

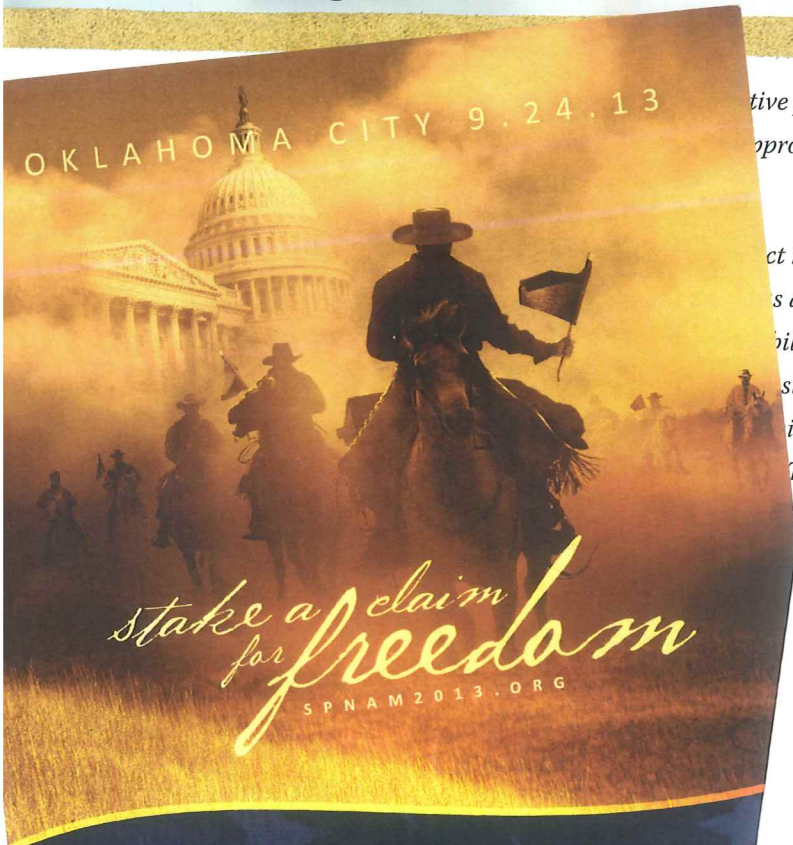
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SPN 21ST ANNUAL MEETING 9.24.13

You are invited to join freedom network leaders in Oklahoma City for the State Policy Network's 21st Annual Meeting.

The states are our first and final frontiers of liberty. Just as the pioneers journeyed to the wild west to discover new frontiers and stake their claim for a new life, we must stake a claim for freedom and the generations yet to come. Moving the locus of power from the fifty freedom frontiers requires fortitude, bold strategy, and a network of equipped trailblazers.

The 21st Annual State Policy Network Meeting will equip you with the necessary trailblazing knowledge and skills. In addition to lots of networking, the robust program covers leadership development, policy, and outreach. You will join us and 800+ freedom pioneers in Oklahoma City that promises to yield value for you and your organization.



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A Thoughtful Approach to Climate

Thursday, August 8, 2013

7:50 - 9:15 AM

The Palmer House Hilton
Grand and State Ballrooms



JOE BASTARDI

Please join us for breakfast where world-renowned meteorologist Joe Bastardi will share a more thoughtful approach to climate change than what you generally hear!

Climate change is center-stage in policy discussions, especially on energy issues, in statehouses across the country and on Capitol Hill. It's important for state policymakers to stay on top of the issue and support the use of sound science, as policies adopted in the name of climate change can have a significant impact on individuals and businesses alike.

Joe Bastardi is formerly the chief long-range forecaster at Accuweather and a world-renowned meteorologist. He will be introduced by Joseph Bast, president and CEO of The Heartland Institute, a 29-year-old national nonprofit research center located in Chicago, Illinois. Heartland is among the country's best-known and most highly regarded "think tanks." *The Economist* calls Heartland "the world's most prominent think-tank promoting skepticism about man-made climate change."



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Heartland's mission is to discover, develop, and promote free-market solutions to social and economic problems. Such solutions include parental choice in education, choice and personal responsibility in health care, market-based approaches to environmental protection, privatization of public services, and deregulation in areas where property rights and markets do a better job than government bureaucracies.

The Heartland Institute produces five monthly publications on budget and tax issues, environment and climate, finance/insurance/real estate, health care reform, and school reform. It also publishes policy studies and books.

Heartland also sends speakers across the country to testify on behalf of free markets, hosts conferences and other events, and supports more than a dozen senior fellows. Web sites maintained by Heartland include www.heartland.org, an online news magazine at news.heartland.org, and a blog titled "Somewhat Reasonable" at blog.heartland.org.

