

The Future of Labor Unions

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With the split in the AFL/CIO, and dwindling numbers of labor union members, many wonder if the heyday of the labor union has passed.

What will it take to reinvigorate labor unions in the United States?
Why is this important for blue collar and professional workers?
How will changes in immigration policy impact labor unions?
How will unions meet the challenges of globalization?

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