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The Decline of US Labor Unions and the Role of Trade-Robert Baldwin 2003-06-05 Between 1977 and 1997, there was a precipitous decline in the proportion of US workers with median education (12 years or less) who were represented by a labor union—from 29 to 14 percent; the unionization proportion declined much less among workers with above-median education (19 to 13 percent). The union wage premium also declined for workers with basic education, from 58 to 51 percent, whereas it rose slightly for better-educated unionists, from 18 to 19 percent. Thus, whatever safety net American unions provide was disproportionately lost by the less-educated workers who, arguably, need it the most. In this study, Robert E. Baldwin investigates the role of changes in US imports and exports in explaining this dramatic decline. The main analysis (which includes workers in manufacturing as well as service sectors) relates changes in the number of union workers across industries to changes in domestic spending, imports, exports, and the intensity with which labor is used across these industries for both union and nonunion workers. Baldwin finds that although globalization (i.e., increased trade) seems to have contributed only modestly to the general decline in unionization, it has, more importantly, contributed to the decline in unionization among workers with less education. The study concludes with a discussion on the implication of this and the other findings for governmental policy and for the policy position of unions toward globalization.

The Decline of Organized Labor in the United States-Michael Goldfield 1989-05-15 Goldfield provides a statistical and historical examination of the erosion of unionization in the private sector. Based on National Labor Relations Board data, which serve as an accurate measure of union growth in the private sector, he argues that standard explanations for union decline--structural, industrial, occupational, demographic, and geographic changes--are insupportable or erroneous. He makes a compelling case that the decline is due to changing class relationships, determined corporate anti-unionism, lack of realism on the part of the unions, and a public view of unions as too powerful and untrustworthy. Goldfield maintains that by understanding the decline of U.S. labor unions it is possible to understand the conditions necessary for their rebirth and resurgence. ISBN 0-226-30102-8: $27.50.

The Decline of Trade Union Organisation-Phil B. Beaumont 1987 This book considers the reasons for the decline of trade union membership in recent years and discusses the prospects for recovery.

The Decline of the Union-Eunan O’Halpin 1987

Union Membership in the United States-Henry S. Farber 1992 Abstract: We use a demand/supply framework to analyze 1) the decline in union membership since 1977 in the United States and 2) the difference in unionization rates between the United States and Canada. We extend earlier work on these problems by analyzing new data for 1991 from the General Social Survey and for 1992 from our own household survey on worker preferences for union representation. When combined with earlier data for 1977 from the Quality of Employment Survey and for 1984 from a survey conducted for the AFL-CIO, we are able to decompose changes in unionization into changes in demand and changes in supply. We also analyze data for 1990 from a survey conducted for the Canadian Federation of Labor on the preferences of Canadian workers for union representation. We find that virtually all of the decline in union membership in the United States between 1977 and 1991 is due to a decline in worker demand for union representation. There was almost no change over this period in the relative supply of union jobs. Additionally, very little of the decline in unionization in the U.S. can be accounted for by structural shifts in the composition of the labor force. Next, we find that all of the higher unionization rate in the U.S. public sector in 1984 can be accounted for by higher demand for unionization and that there is actually more frustrated demand for union representation in the public sector. Finally, we tentatively conclude that the difference in unionization rates between the U.S. and Canada is accounted for roughly in equal measure by
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This book examines the most significant factors accounting for the decline of union density during the neoliberal period, focusing on the case of Mexico. Union density, which reflects the representation of labor unions in the employed labor force, is one of the main indicators of union strength. The relation of organized labor with the state and the political system are also considered. The analysis is framed within a structure concentrated on cyclical, structural and political-institutional factors linked to labor union performance. Over the last decades, the transformations brought about by neoliberalism and democratization reshaped many features of the domestic political and economic model in Mexico. Therefore, an examination of these developments regarding the repercussions of the factors linked to union density decline is crucial.

