Should unions force Canadians through compulsory union dues to finance political parties and causes?

"NO"

MERV LAVIGNE

Teacher, Haileybury School of Mines

Merv Lavigne, a courageous Canadian, doesn't think he should be forced by law to support political parties and causes through compulsory union dues.

That's why he is challenging the constitutionality of laws which allow forced union dues to be used for political purposes.

Merv Lavigne now has to pay union dues in order to earn a living at the Haileybury School of Mines, where he teaches. Through his forced union dues, he is compelled to support:

- The New Democratic Party;
- Disarmament and anti-cruise missile protest groups;
- The Palestinian Liberation Organization;
- The Nicaraguan Government;
- The Extremist National Union of Mineworkers of Britain;
- Abortion issues;
- Opposition to the construction of a domed stadium in Toronto.

"YES"

DENNIS McDERMOTT

President, Canadian Labour Congress

Opposing Merv is the Canadian Labour Congress, the National Union of Provincial Government Employees, the Ontario Federation of Labour and the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union.

Dennis McDermott says the Canadian Labour Congress will oppose Merv Lavigne in court with its huge national and international resources: "the International Labour Organization and other specialized agencies of the United Nations, and trade unions and trade union centres throughout the world."

Dennis McDermott has sworn under oath that a successful court challenge by Merv Lavigne "might well imperil the strength, or even the existence, of the Canadian Labour Congress".

An official from the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union said that "a finding against the unions would mean that the OFL and the CLC might as well close up shop".

The Big Union movement fears that given a free choice, very few dues-paying Canadian workers would voluntarily support political parties and causes with which they disagree.

That's why the Big Union movement wants to use force.

Whom do you agree with...

Why we're supporting Merv Lavigne

The National Citizens' Coalition thinks Merv Lavigne is right. We believe that using forced union dues for political purposes violates Merv's freedoms of expression and association.

The National Citizens' Coalition has pledged to financially support Merv Lavigne's historic court challenge.

The Coalition is a grass roots group of 30,000 concerned Canadians, coast-to-coast, who are committed to "more freedom through less government".

All our contributions are voluntary and we are independent of all political parties. We get results. Last year, we defeated Pierre Trudeau's government in a constitutional court challenge to Bill C-169, a law that stifled freedom of speech during federal elections, which had been passed by all three political parties.

The victory was decisive and the government didn't appeal.

The Big Union movement is standing together "in solidarity" to defeat Merv Lavigne.

To meet this opposition, free-enterprisers across Canada also need to unite.

To win, we need your help.

What you can do to help

Merv Lavigne's court challenge will be very expensive.

Join with Merv and the National Citizens' Coalition in this historic challenge to bad labour law by making a donation today.

Fill in one of the coupons below and send a donation of $500, $100, $50, $25 or whatever you can afford. You can make the donation by cheque, money order or by credit card.

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I'd like to help Merv defeat bad labour laws in Canada. I don't think forced union dues should be used for political purposes.

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