

Unit 7 Labor Unions



Types of workers

- White Collar Worker: Someone who needs 4+ years of college and gets an annual salary. No overtime no matter how many hours worked.
- Blue Collar Worker: Someone who can have a technical degree, but generally doesn't need a college degree and makes an hourly wage.
 Overtime pay after a certain amount of hours worked.

Labor Unions

• What is a labor union? A group of people trying to advance the workers interests (wages, hours,

benefits)



Types of Labor Unions

- Craft: Organized based on skill they are doing (teaching union)
- Trade Union: another name for Labor Union
- Closed Shop: Employer only hires union workers
- •Open Shop: Union membership is not a condition of employment

Industrial Unions

Union workers that encompass an entire industry



Workers Rights

- Collective Bargaining: Trying to get better working conditions for all workers at a company
- Taft-Hartley Act Weakened Unions (forces them to go to work if it benefits the country)

Try to settle to disputes

- Strike: Workers walk out of job
- Lockouts: Employers don't let workers go to work
- Mediation: When a third party helps the groups come to an agreement
- Arbitration: court involved mediation
- Collective Bargaining: people working on behalf of all the workers in the union