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“We can have a democratic society or we can
have the concentration of great wealth
in the hands of a few.
We cannot have both.”

Quote Attributed to
Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis
November 13, 1856 – October 5, 1941

NABET-CWA Members Fight to Save
Public Media from DOGE Cuts

Last month, NABET-CWA members held rallies in Boston
and Washington, D.C., and submitted congressional testimony
to deliver a resounding message that funding for local,
independent public TV and radio stations is essential to
providing trusted, important local news and weather, beloved
children’s programming, and much more.

“In my community, our station is more than just a source of
news,” said Alyssa Micha, a Senior Creative Producer at WSKG
Public Media in New York, in testimony to the congressional
subcommittee. “We are here to ensure that every family—
regardless of background or income—has access to the
knowledge and opportunities they need to thrive. That’s the
power of public media, and that’s why this work matters to me.”

Public TV and radio stations reach nearly 99% of
Americans, and, in many areas, they are the only locally owned
and operated sources of news available. Shutting down funding
could force some stations to go dark, particularly in smaller
communities that rely on independent, not-for-profit media to
stay informed. NABET-CWA members who work at these
locally owned stations play a crucial role in keeping
communities informed.

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on line near the 1st of each month on the CWA 4603 webpage.
The Wiretap will continue to mail monthly paper copies as well.

2024 Voter Turn Out

Table with 4 columns: Year, Turnout, Voting-Eligible Population, Non-Voters. Rows for 2024, 2020, 2016, 2012.

In the November 2024 election, both Wisconsin (76.37%)
and Minnesota (76.41%) had the highest voter turnout rates in
the U.S.

Table with 3 columns: Category, Count, Percentage. Rows for Voted for Trump, Voted for Harris, Voted for 3rd Party, Didn't VOTE.

The American Mandate

CWA 4603 June Membership Meeting

The June 21, 2023 CWA 4603 membership meeting will be
held at the union office at 6511 West Blue Mound Rd. The
meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Since the meeting is held outdoors
in the parking lot behind the 4603 union office, members are
encouraged to bring their own folding chairs. Some seating is
provided but if there is a large turn out, the seating provided will
not likely meet demand.

Food and beverages will be available at this meeting
beginning at 5:30 pm. This membership meeting has been
an annual recurring feature. Come early, grab a bite and a
beverage and mingle with your friends and co-workers
before and after the meeting!

Mark Your Calendar! - June 18, 2025

Early U.S. History

This is a very brief synopsis of early American history.
Please research further for a more complete understanding of
this history as America evolved to become described as the
world's melting pot of different cultures and societies.

European colonization of North America began in the late
15th century. The first Europeans arriving in North America
encountered indigenous American inhabitants and by the late
16th century England, France, Spain and the Dutch Republic had
become involved in major colonization expeditions to North
America.

European settlers came from a variety of social and religious
groups that included adventurers, farmers, indentured servants,
tradesmen, and a very few from the European aristocracy.

The diverse populations of colonists established unique
social, religious, political, and economic characteristic styles.

Most colonist's were seeking relief from persecution for a
variety of reasons. Economic, political and religious

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FIGHTING FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE & DEMOCRACY

On March 27, Trump signed an executive order to remove the right to join unions and collectively bargain from workers across the federal government at more than 30 agencies.

That's bad enough. But the executive order makes it clear he specifically targeted these workers and their unions because they have filed grievances against him and members of his administration over illegal layoffs and other actions they have taken to violate union contracts and federal law.

This should be of grave concern to everyone who cares about the fundamental freedom of all workers to join together to improve their working conditions. We will not let Trump destroy what we've fought for generations to build.

Send a message to Congress now to urge them to fight against Trump's union busting and protect workers' rights.

CWA is a fighting union. When our employers violate our collective bargaining agreements, when they refuse to bargain fair contracts, when they stand in the way of workers' organizing to join our union, we use every tool we have to protect our rights. That is exactly what the federal workers are doing, and Donald Trump is attempting to punish them for it.

We won't back down. We won't be silenced. Our solidarity is stronger than Donald Trump and the CEOs and billionaires who helped elect him. Send your message today to ensure that every worker is able to join a union and collectively bargain to ensure a better future for themselves and their family.

