

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

Believes maritime safety programs are “objectionable”-2003

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

“I would like to see the Jones Act repealed...”
-1997

McCain Sells Out American Workers



- **Supported George Bush's attempt to sell American ports to Dubai in 2006**
["Bush should have known better on Dubai debacle," The Tribune, March 14, 2006]
- **Opposes the Jones Act, which protects maritime jobs and prevents unfair foreign competition**
[Traffic World, 3/10/97; Pacific Shipper, 8/17/98]

Against Cargo Preference Standards



Voted 7 times against cargo preference standards for the U.S. Merchant Marine—America's fourth line of defense

- **1996: Voted to force U.S. vessels to charge third world rates**
[S. Amdt. 5393 to H.R. 1350, Vote # 298, 11/24/96]
- **1993: Voted twice to ban U.S.-flag ships that charge more than third world competitors** [S. Amdt 1019 to H.R. 2750, Vote #304, 10/5/93; S. Amdt. 497 to H.R. 2118, Vote #162, 6/22/93]
- **1991: After moving troops and critical supplies during the Gulf War, McCain opposed increasing the number of U.S.-flag ships and jobs** [S. Amdt. 822 to S. 1455, Vote #146, 7/24/91]

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- **1990: Voted to gut cargo preference standards twice, including for agricultural trade** [S. Amdt. 2425 to S.2830, Vote #186, 7/27/90; S.Amdt. 2338 to S. 2830, Vote # 169, 7/24/90]
- **1989: Voted to strip military and foreign aid shipments from U.S. crewed vessels—undermining the merchant marine's role** [S. Amdt 796 to H.R. 2939, Vote #193, 9/20/89]

McCain Weakens Maritime Security



- **Supports outsourcing the Maritime Security Program, endangering jobs and national security**

[Letter to Ernie Cohen from Senator John McCain, 9/24/96]

- **Called program to help ships avoid collisions “objectionable”**

[Press release, “Pork Barrel Spending in Homeland Security Appropriations Bill,” 7/28/03]

McCain Against Port Security—Even After 9/11



- **Against \$1.7 billion for the Coast Guard and port security** [S. Amdt. 3034 to S.Con.Res. 83, Vote #59, 3/16/06]
- **Opposed \$965 million to fund anti-terror programs for ports, including strengthening port inspections** [S. Amdt. 3054 to S.Con.Res. 83, Vote #47, 3/15/06]
- **Nine months after 9/11, endangered port workers and neighborhood communities by opposing \$227 million for maritime, port, and container security** [Press release, “Pork Barrel Spending in Homeland Security Appropriations Bill,” 7/28/03]

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]
- **Blocked FedEx workers from organizing a union** [H.R. 3539, Vote #304, 10/3/96]
- **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]

McCain Against Collective Bargaining



- **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]
- **Opposes 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 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



Votes Against Port Security

**Supports Increasing
Foreign Ownership of
Ports**

**Wants to Outsource the
Maritime Security Program**

Says the Jones Act Should Be “Repealed”

**Opposes the
Employee Free
Choice Act**

**Against Cargo Preference
Standards,
Which Protect Jobs**