

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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“I know NAFTA was a good idea. It’s created millions of jobs.” - 2008

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

**Davis-Bacon wages “inflate the price of infrastructure and disproportionately impact poorer communities”
- 1996**

**Endorsed by anti-union Associated Builders and Contractors
-2008**

Highway funding is “fiscally irresponsible and grossly unfair” -2005

McCain an Enemy of Davis-Bacon



- **Supported the repeal of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage standards 13 times – even leading the fight himself**

[S. Amdt. 1844 to S. 1650, Vote #320, 10/7/99; S. Amdt. 4031 to S.Con.Res. 57, Vote #134, 5/22/96; S. 1533, 1/26/96; S. 141, 8/9/95; S. Amdt. 1730 to S. 2019, Vote #119, 5/18/94; S. Amdt. 1851 to H.R. 5132, Vote #105, 5/21/92; S. Amdt. 51 to H.R. 1281, Vote #35, 3/20/91; S. Amdt. 2052 to S. 566, Vote #122, 6/21/90; S. Amdt. 765 to H.R. 2916, Vote #181, 9/19/89; S. Amdt. 33 to S.4, Vote #36, 4/12/89; Gramm Amdt., 9/29/87; Dickinson Amdt. to H.R. 4428, Vote #406, 8/15/86; Walker Amdt. to H.R. 10, Vote #239, 7/12/83]

- **Voted to replace union laborers and mechanics with untrained and non-union “helpers,” which would have put 40% of the Davis-Bacon workforce on the street**

[H.R. 2518, Vote #289, 9/28/93; S. Amdt. 51 to H.R. 1281, Vote #35, 3/20/91]

McCain Puts Highway Jobs at Risk



- **Vocal opponent of highway and transit construction funding** [H.R. 3, Vote #220, 7/29/05; H.R. 2360, Vote 184, 7/14/05; S. 107, Vote #14, 2/12/04; Veto Override to H.R. 2, 4/2/87]
- **In 2005, was one of four senators to oppose the largest highway construction bill in American history** [S. 107, Vote #184, 7/14/05]
- **Voted against job creation bills for construction workers** [S. Amdt. 358 to S.Con.Res. 23, Vote #79, 3/21/03; H.R. 1335, Vote #105, 4/21/93; HR 1718, Vote #19, 3/03/83]

McCain Puts Jobs at Risk



- **Opposes Project Labor Agreements, which provide good jobs and fair wages** [Associated Builders & Contractors Endorsement Flier]
- **Against \$1.6 billion to repair American schools** [S. Amdt. 525 to S.1, Vote #108, 5/16/01]
- **Repeatedly opposed repairing crumbling highways and bridges** [Statement of Senator John McCain on H.R. 3, The Highway Bill, 5/12/05; Press Release, S. 2537 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2005: Objectionable Provisions, 9/15/04 ; Press Release, “Pork Barrel Spending in Homeland Security Appropriations Bill,” 7/28/03; S. Amdt. 358 to S.Con.Res. 23, Vote #79, 3/21/03; HR 1718, Vote #19, 3/03/83]

McCain Against Labor Rights



- **Voted against Employee Free Choice Act card check legislation** [H.R. 800, Vote #227, 6/26/07]
- **Supported Bush's declaration that union rights for airport screeners are a terrorism risk** [S. Amdt. 316 to S.4, Vote 64, 3/6/07; American Prospect, "Screening on the Cheap," 3/1/03]
- **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]

McCain Against Collective Bargaining



- **Backs companies that fire or replace lawfully striking workers** [ALPA Presidential Survey, Air Line Pilot, February 2000; S. 55, Vote #121, 6/16/92]
- **Supports using bankruptcy to destroy union contracts** [H.R. 1231, Vote #276, 10/26/89; H.R. 1231, Vote #273, 10/26/89; H.R. 1231, Vote #222, 10/3/89]
- **Voted to outlaw “salting” at non-union companies** [S.1981, Vote #266, 9/14/98]

McCain Fights to Offshore American Jobs



- **At McCain's urging, the Defense Department awarded a \$35 billion contract in 2008 to EADS-Airbus, a foreign airplane builder**
- **The deal will eliminate 44,000 American jobs**
[Matthew Daly "Boeing Supporters Target McCain over Tanker Loss," Associated Press, 3/8/08]
- **Contract called unfair by GAO, the independent congressional 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



**Opposes highway and
bridge construction**

**Against the Employee
Free Choice Act**

**Fights for “free” trade. Wants to
send good jobs to foreign
countries**

**Against collective
bargaining**

**Wants to get rid of
Davis-Bacon wages**