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opportunities were limited in their native countries as life was difficult for the majority of people in 15th and 16th century Europe. The opportunity of migrating to North America they believed provided hope and promise for a much better life.

[Mercantilism](#) was the primary course imposed by Britain on it's colonies from the 1660's. The British government partnered with wealthy English merchants to expand both their political power and private wealth. Perhaps this strategy sounds somewhat familiar?

[Colonial government in the Thirteen Colonies - Wikipedia](#)

Under the influence of the [British constitution](#), the governments of the [Thirteen British Colonies](#) in America grew in the 17th and 18th centuries. The British monarch issued [colonial charters](#) establishing royal colonies, proprietary colonies, or corporate colonies. In every colony, a governor led the executive branch, and the legislative branch was divided into two houses: the governor's council and a representative assembly.

Only men who met property qualifications were allowed to vote in elections for representatives in the assembly. In royal colonies, the British government appointed the governor and the council. In proprietary colonies, the wealthy proprietors appointed the governor and his council. In corporate colonies, voters elected the governor, the governor's council and assembly representatives. The prevailing rule of the [Divine Right of Kings](#) bestowed European monarchs exceptional authoritarian control in the political decision making process.

Britain's excessive authoritarian power over the colonists eventually led to public revolt and the American revolution.

The Beginning of Self-Rule

[American Revolution \(1765-1783\) Wikipedia.](#)
[Articles of Confederation \(1777\) | National Archives](#)

The [Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union](#), was an agreement and the early body of rules negotiated for governing between the independent [Thirteen Colonies](#). The agreement served as our nation's first collective [frame of government](#).

It was debated by the [Second Continental Congress](#) in Philadelphia between July 1776 and November 1777 and was finalized by the Congress on November 15, 1777. It became the governing agreement between the colonies on March 1, 1781, after being [ratified](#) by all 13 colonial states.

As the Congress of the Confederation attempted to govern the continually growing independent 13 colonial states, the delegates discovered the **limitations of the Articles** in guiding the central government was insufficient. The government's weaknesses became more apparent, especially after [Shays's Rebellion](#), an armed uprising regarding a debt crisis and taxing authority broke out. Several prominent political thinkers in the fledgling union began asking for changes to the Articles to strengthen the powers afforded to the central government.

In September 1786, [some states met](#) to address interstate [protectionist trade barriers](#) between them. Shortly thereafter, more states became interested in meeting to revise the Articles of Confederation. Delegates agreed that the defects in the Articles could not be remedied by merely altering them, and so it was decided they should replace that document with a new constitution.

A meeting was held in Philadelphia on May 25, 1787, which became known as the [Constitutional Convention](#).

Negotiations convened and drafted a Constitution that was submitted to the [Congress of the Confederation](#) in September 1787. That same month, the congress approved forwarding the new Constitution as drafted to each of the 13 states. Each state was to review and debate the new agreement for ratification.

The diverse make up of the populations in the 13 states made efforts in crafting a document that would draw majority support somewhat complicated. Scholarly debate and thought was given in drafting the new constitution. The Constitutional Convention was deeply concerned in drafting a document that would protect the rights of the people within a democratic republic system of self-rule.

[The Project Gutenberg eBook of The Federalist Papers, by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison](#)
[The Federalist Papers](#), were written in support of ratifying the new constitution and were [published in newspapers](#) while the states were deliberating over ratification of the new constitution.

The 3 authors of The Federalist Papers outlined their concerns regarding the possible concentration of political power and decision making in establishing a national "Union" based in fact and truth.

The author's explicitly recognized that honest unbiased debate and factual consideration of all issues was necessary in crafting a judicious design for the path forward. The final guidelines should yield policies in the best interest of the general public within the "Union". The author's had the foresight to recognize that America had the potential in the 18th century to create a system of self-government that could usher in a new global era for human dignity and citizen's rights. They also recognized that if the plan failed, it may well lead to the **"general misfortune of mankind."**

Some states agreed to ratify the Constitution only if the amendments that were to become the Bill of Rights would be taken up immediately by the new government. In September 1788, the Congress of the Confederation certified that eleven states had ratified the new Constitution, and chose dates for federal elections to be held.

