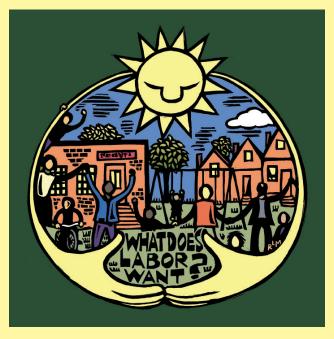
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Unions contribute to a higher quality of life for all of us



States, like Minnesota, that have a higher percentage of union members do better in a lot of other ways, too. These states have:

- Significantly higher voter turnout.
- Higher wages overall.
- Higher education levels.
- A greater percentage of residents covered by health insurance.
- Stronger social safety nets.
- Tax codes in which the rich have

to pay closer to their fair share.

That happens because unions raise the standards of opportunity and prosperity for everyone. Workers together provide one of the few effective forces that can take on the greed and political purchasing power of the One Percent.

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