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‘Right to Work Majority’ on the Horizon *Spread of State Bans on Forced Union Dues Changing U.S. Economy*

Even as Right to Work measures to repeal the provisions in federal labor law that authorize the firing of employees for refusal to pay dues or fees to an unwanted union remain bottled up in congressional committees this year, compulsory unionism is clearly on the defensive in state after state.

As this Newsletter edition goes to press, it’s been just three months since the nation’s 24th Right to Work law took effect in Michigan, a longtime stronghold of compulsory unionism.

This year, roughly 45% of total private-sector workers are employed in one of the two dozen states that prohibit forcing workers to bankroll a union as a job condition.

As recently as 2010, fewer than four in 10 private-sector employees held jobs in states protected by Right to Work laws. And just a little over two decades ago, fewer than 34% of private-sector jobs were located in Right to Work states.

‘Where Indiana Goes, So Goes the Nation’?

“The enactment of the Indiana Right to Work Law in February 2012 and the Michigan Right to Work Law 10 months later have, it seems, greatly loosened Big Labor’s grip over elected officials in many other states,” commented National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix.

“Early last year, Abby Rapoport, a staff writer for the pro-forced unionism *American Prospect*, publicly expressed her fear that the Right to Work victory in Indiana would represent ‘a turning point in American labor history’ and ‘not simply a loss in power’ for Hoosier union officials.

“An article by Ms. Rapoport published online the day then-Gov. Mitch Daniels

signed the Right to Work Bill into law even bore the title, ‘Where Indiana Goes, so Goes the Nation.’

“And since Indiana’s ban on forced union dues was adopted, Right to Work activism has indeed spread like wildfire in state after state.

“It seems the fears of Abby Rapoport and the *American Prospect*’s editors were well-grounded.”

Support to Pass Right To Work Laws Advancing In Multiple States

Mr. Mix cited Pennsylvania as just one example of a longtime Big Labor dominion

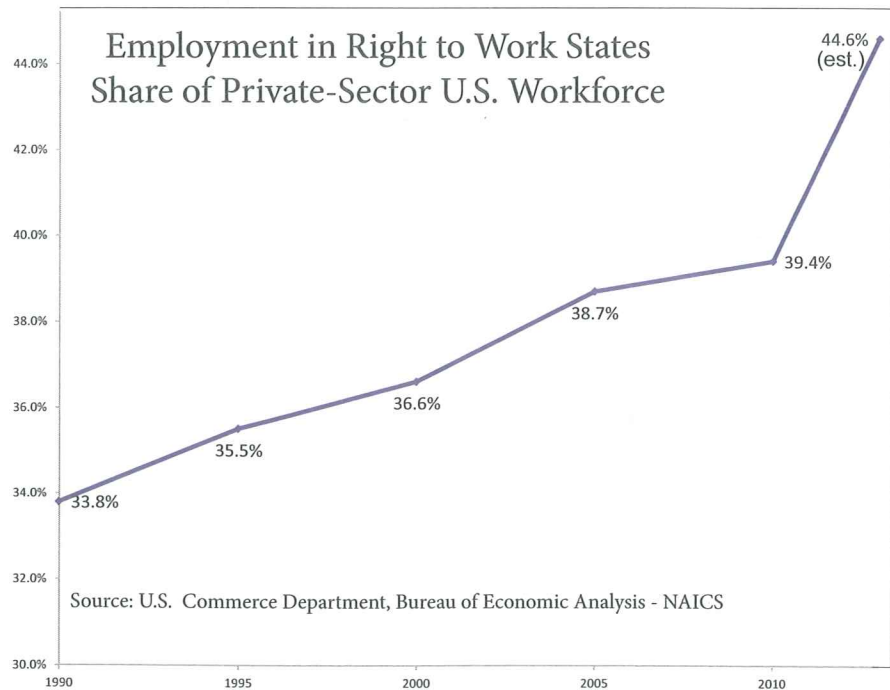
where momentum for enactment of a state Right to Work law has been building this year.

“On April 30,” he noted, “state Rep. Daryl Metcalfe [R-Cranberry] introduced H.B.50, a measure to make Pennsylvania America’s 25th Right to Work state, as well as several incremental bills protecting some employees.”

This summer, Mr. Mix added, National Committee members and other grass-roots activists in Pennsylvania are working to get companion legislation introduced in the state Senate.

Citizen efforts to pass Right to Work

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Right to Work states’ economic growth has long exceeded the U.S. average. Now it seems possible that within a few

years most U.S. employees will reside in states with laws barring forced union dues.

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