

In the Name of Liberty

For years now, unionization has been under vigorous attack. Union membership has been steadily declining, and as a result, unions have lost much of their bargaining power and a great deal of their significance as a political force. If these trends continue – and at this point we have no reason to believe that they will not – it may not be long before unions lose whatever remains of their ability to protect working people from economic and personal abuse. *In the Name of Liberty* responds to this worrying state of affairs by presenting a new argument for unionization, one that does not depend on disputed claims that unionization has good effects, but instead derives a right to universal unionization in both the private and the public sector from concepts of liberty that we already accept. In short, *In the Name of Liberty* reclaims the argument from liberty from the political right and shows how liberty not only requires the unionization of every workplace but also how it supports a wide variety of other progressive policies that are also now the subject of frequent attack.

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*To all those who have helped advance the union movement
with wisdom, skill, and determination
and
grace, too*

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