

Right-to-work Topline

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<https://ssrs.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/SSRS-Omnibus-Methodology-2018.pdf>

LABQ01. Labor unions negotiate the wages and benefits for all workers covered by union contracts. In some states, workers covered by union contracts (are required to pay at least some union dues, even if they choose not to be full union members). However, in other states workers (can decide for themselves whether or not to pay union dues). Which is closer to your view?

Base: Total Respondents (n=1,009)

	6/3/2018
All workers covered by union contracts should pay at least some union dues	48
Each worker covered by a union contract should be allowed to decide for themselves whether or not to pay dues	44
Don't know	6
Refused	2

LABQ02. Why do you feel that way? [OPEN-END]

Base: Respondents who feel all workers covered by union contracts should pay at least some union dues (n=505)

	6/3/2018
FOR UNION BENEFITS/SERVICES (NET)	51
If you're benefiting/receiving services from the union, you should pay at least some dues (general)	29
The union protects/fights for employees/negotiates for us/gets us fair wages/good benefits/safe working conditions	18
It's there if you need it/if you get into trouble/if you have a problem they will help you (for grievances, etc.)	2
Other for union benefits/services mentions	2
If you're in a union/signed a union contract/took a job with a union, you should pay dues/the union	15
Because if one has to pay, everybody should pay/everybody should pay their fair share	7
Because the union needs revenue/support/would fall apart/will make union stronger	4
Everybody should have to pay/pay at least some dues (general)	3
I am/was a union member (not further specified)	2
Other reasons all union workers should pay at least some dues	15
Don't know	3
Refused	*

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LABQ02. Why do you feel that way? [OPEN-END]

Base: Respondents who feel each worker covered by a union contract should be allowed to decide for themselves whether or not to pay dues (n=440)

	6/3/2018
Should not be forced to join/to pay/you should have right to decide for yourself where your money goes/personal freedom	46
It's too expensive/too much money/unaffordable/some people can't afford to pay	5
Some unions are not very effective/beneficial/my union didn't do much/anything/the benefits don't outweigh the dues	5
I don't/not everybody agrees with/likes unions/don't believe unions are a good thing	5
If they're not receiving benefits/not a full union member, they shouldn't have to pay	3
It depends on the situation (on the company/on which union/on the person's situation)	3
Unions donate/promote politicians/Democrats and I don't agree with that	3
Don't feel unions are needed/don't serve a purpose anymore/don't need union representation/jobs should be based on merit	2
Don't have any say in how the union spends money (disagree with principles/tactics/don't know how dues is spent/etc.)	1
Some/most/all unions are corrupt	1
Unions can get too strong/powerful/controlling	1
I have never been in a union (not further specified)	*
Other reasons union workers should have choice	17
No answer/no reason	1
Don't know	7
Refused	0

LABQ03. In general, do you think the U.S. would be better off if labor unions were stronger or weaker?

Base: Total Respondents (n=1,009)

	6/3/2018
Stronger	62
Weaker	23
Don't know	13
Refused	2

LABQ04. Are you currently a member of a labor union?

Base: Respondents who are employed full-time (n=421)

	6/3/2018
Yes	12
No	88
Don't know	0
Refused	0

LABQ05. Have you or anyone in your household EVER been a member of a labor union?

Base: Respondents who are not a member of a labor union or not employed full time (n=961)

	6/3/2018
Yes	36
No	63
Don't know	1
Refused	0

LABQ04/LABQ05 COMBO TABLE

Base: Total Respondents (n=1,009)

	6/3/2018
Self/household ever member of a labor union	40
Self/household NEVER member of labor union	59
Don't know	1
Refused	0