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consensus in academia that trade unions and workers have seen a detrimental panorama in recent decades, this is not the case regarding the factors explaining the regression of trade unions which appear divergent in each country and typically depend on national institutions, making necessary the study of individual cases. There are different explanations for union density decline. For instance, the advance of the production system; the implementation of technology in the workplace, which has reduced the number of employees; changes in employment composition; i.e., the decline of industry and the rise of services; the lack of identification with unions among new workers largely composed by the young and by females; the role of the state, employers and corporations, and especially the inefficiency of union leadership, among others. In addition, economic and social policies and the dismantling of corporatist structures are also considered in this regard. In view of that multiplicity of factors, it is crucial to establish those most relevant to the decline of labour union density. However, as can be seen, factors relating to the decline of unions are heterogeneous and merit proper classification as well as an explanation of their relevance in specific cases.

Representing Workers-Howard Gospel 2003-12-08 Employment relations are at a crossroad. Historically, trade union channels in advanced economies have dominated worker representation, but with the decline in union membership other forms of representation are becoming increasingly significant. This timely book is the result of significant research addressing key issues underlying these developments. A group of internationally-renowned employment relations specialists, under the Leverhulme Foundation Future of Trade Unionism Programme, consider issues such as: trends in trade union membership factors behind the decline of union membership young workers and trade unionism the law and union recognition European influences on worker representation non-union representation trade unionism in the context of new forms of representation enhancing the appeal of unions. This timely new study of worker representation contains powerful analysis and is one of the most broad-ranging studies of representation available. It is essential reading for anyone studying or working in employment relations.

What Unions No Longer Do-Jake Rosenfeld 2014-02-10 From workers' wages to presidential elections, labor unions once exerted tremendous clout in American life. In the immediate post-World War II era, one in three workers belonged to a union. The fraction now is close to one in five, and just one in ten in the private sector. The only thing big about Big Labor today is the scope of its problems. While many studies have explained the causes of this decline, What Unions No Longer Do shows the broad repercussions of labor's collapse for the American economy and politics. Organized labor was not just a minor player during the middle decades of the twentieth century, Jake Rosenfeld asserts. For generations it was the core institution fighting for economic and political equality in the United States. Unions leveraged their bargaining power to deliver benefits to workers while shaping cultural understandings of fairness in the workplace. What Unions No Longer Do details the consequences of labor's decline, including poorer working conditions, less economic assimilation for immigrants, and wage stagnation among African-Americans. In short, unions are no longer instrumental in combating inequality in our economy and our politics, resulting in a sharp decline in the prospects of American workers and their families.

How to Kill a Labor Movement - Or was it Suicide?-Hans Jørgen Nielsen 1989 Accounting for the Decline in Union Membership-William T. Dickens 1984 Since the early 50s, the percent of the workforce organized by unions has declined considerably. In the most recent decade that rate of decline has accelerated sharply. In an attempt to discover what factors can account for the overall decline and the further deterioration during the 70s, we decompose the sources of growth and decline to determine the relative importance of changes in organizing activity, success in certification elections, decertifications, and net growth due to economic causes. We find that all factors except decertifications account for a substantial part of the change. In addition, interactions between the factors are very important. A significant finding is that while organizing activity and success rates have been declining over time, the net growth (or loss) of membership due to economic causes has remained stable controlling for the aggregate level of economic activity. We argue that this finding is inconsistent with the prevailing view that the decline in the percent of the
workforce organized is primarily due to the decline of the heavily unionized core industries

Age of Delirium—David Satter 2008-10-01 The first state in history to be based explicitly on atheism, the Soviet Union endowed itself with the attributes of God. In this book, David Satter shows through individual stories what it meant to construct an entire state on the basis of a false idea, how people were forced to act out this fictitious reality, and the tragic human cost of the Soviet attempt to remake reality by force. “I had almost given up hope that any American could depict the true face of Russia and Soviet rule. In David Satter’s Age of Delirium, the world has received a chronicle of the calvary of the Russian people under communism that will last for generations.”—Vladimir Voinovich, author of The Life and Extraordinary Adventures of Private Ivan Chonkin “Spellbinding. . . . Gives one a visceral feel for what it was like to be trapped by the communist system.”—Jack Matlock, Washington Post “Satter deserves our gratitude. . . . He is an astute observer of people, with an eye for essential detail and for human behavior in a universe wholly different from his own experience in America.”—Walter Laqueur, Wall Street Journal “Every page of this splendid and eloquent and impassioned book reflects an extraordinarily acute understanding of the Soviet system.”—Jacob Heilbrunn, Washington Times

