

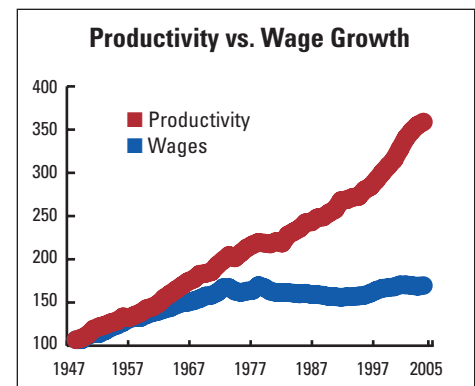
'From the Folks Who Brought You the Weekend'

AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR ALL

Why is it so hard for so many workers to make a decent living in the richest country in history? Workers in America are the most productive in the world and live in a country with more than \$13 trillion a year in income.

The economy isn't delivering for workers. For a generation, wages and family incomes have stagnated, incomes have become less secure, health care benefits have been eroding and pensions have been disappearing. ***It doesn't have to be this way.***

There's nothing inevitable about who gains and who doesn't. Politicians and their economic advisers set economic policies. Overly influenced by Wall Street interests, they have created a Corporate Agenda—to the advantage of the wealthy and the disadvantage of the rest of us. After World War II, worker productivity doubled and so did real wages. Employers and workers had a rough balance of power. Since the early 1970s, however, productivity has continued to grow but wages have not. Now, ***the balance of power is tilted toward employers, and the result has been growing inequality.*** The link between the work we do and the pay and benefits we receive has been broken.



But the economy is not like the weather. We don't have to wait for it to change. We can change it.

Workers in America must dismantle the Corporate Agenda and build a Working Families Agenda. We must restore the balance of power between workers and employers and rebuild the relationship between wage growth and productivity, so working families once again share in the prosperity they help create.

To change our nation's economic policies, we have to change the policymakers. Workers' voices must be heard at all steps of decision making—including the federal, state and local levels.

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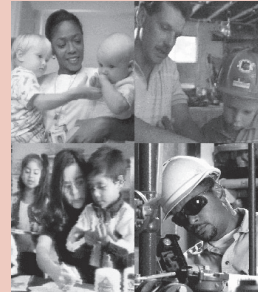
DISMANTLE THE CORPORATE AGENDA

'Labor Market Flexibility'
'Globalization'
'Small Government'
'Economic Stability'



BUILD A WORKING FAMILIES AGENDA

Workers' Rights
A Just Global Economy
Good Government
Full Employment



The Working Families Agenda proposes alternative policies to the Corporate Agenda—policies that reflect our values and serve the interests of America's working families.

HEALTH CARE REFORM: No one has to tell workers we're being squeezed in the wallet by health care. Employers are cutting back or eliminating health insurance. We need comprehensive health care for all, controlled costs, choice of providers and shared responsibility for financing. Health care reform is crucial to our economic security.

FAIR TRADE AGREEMENTS: We need an international trading system that raises living standards for workers everywhere. Trade agreements must protect and promote the rights of workers at least as well as they protect intellectual property and capital.

LABOR 2008—OUR VOTES ARE OUR VOICES

The Labor 2008 campaign is the biggest grassroots electoral effort in history. The goal is to elect a president, a new Congress and state and local leaders who will listen to the concerns of working families and be champions for the Working Families Agenda. Who's in office **does** make a difference. Elected leaders control the agenda—and it should be our agenda.

FREEDOM TO FORM UNIONS: Key to good jobs, affordable health care, retirement security and economic opportunity is the freedom to form unions. But that right has been undermined by employers and regressive government policies. Workers support unions. Fifty-three percent of nonunion workers, 60 million people, say they would join a union today if they could. America needs the Employee Free Choice Act, which would allow employees to form unions by signing cards authorizing union representation, provide mediation and arbitration for first-contract disputes and establish stronger penalties for violations of employee rights.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

America's union movement is the most effective institution fighting for social and economic justice. Working together, we can build a society that rewards work, inspires young people to realize their potential and advocates equality and economic justice for all. We can restore the balance of power between workers and corporate America and create an economy that works for all.

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