

The President Who Is Building America

When you asked me who the most pro-union president of all time was, I needed to do some research. What I found was Joe Biden was great for unions. In 2021, President Joe Biden put into place the PRO Act to help workers form unions, conduct strikes, and bargain for better wages. After adequate research, I have discovered that Joe Biden is the most pro-union president since FDR according to “Biden Is The Most Pro-Labor President Since F.D.R. Will It Matter in November?” by Eyal Press. Throughout this paper, I will explain how Joe Biden has helped unions since his time as president.

The Union PRO Act, or Protecting the Right to Organize Act, was put together to help workers gather to form unions. It allowed them to perform strikes, and it also helped them bargain for better wages. After the loss of bargaining rights in many states including Wisconsin with Act 10 in 2011, many unions broke apart. Also, many jobs were lost during the pandemic. The PRO Act was established in 2021, and according to “The PRO Act is Key to America's Future” by AFL-CIO, the PRO Act was a major part in helping build back from COVID-19. It was established by President Joe Biden, who in my opinion, is the most pro-union president.

According to “What Biden Has Done- and Still Can Do- For Workers,” going into the election he was a pro-worker president, promising to help workers. While in office he quickly raised wages and created 8.7 million jobs. The article “8 Ways the Biden Administration Has Fought for Working People by Strengthening Unions” by Karla Walter, brings up many great reasons as to why Biden is the most pro-union president. President Biden was the first president to join a picket line while in office. He stood alongside the United Auto Workers (UAW) union to support them in the strike against the car companies. President Biden said, “You deserve what you’ve earned, and you’ve earned a hell of a lot more than you are getting paid now.”

Another reason Joe Biden is the most pro-union president of all time is that he set rules to help employees understand their rights. The article “8 Ways the Biden Administration Has Fought for Working People by Strengthening Unions” states that President Biden set rules to help hold corporations accountable when they violate workers’ rights. He also increased funds for the NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) to help provide enough staff to assist workers. He supports the creation of more unions. In the last few years, his laws and rules helped make unions easier to establish. According to the article “8 Ways the Biden Administration Has Fought for Working People by Strengthening Unions,” petitions for union elections grew by 53% between October 2021 and September 2022.

I also have some personal references as to why unions are important. Both of my parents are active union members. My mom has been in the National Education Association (NEA), Wisconsin Education Association (WEA), and Omro Education Association (OEA) for the past 25 years. My dad has been in the Glaziers Local 1204 District Council 7 as a journeyman glazier for the last 20 years. I remember standing and holding a sign with many educators while Scott Walker was trying to pass Act 10 in 2011. Throughout my life, our family has had many conversations about the importance of unions. I support the efforts made by President Joe Biden.

After some research, I have concluded that President Joe Biden is the most pro-union president of all time. He created the PRO Act, one of the best laws enforced to help unions. He helped make it possible for workers to conduct strikes, bargain for better wages, and form more unions. All in all, unions are great for our country, and people should continue to create and support them to build our country's financial stability.