

POLITICS

SO HOW'S THE NEW JOB GOING? THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME WORKING AT A UNION SHOP, RIGHT?

IT IS. YOU KNOW, THE UNION SEEMS GREAT. THE WAGES AND BENEFITS ARE MUCH BETTER THAN AT MY LAST JOB. BUT I'VE BEEN WONDERING, WHY DOES THE UNION SPEND SO MUCH TIME AND MONEY ON ELECTIONS AND CANDIDATES? I HATE POLITICS, AND I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF ALL MY DUES GOING TOWARDS THESE POLITICIANS THAT I DON'T AGREE WITH.

ACTUALLY, THE UNION SPENDS VERY LITTLE ON POLITICS, ONLY ABOUT \$5 PER YEAR, PER MEMBER**. AND MOST OF THE MONEY GOES INTO LOCAL RACES THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT OUR MEMBERS.

RIGHT. REMEMBER WHEN THE LOCAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT REFUSED TO BARGAIN FAIRLY WITH THE UNION? WE GOT INVOLVED AND HELPED ELECT A NEW, LABOR-FRIENDLY BOARD FOR THAT DISTRICT! NOW OUR MEMBERS THERE HAVE A GREAT CONTRACT.

SO HOW DOES THE UNION DECIDE WHICH CANDIDATES TO GIVE MONEY TO?

BOTTOM LINE IS: IF ELECTED, WILL THEY STAND UP FOR WORKERS?

THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. NOWADAYS, WITH ALL THESE ATTACKS ON WORKERS AND UNIONS, WE NEED TO DO ALL WE CAN TO GET PRO-WORKER POLITICIANS IN OFFICE.

WHEN THE LAWMAKERS ARE ON THE SIDE OF THE CORPORATE CEOS, AND NOT US, THEN THE CEOS JUST KEEP GETTING MORE OF THE PIE, AND WE'RE LEFT WITH THE CRUMBS.

THAT'S RIGHT. SOME OF US VOLUNTEERED DURING THE LAST ELECTION FOR THE PRO-LABOR CANDIDATES, AND I'M GLAD WE DID. ELECTIONS MATTER!

POLITICIANS HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE OUR LIVES--AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THOSE CHANGES ARE FOR THE BETTER, NOT WORSE. IT'S A SMALL INVESTMENT IN A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR WORKING FAMILIES.

WELL I CARE ABOUT A LOT OF OTHER ISSUES, NOT JUST LABOR AND UTILITY STUFF.

SURE, WE ALL DO.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE, AND WE ARE ALL FREE TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES AND ISSUES THAT MATTER MOST TO US. BUT THE UNION IS HERE TO PROTECT OUR JOBS AND OUR RIGHTS AT WORK, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT MATTERS A WHOLE LOT TO ME.

**ANY MEMBERS WHO PREFER NOT TO HAVE THEIR DUES MONEY SPENT ON POLITICS CAN SEND A LETTER TO THE UNION AND GET A \$5 REFUND, NO QUESTIONS ASKED.