Government under the rules of the new Constitution began on March 4, 1789, with eleven states assembled in New York City. North Carolina waited to ratify the Constitution until after the Bill of Rights was passed by the new Congress, and [Rhode Island's ratification](#) would only come after a threatened trade embargo.

Carefully weigh the evidence and decide for yourself, are the rules written in our "Bill of Rights" and our Constitution being followed to the letter of the law?

The new Constitution provided for a much stronger federal government. The first 3 articles of the U.S. Constitution, following the mission statement of the Constitution's "Preamble" provides for a Senate and House of Representative with taxing powers (Article I), a chief executive (President - Article II), and a system of courts (Article III).

May we suggest reading the first 3 Articles of the U.S. Constitution? The U.S. Constitution provides the rules for the three branches of our federal government. The intent of the three branches was to provide a level of security in "Checks & Balances" in managing the business of our "Union".

[The U.S. Constitution | Constitution Center](#)

The first ten Amendments (*Bill of Rights*) were ratified effective December 15, 1791 nearly two years after the constitution was ratified. Quality results takes time and requires careful consideration in effective problem solving. Under English rule, policies addressing problem solving occurred too quickly without careful consideration and mostly enriched the king and his wealthy supporters.

As the Preamble begins with "in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

2nd Term Executive Orders

[Federal Register :: Executive Orders](#)

As the 47th president of the United States, Donald Trump has relied extensively on executive orders. In the first 65 days of his presidency, Trump signed 124 executive orders as of this writing, more than any other president had signed in their first 100 days in office. Trump's first 100 days in office will be completed on April 30, 2025.

"You're going to see executive orders that are going to make you extremely happy," Trump said at a rally the day before his inauguration. "Lots of them." The executive orders did not make everyone happy and a list of lawsuits began to grow.

Here's what Susan Crawford's state Supreme Court win means for Wisconsin

Liberals will control the court until at least 2028 — with implications for abortion rights, congressional redistricting, labor rights and the environment.

[What Susan Crawford's Wisconsin Supreme Court win means](#)

By Jack Kelly / Wisconsin Watch.org

Susan Crawford's win in Tuesday's record-smashing Wisconsin Supreme Court election paves the way for the court's liberal majority to continue to flex its influence over state politics.

The Dane County Circuit Court judge's victory guarantees that liberals will control the court until at least 2028.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court is at the center of state politics. It has been since 2020, when it denied Donald Trump's attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election, and has continued to make headlines — especially since flipping to liberal control in August 2023.

For the past two years, Justices Rebecca Dallet, Jill Karofsky, Janet Protasiewicz and Ann Walsh Bradley — who collectively make up the court's liberal majority — have flexed their authority and remade Wisconsin's political landscape. Crawford, who will be sworn in on Aug. 1, will replace the retiring Walsh Bradley, who has served on the high court for 30 years.

Here's what Crawford's victory could mean for some key issues.

1. Abortion rights

The Wisconsin Supreme Court seems poised to, in some form or the other, strike down the state's 1849 abortion law — which bans almost all abortions in the state.

The court's current justices in November 2024 heard oral arguments in the lawsuit challenging the statute. It was filed by Attorney General Josh Kaul in the days after *Roe vs. Wade* was overturned. The lawsuit asks the court to determine whether the 1849 law applies to consensual abortions. It also asks whether the 1849 ban was "impliedly repealed" when the Legislature passed additional laws — while *Roe* was in effect — regulating abortion after fetal viability.

A Dane County judge ruled in late 2023 that the 1849 statute applied to feticide, not consensual abortions. Abortion services, which were halted in the state after *Roe* was overturned, have since resumed.

3. Labor rights

A Dane County judge ruled late last year that provisions of Act 10, a Scott Walker-era law that kneecapped public sector labor unions, violated the state constitution. Under the ruling, all public sector workers would have their collective bargaining restored to what it was before the law took effect in 2011.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court in February declined to fast-track an appeal in the case, meaning it must first be decided by a conservative branch of the state Court of Appeals, likely ensuring it won't come before the high court before the end of the current term.

