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Politics In Unions

There are many ways in the world for people to look out for and protect others that are similar to them, with similar ideas and agendas. This is no different in the middle class working world. Here it just comes in the form of labor unions where workers look out for and protect the wellbeing of their peers. Throughout history, all the way into today's working world, labor unions have been formed to protect and represent the workers within it, while making decisions with their best interest in mind. Politics plays a huge role in this process, in making it possible for these workers and unions to bond together and have strength in numbers while making sure they are receiving fair treatment from the companies that employ them. Each and every day people passionately discuss, debate and argue critical places politics does and does not belong. Most will agree that politics does not belong in church. It's also easy to agree that politics does not belong, in school settings either. As of recently, new discussion has been generated as to whether or not politics and/or political statements can or should be made at sporting events. One more area of contention is bringing politics up at family gatherings when there is a known difference in political opinions. Although an argument can be made on either side of the topic regarding politics in unions, I will argue it is important to have a strong political base and background within each union to be able to keep order within a company's employees as well as protect their rights. Along with protecting the rights of the employees and laborers, labor unions also give the laborers and employees a larger say in the overall spectrum of politics and the decisions going into our economy. This is

because most labor union members are not part of the political, or wealthy elite. They are for the most part, middle class workers that work hard for their money, but in the overall big picture typically do not have much of a say when it comes to larger decisions within a government or other similar levels of importance. Union members who are aware of political platforms, specifically those that will support the working middle class, can increase their power and voice beginning with a vote. A vote which counts toward electing officials that understand the needs of society's middle class workers and families. One way to build a stronger union is to have political leadership in higher forms that align with working union members rights and needs. If politics did not play a role in labor unions, expansive and important government decisions would always then be catered to benefit those in power, the elite and other similar social classes, while leaving the middle class workers who are the backbone of society in the dust. If and when this occurs it makes for some very lopsided social classes and wealth distribution which is not a good thing for the overall well being of society. To keep a balanced, respected and correctly run country we need to have unions as part of society to represent the working middle class which accounts for so many American families. The middle class is by far the largest in the country as well, so to be underrepresented would just not be right to them. Also, by fairly representing the middle class and not selling them short they will overall be a better, more efficient workforce. Acknowledged, appreciated, and fairly treated employees bring success to the companies they work for and in turn to society in general. When taking a step back to see how society intertwines and works within itself, it is beneficial to have organizations such as unions to protect the citizens

and laborers who are not at the top of the totem pole from those who are, so the system is not always skewed against those who are at middle to bottom of it. Having power within the government can go a long way as a singular person, but it can be matched by that of strength in numbers from the employees and laborers that may not be at the top in terms of power, and can make sure they are treated fairly and in their best interest because they are the largest social class. Unions protect laborers and employees in the prideful middle class, because those people who lead their lives with hard work and dignity deserve to have a fair say at the end of the day with how they are to be treated in the eyes of the government and law makers.