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Overview

In a follow-up to our 2025 white paper *Union Bosses Versus MAGA*¹, new findings show how unions are helping anti-Trump candidates get into office to block President Donald Trump's Make America Great Again (MAGA) agenda at every turn. According to the latest campaign filings, labor unions continue to support Democratic candidates for office. They work against his priority issues, and they use the most incendiary language possible to attack him.

According to exit polling, President Trump picked up 45% of the union vote² in the 2024 election. This shift has led to a handful of Republicans embracing union leaders when, instead, they should be focusing on policies for the working class.

However, while some union leaders talk a good game, their agenda is almost universally against President Trump—even unions like the Teamsters that claim to be allies. How do we know? Look at what they say. Look at what they do. And look at who they give most of their money to.

Findings

President Trump's Economic Agenda: Union leaders have been strong opponents of the president's economic agenda of tax relief and reduced regulatory burdens.

- **The One Big Beautiful Bill Act:** “The labor movement has been warning that the Trump administration's policies are bad for working families. ... This is particularly concerning, given that the Trump administration and congressional Republican leaders have passed a law that will rip away health care from 17 million people and cut more than half a million care jobs,” according to comments from the AFL-CIO regarding the 2025 August Jobs Report.³

¹ Americans for Limited Government, *Union Bosses Versus MAGA*, October 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://getliberty.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Union-Bosses-vs-MAGA-Oct-2025.pdf>.

² Chris Isidore, “Shawn Fain Was Kamala Harris' Most Forceful Union Backer. It Could Cost Him His Job,” *CNN*, December 27, 2024, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.cnn.com/2024/12/27/business/shawn-fain-risk-taker>.

³ AFL-CIO, “AFL-CIO on August Jobs Report,” press release, September 5, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026 <https://aflcio.org/press/releases/afl-cio-august-jobs-report>.

- **AI:** “President Trump and Vice President Vance have already given billionaire tech executives the green light to bulldoze the rights and jobs of working-class families,” said Chrissy Lynch, president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.⁴
- **DOGE:** “President Trump is deliberately inflicting pain on workers by cutting jobs, slashing food assistance and ripping away livelihoods,” said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler.⁵

Personal Attacks: When President Trump toured a Ford Motor Company plant in Michigan, one of the workers heckled him with personal insults. The worker was later fired, but the UAW turned it into another attack on the president and vowed to restore the worker’s job despite his disrespectful behavior.

- “The UAW will ensure that our member receives the full protection of all negotiated contract language safeguarding his job and his rights as a union member. Workers should never be subjected to vulgar language or behavior by anyone — including the President of the United States,” said UAW Vice President Laura Dickerson.⁶

National Nurses United has accused the Trump administration of running a “fascist regime” and a “white supremacist agenda.”

- “It is no surprise that a fascist regime would post fascist propaganda on a fascist social media network like X, but it remains concerning to see the DOL making posts that serve a fascist, white supremacist agenda,” said Puneet Maharaj, executive director of National Nurses United.⁷

⁴ AFL-CIO, “AFL-CIO Launches ‘Workers First Initiative on AI’ to Put American Workers at the Center of the Future of Artificial Intelligence,” press release, October 15, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://aflcio.org/press/releases/afl-cio-launches-workers-first-initiative-ai-put-american-workers-future-artificial>.

⁵ AFL-CIO, “AFL-CIO, 26 Labor Unions Demand USDA Release SNAP Contingency Funds, Protect 90K Jobs,” press release, October 31, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://aflcio.org/press/releases/afl-cio-26-labor-unions-demand-usda-release-snap-contingency-funds-protect-90k-jobs>.

⁶ United Auto Workers, “Statement on Ford Plant Visit from VP Laura Dickerson, Ford Department Director,” press statement, January 14, 2026, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://uaw.org/statement-on-ford-plant-visit-from-vp-laura-dickerson-ford-department-director/>.

⁷ Michael Sainato, “Union leaders Accuse Trump Labor department of Echoing Nazi Rhetoric,” *The Guardian*, January 14, 2026, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jan/14/union-leaders-trump-administration-white-supremacy>.

Government Efficiency: Union leaders have consistently tried to stop President Trump from making government work more efficiently and exercising his authority over federal employees.