That means Crawford, who challenged aspects of Act 10 while working as a private attorney, will be on the court when it comes before the justices.

She didn't answer directly when asked during the race's only debate if she would recuse herself from the case. But she did note that the provision currently being challenged is different from the one she brought a lawsuit over.

"If the same provision that I was involved in litigating back in those early days was challenged again, I most likely would recuse," she said.

But with conservative-leaning Justice Brian Hagedorn having already recused from the case, Crawford could step aside and liberals would still have the votes needed to overturn the law.



UNION CALENDAR

May

- 13 **Executive Board Mtg.**
6:30 pm
Union Office
- 21 **Membership Mtg.**
7:00 pm
Pallas Restaurant
1657 S. 108th St.
West Allis, WI 53214

June

- 10 **Executive Board Mtg.**
6:30 pm
Union Office
- 18 **Membership Mtg.**
7:00 pm
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[https://cwa-union.org/
about/cwa-history](https://cwa-union.org/about/cwa-history)

This link and others
can be found on the
cwa4603.org webpage!

A Second Civil War

According to the book *Words of Our Hero, Ulysses S. Grant*, published circa 1885, this speech was given to the Annual Reunion of the Army of Tennessee on September 29, 1875 by President Ulysses S. Grant.

"It is to be hoped that like trials will never again befall our country. In this sentiment, no class of people can more heartily join than the soldier, who submitted to the dangers, trials, and hardships of the camp and the battlefield. On whichever side they may have fought, no class of people are more interested in guarding against a recurrence of those days.

Let us then begin by guarding against every enemy threatening the perpetuity of free republican institutions. I do not bring into this assemblage politics, certainly not partisan politics ; but it is a fair subject for soldiers in their deliberations to consider what may be necessary to secure the prize for which they battled in a republic like ours. Where the citizen is sovereign and the official the servant, where no power is exercised except by the will of the people, it is important that the sovereign — the people — should possess intelligence.

The free school is the promoter of that intelligence which is to preserve us as a free nation. If we are to have another contest in the near future of our national existence, I predict that the dividing line will not be Mason and Dixon's, but between patriotism and intelligence on the one side — and superstition, ambition, and ignorance on the other.

Now in this centennial year of our national existence, I believe it a good time to begin the work of strengthening the foundation of the house commenced by our patriotic forefathers one hundred years ago at Concord and Lexington. Let us all labor to add all needful guarantees for the more perfect security of free thought, free speech, and free press; pure morals; unfettered religious sentiments; and of equal rights and privileges to all men irrespective of nationality, color, or religion."

Grant's above remarks are confirmed by both fact check resources below.

Snopes.com or [Truth or Fiction?](http://TruthorFiction?)

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Labor has been Combating Corrupt Practices in Wisconsin for Decades

Original story by Sam Jones

edited by Rich Hinderholtz

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When you flash back to your Introduction to American History courses as a student or perhaps you've read Upton Sinclair's classic "The Jungle" for the first time, it is easy to imagine union busters as mobsters hiding out and rising in the ranks solely to take down their unsuspecting coworkers.

While these examples certainly existed, union-busting and the role of labor spies have evolved over the course of Wisconsin's documented labor history. The conflict between Union and Anti-union opinions and positions remains unchanged.

The term "union buster" is any person or group whose purpose is to destroy or weaken a union through prosecution or intimidation. Union busters may be muscle brought in to instigate trouble at a demonstration, but they can also take form of corporate leaders or hired legal consultants who try to steer employee opinion to oppose organizing a union.

In 1893, 35 unionists — many of them socialists, populists — took a first step in the direction of tackling anti-labor efforts by employers. These men called for the end of labor detective agencies, who were hired by employers to infiltrate the ranks of workers as labor spies and operatives. The unionists referred to them as the "private standing army of the plutocrats."

Tensions between the opposing views grew as pro-union labor laws were passed in various states and cities like Kenosha. Employers continued openly using professional strikebreakers and even shifted their paid labor espionage efforts to the black market.

