

# The Real McCain



**“We must streamline our workforce... and not let good workers be crippled by the fine print of the latest union contract.”**

**– John McCain, 2007**

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Pilots go on strike “to satisfy their personal greed.” - 2000

Contract air traffic control towers are “just as safe – or in some cases safer – as FAA staffed towers.”  
- 2003

Increased foreign ownership “in our airlines can be very helpful.” -2006

The right to unionize is “class warfare.”  
-1996

Solving flight attendant fatigue is “ridiculous” -2007

# McCain Against Aviation Labor Rights



- Led the fight to impose “baseball style arbitration” on bargaining disputes to help management and hurt workers [S. 1327, 8/2/2001]
- Blocked FedEx workers from forming a union [H.R. 3539, Vote #304, 10/3/96]
- Fought to gut pilots’ pension rights [S. Amdt. 3159 to H.R. 11, Vote #231, 9/23/92]
- Supported Bush’s declaration that union rights for airport screeners are a terrorism risk [S. Amdt. to S.4, Vote 64, 3/7/07; American Prospect, “Screening on the Cheap,” 3/1/03]

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- **Backed Eastern Airlines' bankruptcy plan, which avoided labor negotiations and destroyed 43,000 jobs**

[H.R. 1231, Vote #276, 10/26/89; H.R. 1231, Vote #273, 10/26/89; H.R. 1231, Vote #222, 10/3/89]

- **Opposes bargaining rights for U.S. flight crews flying abroad** [ALPA Presidential Survey, Air Line Pilot, February 2000]

- **Would not support bargaining rights for FAA workers** [Refused to cosponsor S. 2201, 2006]

# McCain Against Collective Bargaining



- **Voted against the Employee Free Choice Act card check legislation** [H.R. 800, Vote #227, 6/26/07]
- **Backs companies that fire or replace lawfully striking workers** [ALPA Presidential Survey, Air Line Pilot, February 2000; S. 55, Vote #121, 6/16/92]

# McCain Against Collective Bargaining



- **Opposed bargaining rights for firefighters, police officers, and other public safety workers**

[H.R. 980, Vote #126, 4/13/08; S. Amdt. 2044 to H.R. 3061, Vote #323, 11/6/01; S. Amdt. 2074 to H.R. 3061, Vote #318, 11/1/01]

- **Voted to gut rail and transit workers' bargaining rights** [Gramm Amdt. to H.R. 2, 2/04/87]

# McCain Against Aviation Workers



- **Believes that addressing flight attendant fatigue is “ridiculous”**

[Press release, “Senator McCain Statement on Lobbying and Ethics Reform Bill,” 1/4/07]

- **Sent thousands of aviation manufacturing jobs overseas by voting for trade deals with Japan**

[S.J. Res. 113, Vote #175, 9/13/89; S. Amdt. 101 to S.J. Res. 113, Vote #67, 5/16/89; S. Admt. 102 to S.J. Res. 113, Vote #66, 5/16/89]

- **Opposed rehiring unemployed PATCO workers fired by Ronald Reagan** [Molinari Amdt. to H.R. 5205, Vote #267, 7/30/86]

# Votes Against Aviation Security



- **Supported \$752 million in cuts to aviation security programs** [S. Amdt. 3034 to S.Con.Res. 83, Vote #59, 3/16/06]
- **Voted against safety and security standards for U.S. aircraft repairs in third world countries** [S. Amdt. 914 to S. 824, Vote #224, 6/12/03]



# McCain Against Aviation Security



Even after 9/11, McCain...

- **Fought funding for air marshals, TSA security, and TSA explosion detection systems**

[Press Release S.2537, "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2005: Objectionable Provisions," 9/15/04]

- **Voted to gut flight attendant anti-terrorism training requirements**

[H.R. 2115, Vote #453, 11/17/03]

# Post 9/11 Relief for Laid-Off Aviation Workers



- **Bush Administration called a bill providing unemployment benefits for laid-off airline workers “excessive”** [Crawley, John, “Bush Opposes GOP-Led Plans for Airline Aid,” Reuters, 4/3/03]
- **McCain agrees: voted against jobless benefits for laid off airline workers** [S. Amt. 1855 to S.1447, Vote #293, 10/11/01]

# Advocates Air Traffic Control Privatization



- **Fierce advocate for privatizing the air traffic control system – repeatedly votes for privatization**  
[H.R. 2115, Vote #453, 11/17/03; S. Amdt. 893 to S. 824, Vote #222, 6/12/03]
- **Personally introduced legislation to privatize air traffic control system** [S. 1239, 9/13/95]
- **Believes contract towers are “safer” than FAA-staffed air traffic control towers** [“DOT IG Finds Contract Towers Safe As Privatization Fight Escalates. Aviation Weekly . Volume 77; Issue 10, 9/8/03]

# McCain Backs Foreign Takeover of U.S. Aviation



- **In 2006, McCain pushed George Bush’s agenda to allow foreign interests to takeover U.S. airlines** [S. Amdt. 3619 to H.R. 4939, 4/26/06]
- **Bragged about his legislation to double foreign investment in U.S. airlines** [S. Amdt. 3619 to H.R. 4939, 4/26/06; ALPA Presidential Survey, Air Line Pilot, February 2000; S.1628, 8/2/1991]
- **Wants to allow foreign airlines to fly between U.S. cities, saying “I believe that the U.S. policy on cabotage should be relaxed.”** [ALPA Presidential Survey, Air Line Pilot, February 2000]
- **Voted to allow foreign cargo carriers to operate in U.S.** [H.R. 2115, Vote #453, 11/17/03]

# McCain Fights to Offshore American Jobs



- **In 2008, the Defense Department awarded a \$35 billion contract to EADS-Airbus, a foreign airplane builder**
- **This contract will abolish 44,000 American jobs**  
[Matthew Daly “Boeing Supporters Target McCain over Tanker Loss,” Associated Press, 3/8/08]
- **Deal called unfair by GAO, an independent auditor**  
[Press release, “GAO Sustains Boeing Bid Protest,” United States General Accountability Office, 6/18/08]

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- **2003: Helped foreign manufacturers bid on military contracts** [S. Amdt. 783 to S. 1050, Vote #191, 5/21/03]
- **2006: McCain wrote letters to Department of Defense urging them to OK the EADS-Airbus tanker deal** [Herszenhorn, David M., “McCain Advisers Lobbied for Europeans to Win Air force Tanker Deal The New York Times, 03/12/08]
- **2008: Five high-level McCain campaign staffers are former lobbyists for EADS-Airbus** [Herszenhorn, David M., “McCain Advisers Lobbied for Europeans to Win Air force Tanker Deal,” The New York Times, 3/12/08]
- **Why: EADS-Airbus lobbyists and employees donate more to McCain than any other politician** [CQ PoliticalMoneyline, accessed 3/11/08]

# McCain Says Buy America Laws Are “Ludicrous”



Opposes Buy America laws which keep critical jobs in the U.S.

- “I firmly object to Buy America provisions...” [S. 2400, Vote #135, 6/22/04; S. 1050, Vote #191, 5/21/03; Congressional Record, 7/14/05]

-McCain in 2005

- “I oppose these types of protectionist policies, and from an economic point of view they are ludicrous.” [Congressional Record, 10/7/05]

-McCain in 2005

# Now You Know the Real McCain



Says pilots are “greedy”

Opposes the  
Employee Free  
Choice Act

Wants to privatize air  
traffic control

Considers unemployment  
benefits for 9/11 lay offs  
“excessive”

Believes unionized  
TSA screeners present  
a terrorism risk

Fights to send good jobs  
to foreign countries