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Want to be a civil Servant? It may cost you

The Daily Caller, 9/04/2011

It is incredible that so many of our public servants have to pay a private organization just for the privilege to work in the public sector.

As we celebrate the hard work and ingenuity of the American people this Labor Day, let us also renew our will to fight against the coercion these workers face because of forced unionism.

Court Sides with union in ruling Nonmember In-Home Workers In Illinois Required to Pay Fair Share Fees

Daily Labor Report Online, 9/02/2011

The appeals court affirmed a district court's dismissal of the First Amendment free association and free speech claims by personal assistants, who are not SEIU members, against the union and Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn (D). The state substantially controls their jobs and is therefore their employer, regardless of whether they are properly deemed also to be employed by their home-care patients, the appeals court found. Therefore, it said, the U.S. Supreme Court's mandatory union fee decisions apply and allow for the collection and use of the fair share fees.

William L. Messenger of the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation in Springfield, Va., represented the nonmember personal assistants.

Obama declares compulsion foundation of "American Dream"

Washington Examiner Online, 9/05/2011

"The right to organize and collectively bargain is a fundamental American value," Obama writes. "This year has seen a vigorous fight to protect these rights and values, and on this Labor Day, we reaffirm that collective bargaining is a cornerstone of the American dream."

Wisconsin union Bosses Make the Best Case Against forced Dues

National Review Online, 9/05/2011

All the union bosses can point to for their \$20 million forced-dues campaign are a couple of hollow victories.

Big Labor uses coercion, fear as means to pad coffers

InFOrum.com, 9/05/2011

The fact is that modern unions are built on the legal privilege of compulsion. In 28 states without Right to Work laws, nonunion employees can be fired for refusing to pay union dues. Millions more nonunion workers have no choice but to accept union bargaining over their wages and working conditions.

'Systematically Biased' Against Schoolchildren

Stanford Professor Lambastes Monopolistic Teacher Unionism
National Right to Work Newsletter, July, 2011

In his new book *Special Interest: Teachers Unions and America's Public Schools* (Brookings Institution Press), Dr. Moe documents how teacher union monopoly bargaining, still statutorily enshrined in more than 30 states, impairs school outcomes while sharply raising the cost to taxpayers.

Right to Work is Right for Virginia

Richmond Times Dispatch Online, 9/04/2011

Recent studies from the Cato Institute and the National Institute for Labor Relations Research indicate that right-to-work states enjoy higher job growth and more disposable income (after adjusting for families' cost-of-living) than their forced-unionism counterparts.

Eight of the top 11 states for wage and salary growth enjoy right-to-work protections. Meanwhile, 13 of the 14 worst performers lack right-to-work laws.

MIX: State of the union

Washington Times Online, 9/02/2011

According to figures compiled by the National Institute for Labor Relations Research, the media has reported more than 12,000 instances of union violence over the last three decades. And that's just the tip of the iceberg – incidents that didn't make the morning paper point to a much larger, unreported total.

Obama Labor Board Kills Important Secret Ballot Precedent

Greenmountainscribes.com, 9/01/2011

“The Obama Labor Board's ruling to kill the Dana Corp. precedent that allows workers a secret ballot vote to kick out a union that gained control of the workplace in an abusive 'card check' campaign adds to an already exhaustive list of paybacks from the Obama Administration to Big Labor.

Labor Day: Happy New Year!

Richmond Times-Dispatch Online, 9/04/2011

Today's Commentary section features columns from the U.S. Department of Labor and the National Right to Work Committee. An open exchange of ideas is essential.

Unions Smearing NRA on Flimsy Evidence

snowflakesinhell.com, 9/02/2011

The great irony is, I've never heard of NRA being all that cozy with NRTWC. In fact, because a lot of other right-of-center groups in DC don't really appreciate how NRA throws its weight around (and usually gets its way).

The Attack on Unions

publiceye.org, Summer, 2001

Weakening unions will jumpstart wage growth during the recession, argues the National Right to Work Committee: "Right to Work and Lower Taxes appear to deliver a one-two punch in states' fights against unemployment and personal income decline. In fact," the committee claims, referring to Florida, Virginia, and Tennessee, "Right To Work states lead in economic prosperity and personal income growth."

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Unions are no bargain for Americans
Washington Times, 9/02/2011

Al Capone-wannabe Richard Trumka, president of the AFL-See-I'm-Sleeping, has been recently grumbling about giving less money to the Democratic Party because the party has not given labor unions everything they want. Mr. Trumka knows, however, that when push comes to shove, the AFL-CIO will provide Democrats with stacks of cash as they always have.

Mr. Trumka knows that much of the trillion-dollar stimulus package is nothing more than President Obama using our tax dollars to provide artificial employment for union workers. It is a giant, taxpayer-funded payoff for labor unions to vote for Democrats. What a scam.

DECKER: Beware Obama's executive fiat

Washington Times Online, 9/02/2011

In White House talking points leaked to The Washington Times by an executive-branch employee, administration officials are told what to say to the press and the public about Mr. Obama's Sept. 8 speech to a Joint Session of Congress. The document is devoid of specifics, which will be proclaimed from the podium on Thursday, but it does say that

ideas announced to “provide economic security for the middle class ... will be both legislative and executive actions.