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The Insidious Assault on Labor Unions

A conservative faction will soon argue a dangerous case before the U.S. Supreme Court. It poses the gravest threat to unions – particularly public sector unions – since modern labor laws took shape during the Great Depression.



Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association seeks to abolish “fair share” contributions – what we New Yorkers call agency fees. Nearly 40 years ago, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that unions can collect proportionate fees from nonmembers for the costs of negotiating and administering the collective-bargaining agreements that benefit them.

But that was 1977, and today’s high court is far different. Will today’s justices buy the plaintiffs’ argument that agency fees violate their First Amendment rights? How is that plausible, when agency fee-payers already don’t have to pay for unions’ political activities?

The case really is a ploy to cut the flow of union dues. It’s part of the right’s long-range plan to choke the collective voice of working people by putting labor unions out of business. By undermining the middle class, the 1 percent would grab more wealth and power.

Michael Mulgrew and the **UNITY** Team are working closely with allies at the American Federation of Teachers and a broad labor coalition to fight the case. See www.americaworkstogether.us to learn more.

UFT/UNITY leadership also worked with New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who brought together 22 state attorneys general to oppose Friedrichs.

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