

Union Bosses Turn on MAGA

The Faster Labor Contracts Act Advances the Union DEI Agenda

Unions have traditionally been adversaries of the Republican Party. In recent years, however, some Republicans have taken the view that the way to reach the working class is through big labor bosses. Americans for Limited Government's new brief shows that this outreach is a one-way street—unions remain hostile to Republicans and the President, even as they now seek GOP support to pass the Faster Labor Contracts Act, legislation that would force workers and employers into union contracts, expand government power, potentially force DEI programs, block immigration enforcement, and impost transgender policies.

Litigation. Unions have sued President Trump more than 70 times to block his agenda, including efforts to reduce the size of the federal government, cut federal spending, end collective bargaining rights for certain federal employees, reorganize federal agencies, exert more control over independent agencies, dismantle the Department of Education, and end unionization of TSA employees.

Contributions. Despite rhetoric about bipartisan support, FEC reports show unions continue to give money overwhelmingly to Democrats:

- In House toss-up seats held by Democrats, unions have given more than \$1.2 million to Democrats and just \$999 to Republicans (as of July 24).
- Across House toss-up races broadly, unions have given more than \$1.8 million to Democrats and less than \$440,000 to Republicans—a more than 4-to-1 advantage. Of the 18 toss-up seats, 14 are held by Republicans and just 4 by Democrats, meaning Republicans received on average just \$31,000 each from unions compared to \$450,000 each for Democrats.
- In the six most competitive Senate races, unions have given over \$640,000 to Democrats and just \$139,000 to Republicans—also a more than 4-to-1 advantage.
- In North Carolina's Senate race, 100 percent of union contributions have gone to Democrat Roy Cooper. In Michigan, 100 percent of union contributions have gone to Democrat candidates.
- In the Georgia Senate race, union contributions to Democrat Jon Ossoff outweigh contributions to Republicans 6-to-1. In the Ohio Senate race, union contributions to Democrat Sherrod Brown outweigh contributions to Republican Senator John Husted 7-to-1.
- In the 2024 election cycle, the top 10 unions gave \$22,331,665 to Democrats and just \$1,378,412 to Republicans.

Redistricting. Unions have poured money into efforts to rig electoral maps in favor of House Democrats. According to the Los Angeles Times, unions put at least \$23 million into California's Proposition 50, which redrew maps to give Democrats five additional House seats. Campaign finance reports show unions poured more than \$12 million into the failed effort to redraw Virginia's maps to give Democrats 10 of the state's 11 House seats.

Endorsements. In the six most competitive Senate races, union endorsements of Democrats outweigh endorsements of Republicans by more than 5-to-1 (94 vs. 17), with most Republican endorsements coming from law enforcement-affiliated unions. In the 24 most competitive House races, Democrats received more than five times as many union endorsements as Republicans (252 vs. 48); one Republican House member accounts for 42 of those endorsements, meaning all other Republicans received only 6 union endorsements combined (as of July 28).