- “Donald Trump’s executive order launched the biggest act of union-busting in our history, ripping away collective bargaining rights from a million federal workers,” said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler.⁸
- “President Trump betrayed workers when he tried to rip away our collective bargaining rights. In these increasingly polarized times, working people delivered a rare bipartisan majority to stop the administration’s unprecedented attacks on our freedoms,” said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler.⁹
- “[T]he IAM urges President Donald Trump to reverse the unprecedented and illegal firing of NLRB Member Wilcox, restore the Board’s independence, and protect workers’ rights,” IAM Union International President Brian Bryant¹⁰ wrote in a letter to members of the U.S. Senate.

Government Shutdown: When Democrats shut the government down in 2025, union leaders of course blamed the president.

- “The federal government is shutting down right now because President Trump and his administration chose chaos and pain over responsible governing. ... Now, President Trump is shutting down the government, using federal workers as pawns and threatening to illegally fire them—all to avoid fixing the mounting health care cost crisis that will hurt millions of Americans,” said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler.¹¹

⁸ AFL-CIO, “Labor Movement Applauds Senate Introduction of the Protect America’s Workforce Act,” September 17, 2025, press release, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://aflcio.org/press/releases/labor-movement-applauds-senate-introduction-protect-americas-workforce-act>.

⁹ AFL-CIO, “Labor Movement Delivers Bipartisan Victory as House Passes Bill to Restore Federal Workers’ Union Rights,” press release, December 11, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://aflcio.org/press/releases/labor-movement-delivers-bipartisan-victory-house-passes-bill-restore-federal-workers>.

¹⁰ International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers IMAIL, “IAM Union Opposes NLRB Nominees Until Unjustly Fired Member Wilcox Is Reinstated,” press statement, October 9, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.goiam.org/news/imail/iam-union-opposes-nlr-b-nominees-until-unjustly-fired-member-wilcox-is-reinstated/>.

¹¹ AFL-CIO, “AFL-CIO to Trump Administration: ‘Fund the Government. Fix the Health Care Crisis. Put Working People First.’” press release, October 1, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://aflcio.org/press/releases/afl-cio-trump-administration-fund-government-fix-health-care-crisis-put-working>.

AI: When the president signed an executive order to ensure uniform regulation of AI, union leaders again used it as an excuse to attack his agenda.

- “Unregulated AI would further empower corporations to spy on us, steal our jobs and data, and even decide what medical care we get. Eighty percent of Americans want AI safety rules in place, yet Trump would rather reward the tech CEOs who are making billions off the backs of working people,” said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler.¹²

Foreign Policy: President Trump launched a successful mission to capture Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela, a brutal dictator. Somehow, this made union leaders unhappy.

- “We join the international labor community in condemning President Trump’s unconstitutional actions in Venezuela,” posted AFL-CIO on X.¹³

Litigation: Unions have sued the Trump administration at an incredible pace. According to court filings¹⁴, they have sued 60 times since January 2025. That’s a rate of more than 4 times per month.

Politics: While a few union leaders make symbolic gestures toward Republicans, the reality is that they generally support Democratic candidates. This includes races across the country.

- **Alaska:** “Rep. Nick Begich and Republicans in these battleground districts have repeatedly chosen greed over people, and our families are paying the price. They’re okay with walking away from us and letting us die,” said Amy Backus, homecare worker and member of SEIU 775.¹⁵
- **Iowa:** “We’re supporting candidates like Rob Sand who’ve proven they can stand up to corporate America,” said UAW Region 4 Director Brandon Campbell.¹⁶

¹² AFL-CIO, “AFL-CIO: Trump’s Big Tech Power Grab Is Dangerous, Unpopular and Illegal,” press release, December 11, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://aflcio.org/press/releases/afl-cio-trumps-big-tech-power-grab-dangerous-unpopular-and-illegal>.

¹³ @AFL-CIO. “We Join the International Labor Community in Condemning President Trump’s Unconstitutional Actions in Venezuela.” X, January 3, 2026, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://x.com/AFLCIO/status/2007540440695030170>.

