

# Who's Behind Janus?

*The Janus case being heard by the Supreme Court is the latest piece of a decades-long effort to undermine unions.*

EVER SINCE THE RIGHT to join a union became law in the 1930s, corporations and right-wing organizations have been working to chip away at that right. Even though the right-wing scored some wins in the 1940s and 1950s, for a few decades, the trend was toward greater rights for workers and greater strength for unions. Since the 1980s, however, workers and unions have seen their rights steadily eroded.

**Here's Some of the Main Players!**

## *The National Right To Work Committee*

Major financing and staffing comes from the Koch Brothers. In addition, other right-wing foundations, such as the Walton Foundation (Walmart), the Castle Rock Foundation (Coors), the Bradley Foundation (major Wisconsin backers of Scott Walker), the John M. Olin Foundation, and the Searle Freedom Trust have all provided significant funding.



## *American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)*

ALEC exists to bring state and local legislators together with major corporate lobbyists and conservative foundations. ALEC hosts conference where the lobbyists push their agen-



das and provide draft bills for state and city legislators to introduce. These bills provided the template for right-to-work bills, voter suppression legislation, opposition to raises to the minimum wage and to bail reform, as well as efforts to deregulate everything from the power and telecom industries to drug prices and health care. Their agenda is to undermine democracy and they pursue that agenda on many fronts.

The same foundations that fund the National Right to Work committee fund ALEC. So do tobacco, pharmaceutical, oil and coal, and junk food companies (among others).

**More information about ALEC can be found at [www.alecexposed.org](http://www.alecexposed.org).**

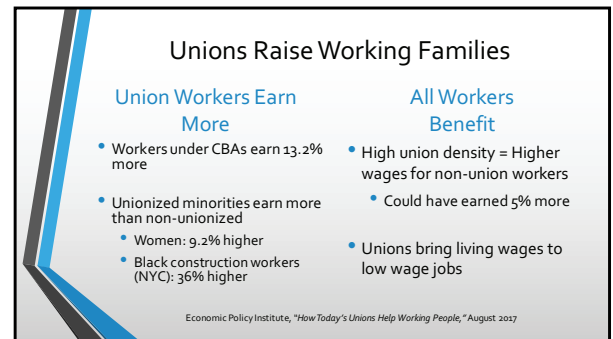
In 1977, the Supreme Court ruled that public sector workers covered by a union contract did not have to join the union. But they did have to pay their 'fair share' of the cost to the union of representing every worker under the contract - whether they chose to be a member or not. The Janus case is all about reversing that 1977 ruling so that workers will not have to pay their 'fair share' - and unions will be weakened as a result.

## **Who's behind this attack on unions and union members?**

### *What's in it for them?*

Unions have won increased wages and benefits for their members. They've won rights on the job and protections against arbitrary bosses. Unions have made the workplace safer, air and water cleaner, and supported regulations that have protected consumers and communities. Mostly, unions give working people a louder voice and greater political influence. The Koch Brothers and their friends want to roll of these back. And here's why:

The weaker unions are, the more the top 10% take.



Their goal is to cripple unions and roll-back the gains we've already made. Our goal is to strengthen workers ability to fight back and win. Stand with the TWU and your fellow TWU members.