



# Labor's Love Lost

## ***Obama's Oldest Union Friend Is Set To Pass A Referendum Against Him And His Legacy***

**"Casino Workers Are Preparing To Strike Against Several Las Vegas Establishments, But Their Real Target Is President Barack Obama."** (Tami Luhby, "Why Casino Workers Hate ObamaCare," [CNNMoney](#), 3/11/14)

- **"Union Tensions With ObamaCare Have Been On The Rise As Negotiations With The Administration Have Remained Unfruitful..."** "Union tensions with ObamaCare have been on the rise as negotiations with the administration have remained unfruitful and employers have become more reluctant when it comes time to renegotiate health benefits." (Jacob Fischler, "How Can Unions Fix Their ObamaCare Problem?" [BuzzFeed](#), 3/13/14)

### **TOMORROW, THE CULINARY UNION LOCAL 226 WILL CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A STRIKE OVER OBAMACARE**

**Las Vegas' Powerful Culinary Union Will Vote To Go On Strike Over ObamaCare.** "Members of a powerful Las Vegas hotel union are planning a vote next month that could empower organizers to call for a strike. The Culinary union is negotiating over contracts that cover about 10,000 Las Vegas workers. ... Culinary spokeswoman Yvanna Cancela says members will take a strike authorization vote on March 20." ("Las Vegas' Largest Union To Vote On Casino Strike," [The Associated Press](#), 2/26/14)

### ***As A Member Of National Labor Union Unite Here, Local 226 Was The First Labor Union To Endorse Obama In 2008***

**Unite Here, Which Represents Culinary Local 226, Was The First National Labor Union To Endorse Obama For President.** "The endorsement would make Unite Here the first national union to back Mr. Obama, and it would give him a big leg up in Nevada, where the union's Las Vegas local, Culinary Local 226, with more than 60,000 members, is by far the largest and strongest union in the state." (Steven Greenhouse, "Unite Here Expected to Endorse Obama," [The New York Times](#), 1/8/08)

### **LABOR UNIONS HAVE A LOT OF REASONS TO BE ANGRY AT OBAMA**

### ***ObamaCare's New Mandates And Fees Are Driving Up Costs For Unions And Jeopardizing The Health Plans They Currently Have***

**Labor Unions Are Stressed About ObamaCare's "Cadillac Tax" That Would Punish Union Plans That Offer Overly Generous Health Benefits.** "The height of union disagreement now stems from the so-called Cadillac Tax, which is a 40% excise tax that, starting in 2018, that will be imposed on plans

exceeding a certain threshold. Union plans can exceed these thresholds and employers who are required to foot the bill are worried it'll bite into profits, according to union sources." (Jacob Fischler, "How Can Unions Fix Their ObamaCare Problem?" [BuzzFeed](#), 3/13/14)

**Labor Unions Are Upset That The Obama Administration Has Not Made Union Taft-Hartley Plans Eligible For ObamaCare Subsidies.** "The administration decided that the health care law does not provide tax subsidies for the Taft-Hartley plans. But union officials argue that interpretation could force their members to lose their insurance plans, which are nonprofit and thus receive a tax break, and be forced to buy more expensive coverage in the state-run exchanges." (Kevin Bogardus, "Unions Lash Out At ObamaCare Regs," [The Hill's Reg Watch](#), 1/29/14)

**Despite Receiving A "Partial Reprieve," Some Labor Unions Will Still Be Subjected To ObamaCare's "Reinsurance Fees."** "A slate of final Affordable Care Act regulations issued Wednesday would give some labor unions a partial reprieve from fees under the landmark healthcare law. Revamped standards issued by the Department of Health and Human Services include changes to 'reinsurance fees,' designed to tax health plans from 2014-2016 and will be used to help stabilize the individual market as sick patients come on board." (Benjamin Goad, "New O-Care Regs Slash Fees For Some Unions," [The Hill's Reg Watch](#), 3/5/14)

- **Culinary Local 226 Has Said The Reinsurance Fee Would Cost The Union An Additional \$7 Million.** "Since Obamacare was passed in 2010, the culinary union's fund has had to shell out \$23 million to cover members' children up to age 26, Cancela said. And this year, it is facing a transitional reinsurance fee of \$63 per insured person, which adds another \$7 million to the cost. The reinsurance fee reimburses insurers on the exchanges who face high claim costs." (Tami Luhby, "Why Casino Workers Hate ObamaCare," [CNNMoney](#), 3/11/14)