Essays on Heterogeneity and Macroeconomics—Ömer Tuğrul Açıklöz 2011 “The first chapter of this dissertation is based on the observation that during the past 50 years, the US economy has been characterized by a rapid decline of labor unions and a substantial rise in wage inequality. The chapter proposes that the rise in the skill premium in the non-union sector, for instance, due to technical change, can potentially explain these trends. Based on the premise that labor unions compress wages between skilled and unskilled workers, a larger skill premium encourages skilled workers to withdraw from the union. If this is accompanied by a fall in the productivity of unskilled workers, firms become more reluctant to hire the relatively expensive union workers, reinforcing the decline in the unionization rate. To evaluate this hypothesis, we develop a macroeconomic model of endogenous union membership with heterogeneous agents, where union members are selected from the middle of the skill distribution and have significant wage gains that are decreasing in skill, consistent with US evidence. The model predicts that the rise in skill prices in the non-union sector explains 30-60% of the decline in the unionization rate. It was argued that the declining union activity contributed to the rise in wage inequality by changing the labor force composition. We find this effect to be much smaller due to selection into union jobs. In the second chapter, I investigate the role of heterogeneity and misaggregation in explaining the empirically missing correlations between the relative consumption and real exchange rates between countries, referred to as the Backus-Smith puzzle. I construct a two-country general-equilibrium model with heterogeneous households that choose to consume either an imported good, or its domestic variant. I show that upon aggregation, the corresponding ‘representative agent’ acts as if he is subject to taste shocks, which works towards weakening the tight link between relative prices and quantities. The model therefore constitutes a microfoundation for what shows up as taste shocks in the data. I argue that the missing correlations could be an artifact of heterogeneity.”—Page v-vi.

Trade Unions and their Members—Heeryd 2016-07-27 The issue of trade union democracy has been the subject of considerable controversy in recent years. The government has pursued a policy designed in part to ‘give unions back to their members’ and the decline in the numbers of employees joining unions raises the question of whether trade unionism is losing its relevance. This book presents research papers which deal with these issues and reveals how the unions are adopting to legislative and other changes as they enter the 1990s.

What Do Unions Do?—James T. Bennett 2011-12-31 One of the best-known and most-quoted books ever written on labor unions is What Do Unions Do? by Richard Freeman and James Medoff. Published in 1984, the book proved to be a landmark because it provided the most comprehensive and statistically sophisticated empirical portrait of the economic and socio-political effects of unions, and a provocative conclusion that unions are on balance beneficial for the economy and society. The present volume represents a twentieth-anniversary retrospective and evaluation of What Do Unions
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Decentralizing Industrial Relations and the Role of Labour Unions and Employee Representatives-Takashi Araki 2007 In countries where collective bargaining is conducted mainly at the industry or regional level, there is often a type of workers representation at the company or establishment level other than a labor union. Where this double form of worker representation that is, labor unions and employee representatives exists, the relationship between the two can present a delicate problem in industrial relations. Decentralizing Industrial Relations is an in-depth country-by-country analysis, for nine major industrial nations, of three essential topics in this area: the relationship between labor unions and employee representatives, the shift in collective bargaining from industry or branch towards the company or establishment level, and the role of labor unions or employee representatives in the flexibilization of labor protective regulations. What emerges in the course of the analysis sheds important light on such crucial factors as the following: the political power of labor unions; the extent to which employee representatives can and do protect workers interests; `single-channel (labor unions only) versus `double-channel systems; invasion of the `turf of labor unions by employee representation systems; and inclusion of disadvantageous working conditions in collective agreements or workplace agreements. In the aggregate, the study finds that, although employers are nowhere completely free to modify working conditions unilaterally, in all countries they can, abetted by the decline of labor unions and an emphasis on `flexibilization, make working conditions increasingly dependent on the individual employment contract. In this global context, the supremacy of labor unions is being questioned. This issue is undoubtedly one that deeply concerns all professionals interested in labor, employment, and industrial relations. This volume in Kluwers Bulletin of Comparative Labour Relations series reprints papers submitted to the 8th Comparative Labor Law Seminar (JILPT Tokyo Seminar) held on 21 February, 2006.

