

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

“It used to be that thieves
robbed the trains, but now
trains are robbing the
American taxpayer.”
- 1997

“We subsidize and agree to
labor provisions [for
Amtrak], which are
unconscionable.” -1998

McCain Wants to End Amtrak



“It’s a scam.”

[CQ Weekly, “Reform-for-Cash Budget Provision Leaves Amtrak in Quandary,” 8/2/97]

“I will do everything in my power . . . to see that it comes to an end.”

[CQ Weekly Transportation, Nov. 15, 1997]

“It has got to be called the great train robbery.”

[Online News Hour, 11/12/97]

“Amtrak should be restructured to eliminate its reliance on the American taxpayers and to allow for its privatization.”

[Nation’s Cities Weekly, “Debate Begins in Congress on Future of Intercity Rail,” 3/11/02]

McCain Fights to Privatize Amtrak



- **Led the fight to privatize Amtrak**
[S. 2306, 4/8/04; S. 1501, 7/30/03; S. 1958, 2/15/02; Press release, “McCain: Despite Legislation, Amtrak’s Future Remains Clouded,” 11/14/97]
- **Tried to privatize Amtrak nine times in one year** [S. 2306, 4/8/04; S. Amdts. 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324 to S. 1072, 2/11/04]
- **Wrote personal letters to President Bush and Amtrak’s CEO urging privatization** [Letter to David L. Gunn from Senator John McCain, 6/6/02; Press release, “Brownback Signs Letter to President Bush on Amtrak,” 6/28/02]

McCain Hurts Rail Workers



- **Endangered thousands of jobs by voting 9 times against funding for Amtrak and freight railroads**

[S. Amdt 3086 to S.Con.Res 83, Vote #51, 3/15/06; S. Amdt. 158 to S.Con. Res. 18, Vote #51, 3/16/05; S. Amdt. 387 to S.Con.Res. 23, Vote #77, 3/21/03; S. Amdt. 4025 to S.Con. Res. 57, Vote #154, 5/23/96; S. Amdt. 5132 to H.R. 3675, Vote #255, 7/30/96; H.R. 2364, Vote #115, 6/12/1990; H.R. 5205, Vote #265, 7/30/86; H.R. 3244, Vote # 298, 9/11/85]

- **Supported tax increase on Amtrak employees who cross state lines while working** [H.R. 2364, Vote #115, 6/12/1990]
- **Opposes new commuter rail systems** [H.R.2364, Vote #115, 6/12/90]

McCain Against Rail Labor Rights



- **Voted to gut rail and transit workers' bargaining rights** [Gramm Amdt. to H.R. 2, 2/4/87]
- **Supports contracting out Amtrak's workforce** [Press release, "McCain: Despite Legislation, Amtrak's Future Remains Clouded," 11/14/97]
- **Condemns Amtrak labor agreements as "unconscionable"** [Hearing of Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee: Nominations for Amtrak Reform Board, 11/22/98]

McCain Against Collective Bargaining



- **Voted against the 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. to S.4, Vote 64, 3/6/07; American Prospect, "Screening on the Cheap," 3/1/03]
- **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 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 Weakens Rail Security



- **Opposed rail anti-terrorism program funding of \$1.1 billion** [S. Amdt. 3034 to S. Con. Res. 83, Vote #59, 3/16/06]
- **Fought repairing unsafe tunnels on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor** [S. Amdt. 4553 to H.R. 5441, Vote # 194, 7/12/06]
- **Opposed freight rail security—post-9/11** [S. Amdt. 4553 to H.R. 5441, Vote # 194, 7/12/06]

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



Says Amtrak is a “scam”

**Against security funds
to protect rail workers**

Opposes the
Employee Free
Choice Act

**Calls union rail contracts
“unconscionable”**

**Argues that Amtrak
should be privatized**

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