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American Federation of Labor

As the national economy began to recover in 1933, so did union membership. Most of the leadership of the craft union internationals that made up the federation, advocated for the FLU's to be absorbed into existing craft union internationals and for these internationals to have supremacy of jurisdiction. History of Labour in the United States.

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Some assemblies of the K of L supported the Cigar Makers' position and departed the organization: in , 30 locals left the organization, while the membership of the Knights in Chicago fell from 25,000 in 1886 to just 3,500 in 1887.

History of the labor movement in the United States ... (1947 edition)

Despite his socialist contacts, Gompers himself was not a socialist. The AFL intensified its opposition after 1906 and was instrumental in passing immigration restriction bills from the 1890s to the 1920s, such as the 1921 and the , and seeing that they were strictly enforced. After 1908, the organization's tie to the Democratic party grew increasingly strong.

American Federation of Labor

It often printed pro-suffrage articles in its periodical, and in 1918, it supported the National Union of Women's Suffrage. Only two national unions affiliated with the AFL at its founding openly included women, and others passed by-laws barring women's membership entirely.

Eight

The AFL also used its influence including refusal of charters or expulsion to heal splits within affiliated unions, to force separate unions seeking to represent the same or closely related jurisdictions to merge, or to mediate disputes between rival factions where both sides claimed to represent the leadership of an affiliated union. Thus a job-conscious orientation was quick to emerge, and in its wake there followed the key structural

elements characterizing American trade unionism

Eight

He only carried his home state of Wisconsin. Nationally, an estimated 185,000 of the 350,000 workers struck for eight hours in May 1886 achieved their goal, if only temporarily. They dealt with both jurisdictional disputes between affiliates and pursued a common legislative agenda for all of them.

Bibliography: Land, Population, and Food

Also in 1947, the union supported the by donating thousands of dollars. Foner is a critic of both the AFL and K of L who he believes Part two of Philip Foner's lengthy history of the labor movement in the United States. Although the Federation preached a policy of egalitarianism in regard to African American workers, it actively discriminated against black workers.

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