¹⁴ Just Security, “Litigation Tracker: Legal Challenges to Trump Administration Actions,” February 27, 2026, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.justsecurity.org/107087/tracker-litigation-legal-challenges-trump-administration/>.

¹⁵ SEIU Media, “As Healthcare Costs Soar, SEIU Continues 14-State Campaign to Hold House Republicans Accountable,” press statement, December 8, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.seiu.org/2025/12/as-healthcare-costs-soar-seiu-continues-14-state-campaign-to-hold-house-republicans-accountable/>.

¹⁶ News From the UAW, “UAW Endorses Rob Sand for Iowa Governor,” press release, November 5, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://uaw-newsroom.prgloo.com/press-release/uaw-endorses-rob-sand-for-iowa-governor>.

- **Maine:** “The UAW is proud to endorse candidates like [Graham] Platner taking on the broken status quo,” said United Auto Workers (UAW) President Shawn Fain on the endorsement of Graham Platner for the U.S. Senate in Maine.¹⁷
- **New York:** “[Chuck] Schumer, who I’ve had my disagreements with and fallouts with, he’s getting criticized. Number one, because of his age. Number two, because of, he was the leader of the Democratic party. He was going to deliver the Harris-Waltz ticket to the promised land, and he didn’t deliver on that. ... And I’m just asking this because look, I love, I argue, I argue with that guy all the time. And by the way, I gave him a \$550,000 check,” said Teamsters President Sean O’Brien on the podcast *Better Bad Ideas*.¹⁸
- **North Carolina:** “Ultimately, our membership enthusiastically endorsed former Governor Roy Cooper for the U.S. Senate. With his track record of centering North Carolina's workers in the policies he champions, Roy Cooper has long proven that he represents the best of North Carolina's political leadership,” said AFL-CIO Labor Votes, North Carolina AFL-CIO.¹⁹
- **Ohio:** “Sherrod Brown is more than an ally of the UAW; he is an honorary union brother,” said UAW Region 2B Director Dave Green.²⁰
- **Ohio:** “The UAW is proud to endorse candidates like Sherrod [Brown] who will stand with the working class against our common enemy: corporate greed,” said UAW President Shawn Fain.²¹
- **2026 Midterms:** “Americans sent political officials a message on Election Day: Focus on affordability, not power. Unfortunately, Republicans—who control all branches of government—are ignoring it,” said American Federation of Teachers (AFT) President Randi Weingarten.²² “We will not forget the Republicans’ refusal to negotiate, and we are grateful for the fight that the vast majority of Democrats waged. Our movement is growing. We are not waiting until 2026.”²³

¹⁷ News from the UAW, “UAW Endorses Graham Platner for U.S. Senate in Maine,” October 15, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://uaw-newsroom.prgloo.com/press-release/uaw-endorses-graham-platner-for-u-s-senate-in-maine>.

¹⁸ Sean O’ Brien (host), *Better Bad Ideas*, podcast, season 1, episode 34, “Why Amy Acton Wants to Be Ohio’s Next Governor,” 7EQUIS Network show, September 10, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CL1HcRMWrl4>.

¹⁹ North Carolina State AFL-CIO News, “Housekeeping for Democracy: Our Endorsements for the March 3rd Primary,” January 13, 2026, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://aflcinc.org/news/housekeeping-democracy-our-endorsements-march-3rd-primary>.

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²¹ Id.

²² AFT, “AFT’s Weingarten Responds to Key Vote to End Shutdown,” press release, November 9, 2025, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.aft.org/press-release/afts-weingarten-responds-key-vote-end-shutdown>.

²³ Id.

Political Contributions for Democrat Lawmakers: Members of Congress who have been the most fervent opponents of President Trump have received generous contributions from unions, according to campaign finance reports.

- Since 2020, unions have given **Sen. Adam Schiff** (D-CA) more than \$700,000, including \$25,000 from the Teamsters and \$30,000 from the Carpenters.²⁴
- Since 2020, unions have given nearly \$1 million to **Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer** (D-NY).²⁵

²⁴ OpenSecrets.org, “Adam Schiff: Top Industries, 2023–2024 House election cycle,” accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/adam-schiff/industries?cid=N00009585&cycle=2024&type=I>.