In Kenosha, the Allen-A Hosiery Company and their workers represented by the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers fell under siege from 1928 to 1929, as the pairing of the stock market crash and an employee lockout came to a boil. [American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers - Wisconsin Labor History](#)

At the forefront of the anti-union-busting movement was "Young Bob" La Follette, the son of Robert M. La Follette, a leading Progressive serving as Wisconsin's governor before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1906. During his long career, La Follette and his wife, Belle Case La Follette built a worthy reputation as active proponents of progressive legislation to protect and enhance the lives of working people.

As chair of the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee, formally named the "Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee Investigating Violations of Free Speech and the Rights of Labor," "Young Bob" La Follette and his team dove headfirst into investigating the world of labor espionage.

Commissioned in 1936 in response to a National Labor Relations Board investigation, La Follette's Civil Liberties Committee held hearings exposing a shocking number of collective bargaining violations by employers. Companies like the Pinkerton National Detective Agency had been hiring out their men to industrialists across the country. Bosses were hiring private police forces — and sometimes even working alongside local police forces — to continuously oppress collective bargaining, resulting in riots, bombings, the stockpiling of weapons and more.

These cases of labor espionage were not just isolated to strike response and invoking violence when tensions were high. More frequently, labor spies were on the lookout to identify

union leaders to be fired in retaliation for their organizing activities. Union activists were then often blacklisted by employers and the detective agencies themselves.

Other labor spies would passionately join unions in order to infiltrate their ranks and deliberately ruin their collective efforts. Spreading militant ideas and disinformation attempting to disorient and fracture solidarity amongst the members, and other malicious tactics were also used.

In holding these hearings and exposing the oppressive regimes at play in industrial towns across the country, the Committee put corporations in the hot seat and encouraged the post-Depression growth of the labor movement.

In 2020, union-busting and the implementation of labor spies obviously looks very different. In September 2020, it became known that Amazon was hiring "intelligence analysts" to monitor internal threats like "protests," "geopolitical crises," "conflicts impacting operations," and most concerning, "organized labor." Amazon is not unionized, but actions like this should be seen as a threat to workers everywhere.

In 2011, Scott Walker and Republican representatives launched an assault on unions with Act 10. The intention to shut down collective bargaining is still present in Wisconsin — and with the goldmine of technology available today, if legislation isn't passed to preserve unions, the protection of labor crusaders remains increasingly at risk.

An October 2020 leak brought attention to the fact that, again at the hands of Amazon, labor rights were still under attack due to such technologies. By running a tremendous amount of data intended to recognize risks to the company's well-being — think weather conditions, crime rate and the like — they are also tracking and monitoring the labor-related activities of their employees.

Anti-union training videos proclaiming the company "isn't anti-union," but "not neutral either," were circulated among Whole Foods employees in 2018, even teaching them how to recognize the "warning signs of organizing."

Unionization is being treated like a pandemic. Instead of viral infections or heart-stopping symptoms, though, employers fear collaboration and solidarity among their workers. Collective bargaining doesn't clog up our lungs or our companies — it makes them more efficient, more conducive to a labor system in which everyone can thrive.

Submitting our labor force to persistent fearmongering and intimidation tactics at the command of a billionaire — especially in an age where we continuously teach our youth to stand up for what is morally right is grossly ludicrous. Being in a state of paranoia in the workplace, feeling as though your every move is being watched and every thought is being recorded is NOT what democracy should look like.

The propaganda against unions, often claiming that collective bargaining leads to inefficiencies and employee disengagement, has resulted in the manifestation of the modern-day labor spy. Rather than hiring outside forces to disrupt internal balance, the tension is coming from within after being groomed to believe that corporate control is the best interest for all.

The dog-eat-dog world of capitalism is trying its hardest to turn working people against one another, rather than address these inequities with a seat at the table and a reasonable legislated solution.

Our only option is to familiarize ourselves with these anti-worker tactics and strategies and build a strong pro-union movement. Advocating for a livable wage or for a reasonable labor agreements is just straight-up American.

Letters

Wiretap received a copy of a letter that was sent to U.S. Senator Ron Johnson last month with a request to be published in the May Wiretap.

Honorable Ron Johnson
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

April 9, 2025

Dear Senator Johnson,

I am a constituent in the county of Waukesha, Wisconsin.

