## Right-to-work states fair better

Studies from organizations as diverse as the Cato Institute, Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank and National Right to Work Committee demonstrate that right-to-work states are more attractive to prospective employers, have higher economic growth rates and are less likely to have acute budget problems because of insufficiently funded public pension obligations.

The right to choose professional associations should be a hallmark characteristic of constitutional democracy. Even American Federation of Labor founder Samuel Gompers opposed compulsory unionism.

However, union bosses think they alone know what's best for their workers and arrogantly believe they can force workers to join and financially support unions, which are more interested in promoting infantile class warfare and values contrary to the economic interests and personal values of their members.

States having right-to-work laws are in the south and southwest, which is where the nation's population center is growing and consists of states experiencing higher levels of economic growth. Individual workers are capable of determining their preferred working environments more successfully than union bosses, who are determined to retain their political and economic power base at all costs despite the damage this does to individual workers and state economic stability.

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