

# Elections FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS

*Hard-won labor rights are under a national assault while the most vulnerable in our society are suffering from cuts in vital public services. Stand up against anti-worker politicians who are using Wall Street's excesses as an excuse to lower your pay and benefits.*

## Across the Country



**Ohio Gov. John Kasich pursues a union-busting agenda—attacking public employees, employee rights and collective bargaining.**

Kasich eliminated collective bargaining for state employees, home childcare workers, charter school teachers and some employees of higher education institutions, and significantly undermining collective bargaining for K-12 employees.



**In Wisconsin, Gov. Scott Walker began his assault on public employees and workers' rights immediately upon taking office.**

Scott stripped collective bargaining rights that from public sector higher education, home childcare and home healthcare workers.



**Florida Gov. Rick Scott pursued an agenda to silence the union voice of educators and working people.**

Scott limited the power of unions to represent their members and tried to decertify unions.

## In New Jersey



**Governor Chris Christie claims he “loves adversarial collective bargaining,” but signed legislation that eliminated the right to bargain over health insurance terms—raising health insurance contributions for New Jersey working families.**

Christie opined that collective bargaining rights “do not come down from tablets on top of the mountain,” indicating he would support measures that would weaken unions.

Has encouraged privatization of public jobs and elimination of civil service protections.

Proposed cutting unemployment insurance for vulnerable families to grant corporate tax breaks.

### What is the difference between these states and New Jersey?

Ohio, Wisconsin and Florida have Republican-controlled state legislatures. New Jersey has a maintained a slight Democratic majority in the Assembly and Senate so Governor Christie cannot fully enact his agenda.

**How you vote is your decision. With all seats up for election on Nov. 8, 2011, AFTNJ urges members to help maintain a balance of power and a balanced approach to helping the economy recover.**