I am raising caution against the methods used by the present administration that criminalizes diverse ideology. Action such as discriminate and indiscriminate firings, opinion-based deportation, and curtailment of public discourse by threat and bullying is a dangerous reversal of civil behavior and it damages the ability to create a country of true strength and power.

The methods of deceit, hostility and coercion breeds a reputation of bad faith among the most loyal and patriotic citizenry. It breeds distrust arising from a fear-based requirement for obedience in an insistence to dominate. This hurts America.

I endorse rooting out inefficiency, excess and ill-gained profit from exploitation of good policy. I also endorse rewarding hard work, sacrifice, accountability, and admirable work ethic. The methods to attain the former are eroding the latter. The means do effect the end.

Contrary to the delusion that these methods employed by the present administration show might, they only express a weakness and an extreme deficiency in the skills, art, wit and power of goodwill, foresight and creativity.

Why was the United States of America formed? I love this country for my freedom of expression in work, home, religion and opinion. It was formed with high-minded principles that include respect, cooperation, community, open-mindedness and innovation for the purpose of health, happiness and the well-being of all.

You are asking us for patience and sacrifice, yet I am not asking you to become a target of ridicule and bullying by direct opposition to the administration, but to claim your power as a legislator. When you grab hold of the rudder of decency and humanity in guiding the country toward a future of common values and prosperity, you will find yourself being an agent of unity and praised for your courage.

Thank you for your attention and time.

Your constituent,

Dr. Bender

New Berlin, WI 53151

The Court of Public Judgement

In America we are granted the right to "Free Speech" in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. In theory we are free to say just about anything we want, whether it is true or not.

Also in theory, our courts is the safeguard in protecting "Free Speech". Courts limit "Free Speech" in a judicial proceeding to justifiable truth and fact. Factually supported evidence is mandatory in every legal argument. If you can not support your point with factual evidence, the court will probably not rule in your favor.

The link below illustrates the difference between public free speech and evidentiary speech in a court of law.

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Public political speech is "Free Speech" where it does not have to be truthful. We would urge you begin to research to

identify the difference between the truthful and factual speech and disinformation and unsupported accusations.

Our judicial branch of government is the independent guardrail to insure that the executive and legislative branches follow and uphold the rules written in our U.S. Constitution.

As a U.S. citizen, it is your patriotic duty to be well informed in choosing your representatives for elected office. Face it, there's no shortage of B.S. out there.

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The Kierzek Chronicles

Hello everyone, hope you all had a great Easter, and that you found all your Easter eggs by now. If you didn't, you better get started looking for them, right now their worth a lot of money. Maybe more than what's left of your 401K.

I'm not the kind of person that goes to the cinema to see a movie, but last weekend two of my grandsons called and asked me to take them to see a movie at the Ridge Cinema called Mine Craft. I checked the rating for that movie which turned out to be PG so we went. My wife Catherine told me to order the tickets for the four of us online to be sure we would get good seats so I did. I was a little surprised when I went to my cart to check out, it was sixty dollars. That seemed a bit high, since I normally go on Tuesdays, when tickets are only five dollars. But I thought that would be OK since we don't do this often. When we walked in before the movie started, my wife said we should get the boys some snacks and a couple sodas. So I then ordered a large popcorn, two sodas and some cotton candy. I was then told that will be fifty-six dollars. I then looked at my wife hoping she would pop for the pop, but that didn't happen. So now we walked in to see the movie, and as I sat down a trailer was playing about a new Superman movie coming out this July, which actually looked pretty good. I thought to myself, this could be a real mistake for Superman coming back to earth under the present administration. After all, he is an alien from the planet Krypton, and would be subject to deportation. And even if he was able to obtain a green card, he would be unable to change from Clark Kent to Superman, since all the telephone booth's have been removed from service. I guess if he wanted to, he could use the men's room at Quick Trip. So now the featured movie started, which in my opinion was too long and pretty stupid. However when it was over, everyone stood up and cheered. Well, I found out later the whole movie was based on a video game, and it was a much younger crowd. I guess I did not find it that entertaining since my last video game was "Pong".

One last thing, the two grandsons were hungry so we had to stop at Taco Bell on the way home. Another thirty dead presidents please. Like they say, you can't take it with you.



