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## Teacher Opinions on Unions: <br> A NATIONAL SURVEY

## I agree with the way the union spends my money.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?


Only 39\% of
teachers agree with the way the union spends their money.

Democrats and teachers with higher family incomes are MORE likely to be satisfied with the way the union spends their money.

Republicans and teachers with lower family incomes are LESS likely to be satisfied with the way the union spends their money.

## I agree that a teacher should be required to pay union fees as a condition of employment even if they don't want to be a member. <br> 

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
*Question asked prior to Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court decision.


Nearly half of all teachers disagree with forced union fees. Only 36\% agree.

Republicans and teachers with family income below \$50,000 per year are MORE likely to disagree with forced union dues.


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I disagree with many of the union's policies, but I don't want to offend my colleagues who support the union by speaking out.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?


Nearly 1 in 5
teachers disagree with many union policies but don't speak out to avoid offending their colleagues.

Male teachers and Republicans are MORE
likely to disagree with many union policies but don't speak out to avoid offending their colleagues.


## As a teacher, I would appreciate the opportunity to negotiate salary and benefits for myself.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?



35\% of teachers would prefer to negotiate salary and benefits for themselves.

50\% of younger and less wealthy teachers would like to negotiate their salary and benefits for themselves.

Teachers who are over 35, identify as Democrat, and with a total family income above \$100k are the LEAST likely to want to negotiate their own contract.

As a teacher, I would like the option of a 401(k) retirement plan instead of a pension.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?


35\% of teachers would like the option of a 401(k) retirement plan instead of a pension. 35\% would not.

Younger teachers, Republican teachers, and teachers with incomes less than \$50,000 are MORE likely to want the option of a 401(k) retirement plan.


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It's easy to resign union membership.*

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Only 1 in 5
teachers believe it is easy to resign from the union.
*Question asked prior to Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court decision.


Are you an educator?


Totals may not add up to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

At what level or grade do you teach?

- Grades K-5 1,018

Orades 6-8 406

- Grades 9-12 576


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Do you teach in a public, parochial or private school setting?



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Is that a traditional public school or is your school considered a magnet school for a specific focus or style of teaching, a special education school or a public charter school?

Traditional Public School 1,496

- Magnet School 38
- Public Charter 86
Special Education 86


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In what year were you born?

- 18-24 47
- 25-34 423
- 35-44 486
-45-54
432
- 55-64 426
- 65+ 186


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What is the last grade of school you completed?
(1) Grade school or less (grade 1-8)

Some high school (grade 9-11)

- Graduated high school (grade 12)
- Vocational school / technical school ,

Some college-two years or less 58 10

Some college-more than two years
Some college-two years or less 58

- Graduated college 74
- Post-graduate
- Prefer not to answer4010 691


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## Gender: Are you ...



This female-to-male ratio of survey participants largely reflects that of the teaching profession.


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Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent or something else?

- Democrat ..... 866
Republican ..... 492
- Independent ..... 505
No preference ..... 117
Some other party / something else ..... 20


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What is your present marital status?

- Single ..... 442
Married ..... 1,217 ..... 158
Separated ..... 25
Widow / Widower ..... 46
- Domestic partnership ..... 91
- Prefer not to answer ..... 21

Which of the following income groups includes your TOTAL FAMILY INCOME last year before taxes?


| Up to \$10,000 | 13 1\% |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$10,000-\$14,999 | - 18 \% |
| \$15,000-\$24,999 | 48 2\% |
| \$25,000-\$34,999 | 85 4\% |
| \$35,000 - \$49,999 | 186 9\% |
| \$50,000 - \$74,999 | 395 20\% |
| \$75,000 - \$99,999 | 393 20\% |
| \$100,000 - \$149,999 | 472 24\% |
| \$150,000 - \$199,999 | 167 8\% |
| \$200,000 or more | 73 4\% |
| Prefer not to answer | 150 8\% |

# The survey was sponsored by Teacher Freedom and conducted by Dynata (formerly Survey Sampling International). A sample of 2000 teachers in 22 states were identified and interviewed from March 13 to March 22, 2018. The margin of sampling error for the aggregate results is $2.2 \%$, but is higher for certain subgroups. The survey was conducted in states that permitted agency fees arrangements prior to the Janus v. AFSCME decision. 

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