

Making Change at Walmart Stands with Walmart Associates in Latest Poll Release

Last week, Organization United for Respect at Walmart (OUR Walmart) released the first-ever independent, nationwide poll results -- exclusively of current Walmart employees. The results show that the company rates poor or just fair on a number of questions regarding the workplace experience. Listening to workers, giving them respect for the work they do, and sufficient hours are just a few topics of concern many Walmart associates have.

For example, nearly two-thirds of the Wal-Mart workers surveyed say their job does not provide the opportunity to reach the American Dream, while 60 percent say the biggest economic concern for Walmart workers is not making enough money to pay the bills. The poll results also found that women and minorities deal with these widespread problems more frequently than others.

"I truly believe that Walmart, a company I love, can choose to partner with me and other Associates through OUR Walmart to fix the problems identified in our poll, or it can ignore our concerns," said Associate Maggie Van Ness. "I hope they work with us, because we Associates are the backbone of our stores. We want to succeed and we want to see our company succeed."

Show Walmart associates you stand with them by signing a solidarity petition at www.makingchangeatwalmart.org. **OP**

Wisconsin Voters Head to Polls in Next Step to Recall the "Walker 6"

Today, Wisconsin working family voters are taking another step to take back their government from Gov. Scott Walker's (R) radical, anti-family, anti-community, pro-Koch Brothers' agenda. And they have to defeat a

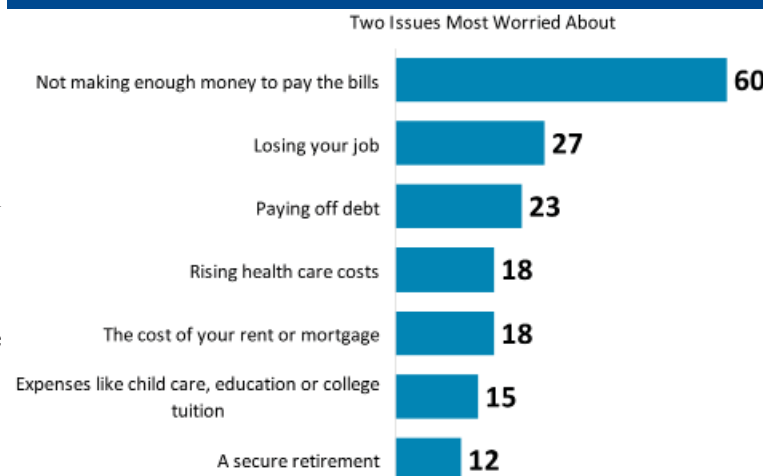
Republican dirty trick to do it.

After the state Senate in March rammed through Walker's bill that eliminates collective bargaining rights for public employees, working families mobilized to recall six of the Republican lawmakers. A gain of three seats would break Walker's stranglehold on the Senate.

Today, voters in six state senate districts will choose Democratic opponents for half a dozen Republican-held seats. But these primary elections have been marred by Walker supporters who recruited fake candidates to run in the elections in an attempt to sow confusion among voters. The winners of today's elections will face the six Republicans in an August 9th general election.



Majority of Walmart Workers Most Concerned About Being Able to Pay Bills





Wisconsin Democratic Party Spokesman Graeme Zielinski slammed the election ruse.



UFCW members camped out at the capitol in Madison in June to protest Governor Walker's radical anti-worker agenda.

“It’s a total outrage what these Scott Walker Republicans are doing to preserve his radical agenda. The people of Wisconsin will see through these dirty tricks.”

UFCW members along with other union members, community activists, and other volunteers have been working furiously to fight back against the Republican’s attempts to create confusion. Members have knocked on doors, staffed phone banks and set up information tables at popular locations in each district to get the word out about the real candidates vs. the ringers.

Republicans who earlier this year vowed to recall several Democrats were unable to gather enough signatures in all but three of their targeted districts to qualify for the ballot. Next Tuesday, primary elections will be held in two of those districts, along with a general election for the Green Bay seat of state Sen. Dave Hansen (D). **OP**

Debt Ceiling Talks Continue

Congress must raise the debt limit—which has already reached the ceiling of \$14.3 trillion—by August 2.

For months, Republicans in Congress have been calling

for an “adult conversation” about getting our fiscal house in order before raising the debt limit by cutting spending for services that serve the poor and middle class while insisting that tax increases of any kind—including increased tax rates for the wealthy few—are off the table.

If Congress fails to raise the debt limit, the damage will ripple across the entire economy—eventually affecting nearly every American—and rock global markets in the process.

A default will hurt American workers and devastate the economy. A default will also weaken Americans’ confidence in their government at a time when many believe that they will never achieve the American dream of owning a home, sending their children to college or retiring comfortably.

Republicans in Congress have argued that the government needs to get its fiscal house in order. But raising the debt limit is not about fiscal responsibility. Rather, it is about honoring commitments we have already incurred or are in the process of incurring.

The UFCW will continue to fight any action by lawmakers who want to hold the U.S. economy hostage unless savage cuts are made to services that serve the poor and middle class.

If Republican lawmakers are really interested in long-term fiscal responsibility, they must stop playing games and raise the debt limit. Speaker Boehner and his fellow Republicans need to have an adult conversation right now and act responsibly. **OP**