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## AWF Labor Fact of the Day #1: Right-to-Work Laws Increase Employment

*AWF raises awareness about the relationship between labor laws & the economy*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF), an organization established in 2003 to combat anti-worker legislation and promote free and open labor markets, is releasing labor facts to help raise awareness about the relationship between labor laws and economic performance.

### **Fact: Seven of the ten states with the lowest unemployment are right-to-work states**

Right to Work laws are statutes enforced in twenty-two states, allowed under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act, which prohibit unions from making membership and payment of dues a condition of employment. Prior to the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act in 1947, unions and employers, under the protected umbrella of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), could lawfully agree to what is known as a “closed shop”, where workers were forced to join a union as a condition of employment. Right to work laws prohibit this behavior.

“It comes as no surprise that right-to-work laws lead to higher employment rates, said Brian Johnson, Executive Director of the Alliance for Worker Freedom. “When you live in a state that has laws which protect workers, the unions tend to shy away. Lower unionization equals lower unemployment. At a time when our economy is suffering, why do so many politicians, who pander to unions, want to make our country mirror Michigan?”

***National Press & Talk Radio Alert:***  
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