

CNA's Political Agenda

CNA has a political agenda that tilts heavily to one side of the spectrum – perhaps more so than any other union in the country. Many members don't realize the full extent of CNA's activities on behalf of causes and ideas that they may not agree with. Oftentimes, CNA spends members' dues money on issues that have little to do with labor or healthcare.

Government Run Health Care

One of CNA's main projects over the last years has been promoting ["single payer" health care](#) – meaning nationalizing health care and having the Federal Government pick up the tab for all health care costs. CNA spent heavily to promote Michael Moore's documentary "Sicko," which advocates for government run health care.

Candidate Endorsements

In the 2000 Presidential election, [CNA actually endorsed the Green Party candidate, Ralph Nader](#). CNA endorsed John Kerry for President in 2004 and Barack Obama in 2008. During the 2008 election, CNA spent money on ads in favor of Obama and attacking his opponent. [CNA spent \\$60,000](#) on one ad buy alone in Wisconsin, Ohio and Missouri.

Propositions

[CNA spent \\$4.5 million in members' dues sponsoring Proposition 89](#), which would have boosted taxes for government funding of political campaigns. CNA also has donated members' dues money and signed ballot arguments on many controversial issues, such as Proposition 8 (gay marriage) and Proposition 4 (parental notification if minor seeks an abortion). Of course, CNA strenuously opposed Proposition 75, which would have required unions to get approval from their members before spending dues money on political issues.