

Obama's move toward the center, freezing federal union wages

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President Obama gave an indication the other day that he indeed might govern more toward the middle during the last two years of his first administration. On Monday, Obama announced that he would freeze federal employee wages for the next two years.

Bravo Mr. Obama!

In a complete reversal from his previous 2008 campaign promises, Obama has seen the light. Well, at least—a light

["It's biting the hand that feeds."](#)

Obama received overwhelming support from almost all unions during the campaign ["in the form of money, volunteers and votes."](#)

This isn't the first time a leftist politician had to turn against those that lifted them into office. Remember a few months back when Anthony Villaraigosa, mayor of Los Angeles, was forced to tell public unions in L.A. that [jobs were going to have to be sacrificed](#) if Angelinos are going to be able to survive the recession?

Villaraigosa, like Obama cut his political teeth as a labor organizer.

Now, unions are wondering if they can count on any Democrat that comes into office. Obama's announcement is founded on some pretty sound principle.

According to certain numbers [from the CATO Institute](#), the average federal employee makes \$81,258 per year, versus a paltry \$50,462 in the private sector.

When you compare the jobs by category, [federal employees make more than private employees in nearly 83 percent of all cases](#).

They also don't produce anything while the private sector must produce everything. They get pensions that are far and away above anything in the private sector. They receive more paid holidays off than the private sector and on top of all that it's almost impossible to fire a union member, even for the most heinous behavior.

All this is paid for by the taxpayer.

Good job Mr. Obama, I would like to see more of that.

