, Ohio where thousands, if not tens-of-thousands, of protestors are expected to gather Tuesday and shout their views about a controversial bill that puts labor unions in the crosshairs of a determined governor intent on salvaging his state's financial situation.

White House denies assisting Wis. union, but ties run deep

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White House communications director Dan Pfeiffer is claiming that "This is a Wisconsin story, not a Washington one," contradicting the Washington Post's reporting that the president and his political apparatus has gotten deeply involved in the effort. But Pfeiffer fails to acknowledge that unions, particularly in the public sector, and President Obama's apparatus are the same thing, having worked to get out the vote for Democrats for years.

Is it really about Koch?

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The White House and DNC walked that line over the weekend, and now it's Koch Industries' turn, as Democrats allege that the energy giant -- whose owners, Charles and David Koch, back Americans for Prosperity, which has helped lead counter-demonstrations -- stands to benefit specifically from the proposed legislation. In particular, critics say, a provision in the legislation that allows the sale of state energy assets without a bidding process is written to hand state assets over to the Kochs.

Collective bargaining isn't helping Wisconsin's state debt

Washington examiner Online
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Union activists are claiming that elimination of collective bargaining would be a disaster for Wisconsin, but the numbers tell us a different story. Chris Edwards at the Cato Institute compares Wisconsin to Virginia, where collective bargaining by public employees was banned by Democratic Gov. Doug Wilder in the 1990s, and finds an interesting contrast.

Wisconsin confrontation could be fatal flaw in Obama's 2012 re-election strategy

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One reason why Obama Democrats are now backing away from their earlier enthusiasm for the public employee union protestors chanting in the streets of Madison, Wisconsin, against Republican Gov. Scott Walker and the newly-elected GOP majorities in the state senate and house may be their realization that they're on the losing side.

Michigan Gov. Says He Won't 'Pick Fights' With Unions

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"We're going to go negotiate with our unions in a collective-bargaining fashion to achieve goals," the Republican governor said in an interview. "It's not picking fights. It's about getting people to come together and say here are the facts, here are the common-ground solutions."

Democratic Sen. Bingaman to Retire

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His decision puts another seat in play for Democrats as the party clings to its slim, six-seat majority in the Senate. Mr. Bingaman, 67 years old, will become the fourth senator aligned with Democrats to not seek re-election, following announcements already this year by Sens. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, Jim Webb of Virginia and Joe Lieberman, the Connecticut independent who caucuses with Democrats.

California Board Agent Dismisses Objections To Election for Fresno Home Care Workers

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NUHW had sought to overturn the election and have it rerun. In charges filed with PERB June 29, 2009, NUHW had alleged that SEIU staff engaged in voter intimidation, illegal threats, and ballot manipulation in violation of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, interfering with employee rights to freely choose a representative, and constituting serious irregularity in the conduct of an election.

NLRB Criticizes Proposed Budget Cut, As House Debate on Funding Bill Continues

Daily Labor Report Online
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A proposal to slash the National Labor Relations Board's budget by \$50 million, if passed, would result in a nearly three-month shutdown of NLRB operations, agency officials said Feb. 18, as debate on a controversial continuing resolution (H.R. 1) for the remainder of fiscal year 2011 dragged on in the House with no clear end in sight.

Public Interest Groups Forming Coalition To Counter GOP's Anti-Regulatory Efforts

Daily Labor Report
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A consortium of public interest and labor groups, including the AFL-CIO, Public Citizen, and OMB Watch, is forming an organization to combat what they call misleading information used by Republican lawmakers in the debate over regulatory overhaul.

OLMS to Contact Employers and Their Attorneys Regarding Persuader Agreement Reporting Obligations

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The DOL's Office of Labor Management Standards (OLMS) has announced the initiation of its Persuader Reporting Orientation Program (PROP). According to the agency, this program is "designed to provide compliance assistance to employers and labor relations consultants that are likely to enter into reportable agreements or arrangements pursuant to LMRDA section 203."

What's at Stake in Wisconsin's Budget Battle

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Who's in charge of our political system—voters or unions?

The real assault this week was led by Organizing for America, the successor to President's Obama's 2008 campaign organization. It helped fill buses of protesters who flooded the state capital of Madison and ran 15 phone banks urging people to call state legislators.

Labor's Last Stand

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Emboldened by November's election results, corporations and their right-wing allies have launched what they hope will be their final offensive against America's unions. Their immediate target is government workers' unions. While New Jersey's Republican Governor Chris Christie has gained national fame by beating up on public school teachers, the threat to unionized workers is playing out in all fifty states, to the drumbeat in the media about states going broke because of government workers' wages, pensions and benefits. By late January, with the swearing-in ceremonies complete in the twenty-one states where Republicans have a "trifecta," controlling the governor's office and both statehouses, hundreds of bills had been introduced seeking to hem in unions if not ban them altogether. On February 11, Wisconsin's new Republican Governor Scott Walker

made what amounts to a declaration of all-out war on public sector workers in his historically progressive state, moving to deprive them of the very right to bargain collectively on matters essential to their economic security.

The Audacity of Mobs

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Late on Friday the news cycle was abuzz that both President Obama's campaign organization as well as the Democratic National Committee were both utilizing significant resources to bring tens of thousands of out-of-state protesters to march on the capital grounds in Madison, Wisconsin to interfere in what amounts to a state matter. Some of those protesters were dispatched to the private home of the Wisconsin Governor. Others to the homes of Republican state legislators.

Rocky Mountain RINO?

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In Colorado, leading Rocky Mountain Republicans have determined that their fight is really not with Democrats at all; it's with Colorado voters. Republicans and Democrats in the Colorado General Assembly are on the same side — against citizens having too much of a voice.