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- Since 2020, unions have given nearly \$500,000 to **Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)**.²⁶
- Since 2020, unions have given nearly \$225,000 to **Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY)**.²⁷
- Since 2020, unions have given nearly \$1 million to **House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)**.²⁸

²⁶ OpenSecrets.org, “Elizabeth Warren: Top Industries, 2019–2024 Senate election cycle,” accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/elizabeth-warren/industries?cid=N00033492&cycle=2024&type=I>.

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²⁷ OpenSecrets.org, “Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez: Top Industries, 2023–2024 House election cycle,” accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/alexandria-ocasio-cortez/industries?cid=N00041162&cycle=2024>.

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²⁸ OpenSecrets.org, “Hakeem Jeffries: Top Industries, 2023–2024 House election cycle,” accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/hakeem-jeffries/industries?cid=N00033640&cycle=2024>.

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- Since 2020, unions have given nearly \$290,000 to **Rep. Ilhan Omar** (D-MN), including nearly \$20,000 from the Teamsters.²⁹
- Since 2020, unions have given nearly \$200,000 to **Rep. Rashida Tlaib** (D-MI), including \$5,000 from the Teamsters.³⁰

²⁹ OpenSecrets.org, “Ilhan Omar: Top Industries, 2023–2024 House election cycle,” accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/ilhan-omar/industries?cid=N00043581&cycle=2024>.

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- Since 2020, unions have given **Rep. Pramila Jayapal** (D-WA) nearly \$800,000, including nearly \$30,000 from the Teamsters, \$40,000 from the UAW, and \$40,000 from the Machinists.³¹

³¹ OpenSecrets.org, “Pramila Jayapal: Top Industries, 2023–2024 House election cycle,” accessed March 2, 2026, <https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/pramila-jayapal/industries?cid=N00038858&cycle=2024>.

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Political Contributions for State Politicians: Unions have given money to Democratic district attorneys, some of whom have been fierce enemies of President Trump, along with others like New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani.

- Unions gave self-proclaimed Socialist and **New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani** more than \$900,000.³²
- **New York City District Attorney Alvin Bragg** has received more than \$290,000 from unions since 2021, including \$2,500 from the Teamsters, \$4,000 from the IBEW, and \$17,500 from the New York State Laborers.³³
- **Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner** received \$84,200 from the unions from 2017 to 2020, including more than \$5,000 from the Teamsters, \$23,000 from the Plumbers/Pipefitters Union, and \$35,000 from the Laborers.³⁴
- Unions gave \$1,500 to **Atlanta District Attorney Fani Willis** in 2024, according to campaign finance reports.³⁵

³² New York City Campaign Finance Board, “Hotel Workers for Stronger Communities (2025) Independent Spender Profile,” accessed March 2, 2026, https://www.nycfcfb.info/vsapps/IndependentSpenderSummary.aspx?spender_id=Z89&as_election_cycle=2025&candidate_name=Hotel%20Workers%20for%20Stronger%20Communities.

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³³ NYSBOE Reporting System, Contributions by Recipient, search by candidate, Candidate name Bragg, Select Candidate, Alvin Bragg- District Attorney 3675, filter search type, contributor type: unions, accessed March 2, 2026, <https://publicreporting.elections.ny.gov/ContributionsByRecipient/ContributionsByRecipient>.

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- **San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins** has received \$23,411.99 from the unions since 2023, including contributions from the Teamsters, the Laborers, and the IBEW.³⁷
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- Unions gave more than \$1 million to new **Virginia Attorney General Jay Jones**, including the Carpenters, the IBEW, the Laborers, and the Machinists.³⁹
- **California Attorney General Rob Bonta** has received more than \$43,000 from the Teamsters for his 2026 campaign.⁴⁰
- **Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison** received \$5,000 from the Teamsters in 2022.⁴¹
- **Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul** raised more than \$1 million in total contributions, including \$10,000 from the Teamsters in 2024.⁴²

Conclusion

On issue after issue, it is clear that union leaders do not support the MAGA agenda and use every opportunity to attack President Trump, despite rank-and-file support from union members.

The way to appeal to rank-and-file union voters is to pursue policies that make the economy stronger, not to support legislative priorities and the agenda of inside-the-Beltway union bosses.

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