



Right-to-work is wage theft

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Wage-theft legislation has been given a nice sounding name, “right-to-work” or RTW. RTW does not create jobs; it lowers wages. Wages in RTW states average 3.2 percent lower than non-RTW states.

Mike Nichols is president of the Wisconsin Policy Research Institute. Nichols touts wage-theft legislation as freedom of choice. WPRI is funded by the Bradley Foundation. The Bradley Foundation has given over \$530 million in grants and awards to rightwing organizations and people. WPRI has received over \$10 million in BF grants, according to The Progressive magazine.

Like the Koch-funded John Birch Society, the BF started decades ago to fight the enemy communists and support rightwing politicians like Joe McCarthy and Barry Goldwater; however, the 21st-century BF has morphed into a funding force against a new threat, America’s middle class. It supports rightwing politicians like our governor. BF pushes for-profit education, for-profit healthcare, and wage-theft legislation. Middle class families are the enemy to be divided and conquered. Communists of the past are gone and replaced by the new “enemy.”

WPRI, hundreds of other BF funded organizations, and people like neocon George Will do the bidding of the BF by pushing legislation which attacks democracy and entrenches billionaire wealth. Wage-theft (RTW) legislation is billionaire legislation. The taxpayer bailout of “too big to fail” Wall Street banks is billionaire legislation. Voter-restriction legislation is billionaire legislation. Voucher schools are billionaire legislation.

Due to a plutocratic Congress, the “recovery” from corrupt Wall Street banks further robs the middle class. Middle class taxpayers went deeper into debt with the \$1.6 trillion bill for too-big-to-fail banks while the greedy one percent got all the profits from Wall Street’s taxpayer funded “recovery” along with million dollar Wall Street bonuses. Privatize profits; socialize losses. That is white-collar robbery.

The true enemy within America is unlimited billionaire wealth and political power aimed at destroying the middle class. Citizens United allowed unchecked and undisclosed billionaire funding of Super PACs. Billionaire-funded organizations such as the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC); the Cato Institute; Americans for Prosperity; the Bradley

Foundation; the Heritage Foundation; etc. etc. etc. focus on robbing from the middle class and giving to the one percent, Robin Hood in reverse.

Wage-theft legislation (RTW) is a billionaire tool used in many states and being pushed for Wisconsin by front men like Nichols. Their goals are to keep wages low and profits high and make sure the profits from increased production efficiencies of the workers are not shared with the workers.

A \$1.6 trillion heist is not enough for America's white-collar robber barons. They have to take another 3.2 percent off the paychecks of Wisconsin workers. RTW is another of their rackets.

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