

# Who Really Supports Government Workers?

Obama/Biden



Romney/Ryan



## Collective Bargaining Rights for Public Sector Workers

- ✓ “(C)ollective bargaining is the reason why the vast majority of Americans enjoy a minimum wage, enjoy weekends, enjoy overtime... at the federal level where I do have influence, I can make sure that we make ... adjustments without affecting people’s collective bargaining rights.” [Obama on collective bargaining and public workers, The Washington Post, 7/6/2011]
- ✗ Lamenting that federal collective bargaining would prevent massive cuts to the size of the federal government, Romney said “I wish [feds] weren’t unionized so we could go a lot deeper than you’re actually allowed to go... but we can find a way.” [Romney Bemoans Union Contracts Would Prevent Mass Firing of Federal Workers. AFL-CIO blog post, 9/19/2012]

## Federal Employees Pay and Benefits

- ✓ President’s Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) budget proposes a 0.5% increase in pay but also a 1.2% increase in Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) contributions, phased in over 3 years, and,
- ✗ “I’m very supportive of the Ryan budget plan [H Con Res 112]” which would extend the federal pay freeze 3 more years through FY15, with a 5.45% increase in the FERS contribution as well. [Romney endorses Ryan budget, Politico, 3/20/2012]
- ✓ Issued veto threat against the House FY13 Financial Services appropriations bill, “for a continuation of the civilian pay freeze.” [White House threatens to veto spending bills over pay freeze, cuts, FederalNewsRadio, 6/28/2012]
- ✗ Romney would support efforts to scapegoate federal employees/retirees and target them for additional reductions in benefits and increases in payroll deductions for pensions and health insurance . “We will stop the unfairness of government workers getting better pay and benefits than the taxpayers they serve.” [Federal employees union fires back at Romney. The Washington Times, 4/26/2012]
- ✓ “Let’s make sure we’ve got shared sacrifice and that we make sure that the burden just doesn’t fall on one set of folks. Let’s certainly not blame public employees for a financial crisis that they had nothing to do with.” [President Obama interview for Cleveland’s WKYC Channel 3 News, 4/26/2011]

## Promises Kept

- ✓ “I am fully aware that DoD’s civilian employees are the Department’s backbone... if I am elected President, I will ... strongly consider a complete repeal” of the National Security Personnel System (NSPS). [Senator Obama letter to IFPTE, 9/16/2008; Signed HR 2647, the FY10 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law No. 111-84) that fully repealed NSPS. [10/28/2010]
- ✗ Ryan did not support the repeal of NSPS and voted against HR 2647 [House roll call 770, 10/8/2009]
- ✓ “I will not contract out our vital government services without first considering whether the private sector can actually provide a better service and whether so-called hidden costs of privatization are fully accounted for in the cost estimate.” [2008 IFPTE Presidential Survey; Issued moratorium on DoD outsourcing March, 2009]
- ✗ Romney administration would undoubtedly outsource/privative more federal work to achieve his stated goal of cutting the federal civil service by 10% [Romney win would likely mean more outsourcing, privatization. The Federal Times, 9/25/2012.



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