



## BERNIE SANDERS (OR) HILLARY CLINTON?

Delegates to UE's 74th International Convention in August adopted a resolution titled "Independent Rank-and-File Political Action." It describes the attacks on labor and says this about the presidential candidates:

*“We have no choice except to fight even harder to push candidates from all parties to address working-class issues. Fortunately, the presidential campaign of longtime UE ally Bernie Sanders may offer some opportunities to amplify our issues during the current election season.”*

Sanders has been a reliable friend of UE, as mayor of Burlington, congressman starting in 1991, and U.S. senator from Vermont since 2003. The following is a comparison of Bernie Sanders and his leading Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton on some key UE issues.

**We included no Republican candidates in this comparison because all of them are way too far from UE's positions on workers' rights and other key issues.**



BERNIE SANDERS



HILLARY CLINTON

### TRADE AND JOBS

Opposed NAFTA, CAFTA, and all "free trade" deals. Leading congressional opponent of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Praised NAFTA as "good for America" until she ran for president in 2008; then said it needed "fixing." As Secretary of State was a lead negotiator of the TPP and spoke in favor of it 45 times. Flipped her position in October, saying, "As of today, I am not in favor of what I have learned about it."

### WAGES AND INEQUALITY

Economic inequality is his key campaign issue and has been throughout his career. Supports raising the minimum wage to \$15

Only supports raising the minimum wage to \$12.

### WORKERS RIGHTS

Attended UE organizing meetings, spoken out for workplace justice, walked picket lines, and is one of labor's strongest advocates in Congress with a near-perfect labor voting record.

Makes pro-union statements as a candidate, but from 1986 to 1992 she was a member of the board of directors of Walmart while that company ran a vicious anti-union campaign. "As a shareholder and director of our company, I'm always proud of Walmart and what we do and the way we do it better than anybody else." There is no record that she ever opposed Walmart's union-busting policies while on its board.

## WAR

Bernie Sanders voted against Bush's invasion of Iraq .

Hillary Clinton voted for Bush's invasion of Iraq, although now she says it was "a mistake".

## HEALTHCARE

Bernie Sanders supports single-payer public health insurance "Medicare for ALL" that would cover everyone and remove private insurance companies from healthcare, like Canada.

Hillary Clinton led the failed 1993 Clinton healthcare plan. Opposes single payer and ridicules it as a tax increase, ignoring the fact that many of us pay much more in cost-sharing, deductibles and co-pays.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Sanders proposes making higher education free at public colleges and universities, and helping former students renegotiate their loans at lower rates, all paid for by a tax on Wall Street speculation.

Proposed a complicated plan that does not include free public higher education. Would lower student-loan interest rates and allow refinancing, and crack down on abuses by for-profit colleges. Says the plan would be funded by "closing tax loopholes."

## WALL STREET AND BANKS

Very critical of the Wall Street banks that crashed the economy in 2008 and then got bailed out. Proposes breaking up the biggest banks. Opposed Bill Clinton's 1999 repeal of the 1933 Glass-Steagall Act, which banned speculative investments by commercial banks and calls for its' reinstatement.

Opposes reinstatement of Glass-Steagall. Biggest campaign donors are Wall Street banks, who have paid her millions to give speeches. In 2013 the biggest banks paid her \$3.15 million to speak at their meetings.

## CORPORATE MONEY IN POLITICS

Opposed and spoke out against the corrupting influence of corporate money in politics. Opposed the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision and calls for a constitutional amendment to overturn it. Accepts no corporate campaign donations. Has no Super PAC.

Clinton collects millions in campaign contributions from corporations. Clinton has received 10 times as much money from large donors as Sanders.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

Calls it the biggest threat to national security. Will ban fossil fuel lobbyists from White House. End subsidies for fossil fuel companies. Will establish a climate summit with engineers, climate scientists, policy experts, activists, and indigenous communities within his first 100 days in office. Pledged to refuse money from fossil fuel industry.

Has not signed the pledge to refuse money from fossil fuel industries.