

BLUE COLLAR CHAMPION OR CHEAT?



Trump failed to deliver on jobs and infrastructure

[Bloomberg \(11/16/2020\)](#): “Donald Trump campaigned on a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan. “We are going to fix our inner cities and rebuild our highways, bridges, tunnels, airports, schools, hospitals,” he said in his 2016 election night victory speech. “And we will put millions of our people to work as we rebuild it.””

[Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#): “Trump “\$1.5 Trillion” Infrastructure Plan Is a Mirage.”

[New York Times \(7/29/24\)](#): “President Biden’s success at propelling an infrastructure deal past its first major hurdle this week was a vindication of his faith in bipartisanship and a repudiation of the slash-and-burn politics of his immediate predecessor, President Donald J. Trump, who tried and failed to block it.”

Trump cheats workers

[USA Today \(10/9/2016\)](#): “Donald Trump casts himself as a protector of workers and jobs, but a USA TODAY NETWORK investigation found hundreds of people—carpenters, dishwashers, painters, even his own lawyers—who say he didn’t pay them for their work.”

[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel \(6/8/2016\)](#): “The review found more than 200 liens—filed by contractors and employees against Trump, his companies or his properties claiming they were owed money for their work—since the 1980s...On just one project, the Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City, records released by the New Jersey Casino Control Commission in 1990 show at least 253 subcontractors weren’t paid in full or on time, including workers who installed walls, chandeliers and plumbing.

[Vanity Fair \(7/9/2018\)](#): “The president’s personal driver for more than 25 years, has filed a lawsuit against the Trump Organization accusing his former boss of failing to compensate him for about 3,300 hours of overtime pay he’s worked over the past six years.”

Trump disdains union members

[Trump \(9/27/23\)](#) to UAW members: “It doesn’t matter what hourly wage you get. ... In other words, your current negotiations don’t mean as much as you think. I mean, I watch you out there with the pickets, but I don’t think you are picketing for the right thing.”

[New York Times \(11/20/15\)](#): “Does [Trump] support unions? He has had ‘great success’ in New York building with unions and also in Florida without unions. ‘If I had my choice,’ he said, ‘I think I’d take it without.’”

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Trump broke promises to workers over and over

[Labor Press.org \(2/7/24\)](#): “A telling new detail has emerged regarding a fake Trump “union” rally last September... Now we know that Trump poured \$20,000 into a facility rental, in an effort to counter Biden’s historic visit to the UAW picket line.”

[CNN \(10/17/19\)](#): “Trump told GM workers he could save their plant, but it’s gone for good.”

[Washington Post \(8/22/23\)](#): “Trump promised this Wisconsin town a manufacturing boom. It never arrived.”

[Fox Business \(6/27/23\)](#): “Electric truck company touted by Trump as ‘an incredible concept’ files for bankruptcy.”

[Detroit Free Press \(1/12/18\)](#): “Trump, tweets couldn’t save U.S. auto jobs in 2017.”

Trump flouts labor standards

[USA Today \(10/9/2016\)](#): “Trump’s companies have also been cited for 24 violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act since 2005 for failing to pay overtime or minimum wage, according to U.S. Department of Labor data. That includes 21 citations against the defunct Trump Plaza in Atlantic City and three against the also out-of-business Trump Mortgage LLC in New York. Both cases were resolved by the companies agreeing to pay back wages.”

[Politico \(9/3/2018\)](#): Trump is “rolling back worker safety protections affecting underground mine safety inspections, offshore oil rigs and line speeds in meat processing plants, among others.”

[Economic Policy Institute \(4/22/2020\)](#): President Trump blocked the Workplace Injury and Illness record-keeping rule, which would have clarified an employer’s obligation under the Occupational Safety and Health Act to maintain accurate records of workplace injuries and illnesses. As a result, OSHA does not require employers to keep accurate records that could be used to identify unsafe, potentially life-threatening working conditions.

[Working Economics Blog \(9/17/2020\)](#): Trump DOL prevented millions of workers from receiving overtime pay by not defending the Obama administration’s 2016 overtime rule, but instead finalizing their own, weaker overtime rule in September.

[National Employment Law Project \(10/26/2018\)](#): Trump has proposed rolling back the current DOL enforcement policy prohibits young workers (age 16 and 17) to operate powered patient lifting devices unless they are trained and use such devices with a worker 18 or older.