**The AFL-CIO Adopted A Resolution Strongly Critical Of ObamaCare Saying It Would "Drive Up Costs" For Unions And That The Law Is "Highly Disruptive" To Union Health Care Plans.** "The strongly worded resolution says the Affordable Care Act will drive up the costs of union-sponsored health plans to the point that workers and employers are forced to abandon them. Labor unions still support the law's overall goals of reducing health costs and bringing coverage to all Americans, the resolution says, but adds that the law is being implemented in a way that is 'highly disruptive' to union health care plans." (Sam Hananel, "AFL-CIO Steps Up Pressure For Health Law Changes," [The Associated Press](#), 9/11/13)

- **The Passage Of The Resolution Marked "The First Time The AFL-CIO Has Gone On Record" Denouncing ObamaCare.** "Some individual unions have been complaining about the law's impact for months, but this marks the first time the AFL-CIO has gone on record embracing that view." (Sam Hananel, "AFL-CIO Steps Up Pressure For Health Law Changes," [The Associated Press](#), 9/11/13)

## DEMOCRATS SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT UNION DISDAIN OF OBAMACARE

**Due To ObamaCare, Labor Members Are "Less Likely" To Turn Out For Democrats This November.** "After dozens of frustrating meetings with White House officials over the past year, including one with Obama, a number of angry labor officials say their members are far less likely to campaign and turn out for Democratic candidates in the midterm elections." (Steven Mufson and Tom Hamburger, "Labor Union Officials Say Obama Betrayed Them In Health-Care Rollout," [The Washington Post](#), 1/31/14)

- **"Union Officials Expect The Health-Care Controversy To Intensify A Raging Debate Within The Labor Movement Over How Deeply Labor Should Invest In Democratic Party Candidates."** (Steven Mufson and Tom Hamburger, "Labor Union Officials Say Obama Betrayed Them In Health-Care Rollout," [The Washington Post](#), 1/31/14)
- **"Unions Have Been A Major Source Of Funding And Ground-Level Efforts On Behalf Of**

**Democratic Candidates.”** (Steven Mufson and Tom Hamburger, “Labor Union Officials Say Obama Betrayed Them In Health-Care Rollout,” [The Washington Post](#), 1/31/14)

***Democrats Have Their 2014 Electoral Game Plan Set, But Unions Have Already Doused Their Plan With Cold Water***

**“Democrats Aren’t Wasting Any Time Tackling An Issue They Are Convinced Will Help Them This Election Year: Income Inequality.”** (Burgess Everett, “Dems Seize On Income Inequality For 2014,” [Politico](#), 1/5/14)

**According To The National Unite Here Labor Union, ObamaCare Is Making Inequality Worse For Americans.** “As national Democrats prepare to run against the GOP on income equality issues, a giant union has issued a scathing ObamaCare document that could undermine that case. ‘The Irony of ObamaCare: Making Inequality Worse’ is the title of the UNITE HERE (Culinary parent) document that is posted here and soon to be making its way to Capitol Hill. It is devastating to the Democrats.” (Jon Ralston, “Union Research Document Says Obamacare Will Hasten Income Inequality,” [Ralston Reports](#), 3/7/14)

**Unite Here: Despite A “Reset” On A Domestic Agenda, ObamaCare Will Add To The Erosion Of Paychecks Into The Future.** “The White House and Congressional Democrats are ‘resetting’ the domestic agenda following the negative fallout from the rollout of the ACA. They plan to shift focus from health care to bread and butter issues of income inequality that have eroded the American paycheck for decades. Ironically, the Administration’s own signature healthcare victory poses one of the most immediate challenges to redressing inequality.” (“The Irony Of ObamaCare: Making Inequality Worse,” [Unite Here](#), 3/2014)

- **Unite Here: ObamaCare “Poses One Of The Most Immediate Challenges To Redressing Inequality.”** “Ironically, the Administration’s own signature health care victory poses one of the most immediate challenges to redressing inequality.” (“The Irony Of ObamaCare: Making Inequality Worse,” [Unite Here](#), 3/2014)
- **Unite Here: “At The Same Time, Without Smart Fixes, The ACA Threatens The Middle Class With Higher Premiums, Loss Of Hours, And A Shift To Part-Time Work And Less Comprehensive Coverage.”** (“The Irony Of ObamaCare: Making Inequality Worse,” [Unite Here](#), 3/2014)