Psychological Perspective of the Decline in Union Membership-Joe Nocella 1989 The purpose of this paper is to expand the current literature on the decline in union membership which includes the sociological, political, and cyclical explanations of the decline. This paper proposes another explanation - the psychological perspective. The psychological perspective suggests that one reason for the decline in union membership is the failure of unions today to meet the needs of workers. The framework used was Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs.

Factors Influencing the Decline in Union Membership-Jack Jay Purdum 1967 Labor's White Flight: White Racial Attitudes and the Decline of Union Power in the United States-Geoffrey Leonard 2016 Organized labor has been in decline in the United States for many years. Three primary, overlapping, explanations have been provided for the decline in union density: structural, competitive, and institutional. The bulk of the empirical literature has focused on the effects of globalization on union firms ability to compete with nonunion firms and cheap labor abroad. This research has certainly provided important insight into the role of changing economic systems (and the policies that have allowed for these changes) in union decline, especially the role of foreign direct investment. However, research comparing the American experience with similarly
situated industrial countries indicates that other factors beyond simply globalization are at work and that American union decline is partially explained by how local policies and conditions exacerbated the effects of globalization, and actually created specific aspects of globalization that made union organizing more difficult. For example, the legal framework within which unions organize is incredibly hostile to union organizing, and amplifies the effect of global competition on union’s ability to organize. A major theme that appears in the qualitative literature on the development of American labor policy is the changing politics of the white working class and the role of union racism. For example, the role civil rights struggles within unions played in shaping anti-union public policy, and how through massive investment in segregated homeownership, the white working class grew to view itself as homeowners first and workers second, allowing anti-union politicians to capitalize on white working class fears of residential integration to gain power. By measuring the mechanism through which this shift in white working class consciousness occurred, the analysis here hopefully provides insight for union organizers and political strategists as they work to rebuild the labor movement. The research finds evidence that, while there is a positive correlation between union membership and anti-black racial attitudes, this correlation exists only through the positive correlation between income and homeownership and anti-black racial attitudes. While primarily suggesting the need for more research, these findings also suggest that unions should engage in robust anti-racist organizing among their white members.

All for One-Philip Bassett 1993 All for one, one for all is an old adage of trade unionism. This book asks whether, in the light of the decline of collective bargaining and trade union membership, Britain’s unions need to refocus themselves to deal with the new individualism.

The Impact of Part-time Employment on the Decline in Union Density in the U.S.-Arleen Hernandez 1995

The Anatomy of Union Decline in Britain-Andy Charlwood 2003

The Decline of Tramping in Two Trade Unions, (the Amalgamated Union of Cabinet Makers and the Typographical Association), 1840-1914- 1978

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Union Mergers in Hard Times-Gary N. Chaison 1996 Gary N. Chaison addresses questions implicit in the decline of unions in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand.

Union Membership in the United Staes-Henry S. Farber 1992

Black and Blue-Paul Frymer 2011-06-27 In the 1930s, fewer than one in one hundred U.S. labor union members were African American. By 1980, the figure was more than one in five. Black and
Blue explores the politics and history that led to this dramatic integration of organized labor. In the process, the book tells a broader story about how the Democratic Party unintentionally sowed the seeds of labor's decline. The labor and civil rights movements are the cornerstones of the Democratic Party, but for much of the twentieth century these movements worked independently of one another. Paul Frymer argues that as Democrats passed separate legislation to promote labor rights and racial equality they split the issues of class and race into two sets of institutions, neither of which had enough authority to integrate the labor movement. From this division, the courts became the leading enforcers of workplace civil rights, threatening unions with bankruptcy if they resisted integration. The courts' previously unappreciated power, however, was also a problem: in diversifying unions, judges and lawyers enfeebled them financially, thus democratizing through destruction. Sharply delineating the double-edged sword of state and legal power, Black and Blue chronicles an achievement that was as problematic as it was remarkable, and that demonstrates the deficiencies of race- and class-based understandings of labor, equality, and power in America.

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