



Union Violence of little interest to media

American Thinker Online, 9/09/2011

Over 500 people "storm" private property, break windows and vandalize other property, wield baseball bats and crowbars, make death threats, and allegedly hold six guards hostage. Fifty law enforcement officers respond. U.S. Marshalls are placed on standby to enforce a related injunction issued by a federal judge.

Union violence is not rare. The National Institute for Labor Relations (NILR) has collected over 9,000 reports of union violence since 1975 and the actual number is much higher--by as much as a factor of ten. Only a fraction of such offenses result in arrest and conviction.

Trumka the Chump

Weekly Standard Online, 9/09/2011

In sum, the leader of the nation's largest union -- who was an honored guest of the White House at the president's jobs speech last night -- thinks it's appropriate to commemorate the tenth anniversary of horrifying and deadly attack by foreign terrorists that killed thousands of Americans by attacking a host of other Americans whose cardinal sin is not agreeing with Richard Trumka.

Strikes and Violence: National Labor Relations Board Investigates Longshoremens Union for Strike Gone Wrong

Fox News Online, 9/09/2011

They overwhelmed guards, smashed windows in the guard shack and dumped grain. Six guards were trapped for a couple of hours, Longview Police Chief Jim Duscha said. He initially referred to the guards as "hostages," but later retracted that after the guards clarified no one had threatened them.

"The guards absolutely could not get out," Duscha said. "They feared for their lives because of the size of the crowd and the hostility of the crowd."

Longshoremen Closed down ports because Union "brothers" working at Port

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Why are members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) — and their supporters in Washington and Oregon — so upset about a grain terminal that employs just 50 workers?

Here's why.

EGT signed an agreement with Federal Way-based General Construction Co., a subsidiary of Kiewit, to operate the terminal with union members from the Portland-based International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701.

Police investigate carjacking, assault in Longview union protests

KOIN Local 6.com, 9/09/2011

Authorities are investigating a carjacking and assault that occurred Thursday during protests by union activists concerning their right to work at a Washington state grain terminal at the Port of Longview.

More Big Labor Payback: The President's Pathetic, Pedestrian Speech

National Review Online, 9/12/2011

Nearly one-quarter of this latest stimulus package — sorry, American Jobs Act — is aid to state and local government, to keep teachers and other public-employee union members on the job and paying dues to the unions. Altogether, unions gave Democrats some \$400 million in the 2008 election cycle. Pretty good return on their "investment," eh?

CA next state to force child-care providers to pay dues

Sacramento Bee Online, 9/09/2011

"This is the last day of the session, and to consider a bill like this to require mandatory unionization for an entire industry is really a stretch," said Assemblyman Chris Norby, R-Fullerton. "This is a far reaching bill that's going to cost families in this state a lot of money that they don't have and we don't have."

Why President Obama's Jobs Act won't help most construction workers

Examiner National Online,

It all sounds good. Federal government tax dollars sent directly to construction companies to employ workers who will build roads, bridges and airports.

Shortly after taking the oath of office, President Obama signed Executive Order 13502 mandating that all construction projects with any federal funding must incorporate Project Labor Agreements (PLAs).

Governor Bentley Obama wrong on autos

WSFA 12 News, Montgomery, AL 9/09/2011

The governor also heralded the South as a region for American automotive manufacturing.

"These companies that he's saying need to be American made, they come to the South." Bentley said. "They come to Tennessee and Georgia and Alabama because we're a right to work state. I have nothing against labor unions, but these companies will not look at states that are not right to work states."

Tomblin bows to AFL-CIO, opposes Right to Work Legislation

Charleston Daily Mail Online, 9/12/2011

"When something passes both the House and Senate, I feel that it is my responsibility to review the proposed legislation, although as I have said I do not support a Right-to-Work bill," Tomblin wrote in the letter. "I realize that the response caused concerned and want to assure you that I have no intention of supporting or signing Right-to-Work legislation."

NH House Speaker Speaks out on Right to Work

Weekly Standard Online, 9/19/2011

It's an issue of enormous national significance. Twenty-two states have right-to-work laws, most of them in the South and West. If New Hampshire passes such a law, it will be the first state in the Northeast to do so. And this, O'Brien says, would "send a signal to the rest of the country."