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### Cato Study: Unions Violate Freedom - ...

burden is borne by someone else. By contrast, private-sector unions are aware that higher costs for employers may result in lost sales and fewer union jobs.

In other words, as bad as private-sector unions are for productivity, at the very least the market can have a negative effect upon them, an effect that often leads to correcting union over reach. On the other hand, there are no market forces that can temper public employees unions and these entities will continue to rape the taxpayer ad-infinitum, without end. There is no end to the evils of public employees unions once they get their meat hooks on your tax dollars! Unless, that is, they are outlawed. And that needs to be the goal.

The Cato report goes on to show how unions increase costs and reduce efficiency and gives us the case study of Virginia and North Carolina both of which have been successful in banning collective bargaining.

This useful report wraps up this way:

To put citizens and taxpayers back in control of their governments, collective bargaining and forced union dues should be outlawed in the public sector. Public employees should be free to join worker associations, but they should not be given a special legal status and handed extra power to block desperately needed fiscal reforms.

The Cato study is a good primer on why public employees unions are antithetical to good government.

Download a .pdf copy of this report. (Originally posted at TheUnionLabelBlog.com)

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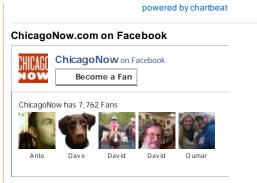
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