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RWU Resolution on the 2012 U.S. Elections

Whereas, Beginning with Nixon and Carter, corporate management and their 'friends' in government adopted a new strategy that was squarely aimed at attacking unions by targeting the membership of unions instead of confronting unions themselves. Communications workers, Teamsters and rail unions lost hundreds of thousands of jobs as deregulation cut into the unionized work force; and

Whereas, Reagan upped the ante with his union busting attack on air traffic controllers and by making it easier for the bosses to export whole industries to other nations with weak or non-existent unions. This strategy effectively eliminated millions of union jobs, a trend continued by Bush1 and his campaign for NAFTA, aimed squarely at destroying unions in North America; and

Whereas, while NAFTA was a Republican initiative Bill Clinton campaigned for it and signed it, later to go on to abolish the welfare system, hire 200,000 extra cops and campaign and sign the Republican bill deregulating predatory lenders, which caused the economic boom, which went bust, which created the Clinton Depression.

Whereas, Bush II continued the work of Carter, Reagan, his daddy and Clinton, ramming through huge tax cuts for the rich and easing the export of jobs, doing at least as much damage to the economy as Clinton

Whereas, Obama came into office just as the economy was teetering on the edge, and during the course of his first three years he and Congress united to give \$7 Trillion Dollars to the rich, here and abroad; and

Whereas, Obama sabotaged the fight for single payer healthcare while his running mate twice ordered Democrats in Congress to vote for Bush's tax breaks for the rich and totally exposed himself when he put Social Security and Medicare 'on the table' for the Republicans to shred; and

Whereas, Vice President Biden, the Senator from Bank of America, helped ruin the bankruptcy laws, making them an instrument of economic destruction for predatory bankers.

Whereas, for over 35 years both parties have offered up working peoples' standard of living and our unions as sacrifices to the insatiable appetites of the looter class in full feeding frenzy; and

Whereas, The AFL-CIO and Change to Win are going to give these people - who are all bought and paid for by the looter class -- millions of our dollars in campaign donations, money that should be allocated to organizing the unorganized.

Therefore, -Be it Resolved that RWU urges the national AFL-CIO to unleash the power of a Labor Party and give a powerful new voice to educate and organize the working class of our country. Our unions and our paychecks are on the line.

***This Resolution adopted by the members assembled at the RWU Third Biennial Convention
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