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May 2025 RMO Report

From RMO Secretary/Treasurer Rich Hinderholtz:

Our next RMO luncheon will be held on May 21, 2025 at Meyer's Restaurant and Bar, 4260 S 76th, Greenfield, WI.

RMO business meeting begins at 11am

Lunch scheduled to be served at 12:15

Lunch is \$15.00 per person. Please send a check payable to CWA 4603 RMO

Mail checks to: CWA 4603 RMO - 6511 W Bluemound, Milwaukee, WI 53213

Please mail payments by May 6, 2025 OR SOONER!

They need to be received by the May 14, 2025 deadline!

RMO 2024 Membership Meeting & Luncheon Dates

May 21, 2025 September 17, 2025 November 19, 2025

Trump Rescinds Biden's Executive Order 14087

[Trump Order Didn't Reverse All of Biden's Measures to Lower Drug Costs - FactCheck.org](#)

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Please visit the FactCheck.org link above to read the complete article.

Quick Take: President Donald Trump rescinded an executive order issued by former President

Joe Biden aimed at finding new models for lowering drug costs. Trump's action didn't affect the caps on seniors' drug costs or Medicare price negotiations that Biden signed into law. But social media posts have wrongly claimed otherwise.

Full Story

[As we've written](#), in August 2022 then-President Joe Biden signed the sweeping [Inflation Reduction Act](#) into law, which included several measures aimed at reducing prescription drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries. The law required the federal government to negotiate the price of some Medicare drugs, capped monthly insulin copays at \$35, capped seniors' out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 a year for Medicare's prescription drugs and made vaccines free.

To further curb medical costs, in October 2022 Biden [issued](#) executive order 14087, "Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Americans," which directed the secretary of Health and Human Services to "consider whether to select for testing by the [Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation] new health care payment and delivery models that would lower drug costs and promote access to innovative drug therapies for beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicare and Medicaid programs."

On his first day in office, President Donald Trump, in an [effort to reverse health care policies](#) supported by his predecessor, [revoked](#) Biden's executive order.

Impact of Trump's Action

On the one hand, Cubanski said, "you can look at Trump's action to rescind Biden's executive order as not really being all that meaningful, because they're not pulling back on much that actively happened to lower drug costs under these three models. Savings haven't yet materialized for people on Medicare or for states or for others who may have been able to benefit from these models."

But, Cubanski added, "if President Trump is abandoning these efforts, I think that signals that he's walking away from these specific efforts to reduce prescription drug prices."

The president's action, however, is "not so broad as to cancel out other provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act that are part of laws and have already been implemented," Cubanski said.

Dusetzina, the Vanderbilt health policy professor, said Trump's revocation of Biden's order may indicate Trump's interest in "more efforts to roll back these policies in the future. But the changes to date aren't likely to directly impact patients."

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When workers died in the march for the 8-hour day
**139th Annual Commemoration of the
Bay View Tragedy**
3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, 2025
State Historical Marker Grounds
S. Superior St. and E. Russell Ave.
**Dramatic Re-enactment Of
the Historic May 1886 Event**



A procession will meet at 1:30 pm at Lincoln Ave & Bay St. and march to the State Historical Marker Grounds at S. Superior St. and E. Russell Ave. arriving prior to the 3 pm program.

The program features a dramatic re-enactment of the historic May 5, 1886 event. The re-enactment is performed by the Milwaukee Public Theatre with the Milwaukee Puppet and Mask Theatre.

Reading of the names of the seven fatalities - Music by Folksinger Craig Siemsen. Percussion by Ojumire Charlston.

Laying of the Memorial Wreath

LEST WE FORGET . . . *On the Fifth of May, 1886, thousands of Milwaukee workers marched peacefully on the huge Bay View Rolling Mills as part of a nationwide effort to bring about the 8-hour day. When the marchers were 200 yards away, the State Militia opened fire on the marchers, killing seven. This was the bloodiest labor disturbance in Wisconsin's history, and began a new struggle for a more humane workplace and a more just society. Join us now, 138 years later, as a diverse group of Milwaukeeans commemorates this historic event. Learn a little labor history!*

This program is free and open to the public!

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