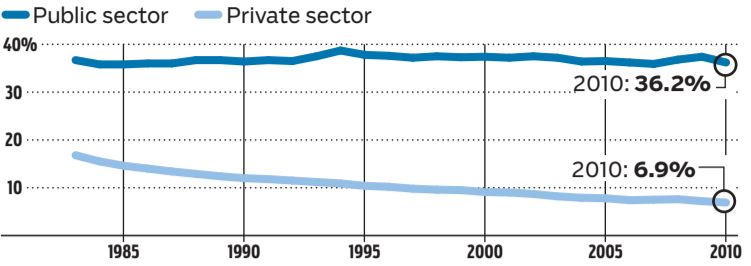


Union membership has declined nationally ...

Fewer private-sector workers are union members today than in decades past, while public-sector union membership has held steady.

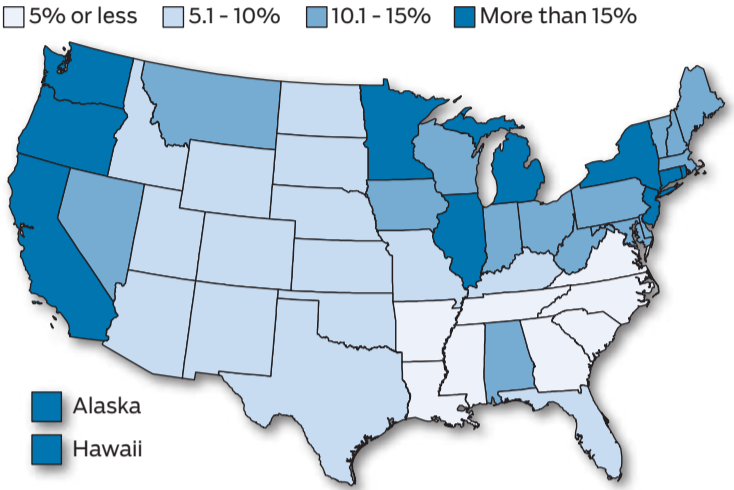
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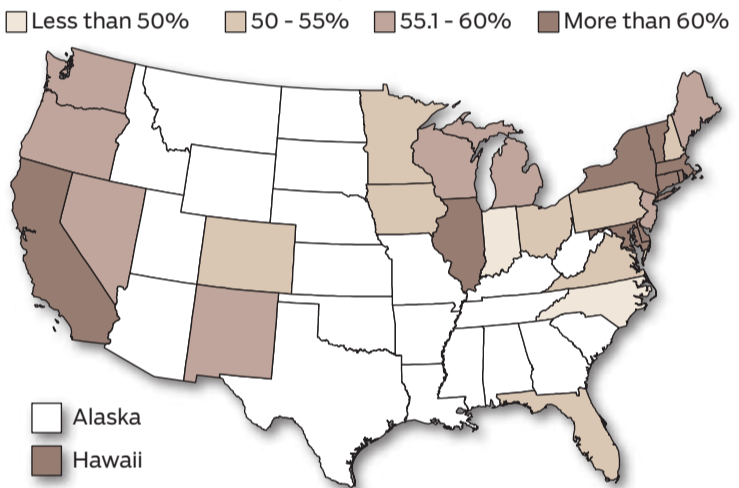
... but remains strongest in Democratic corners

Union membership is highest in the Northeast, Upper Midwest and West Coast, all areas won by Barack Obama in the 2008 election.

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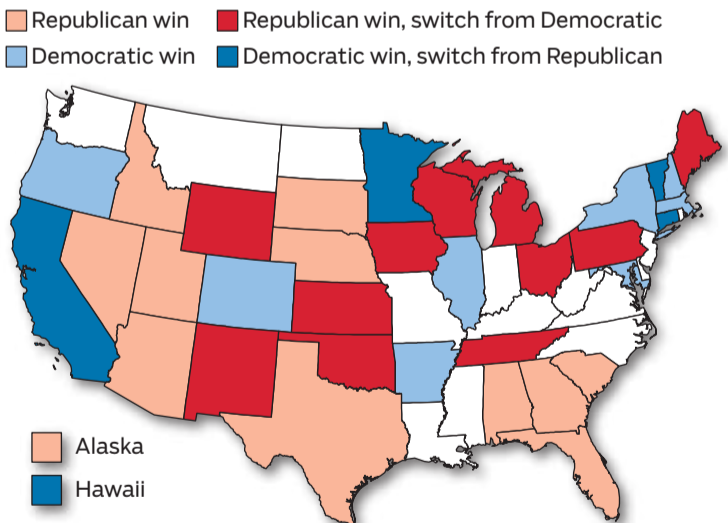
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But a recent shift to the right in some states ...

Bolstered by tea party support, Republicans captured the House of Representatives and several governorships from Democrats.

RESULTS FROM GOVERNORS' RACES IN NOVEMBER

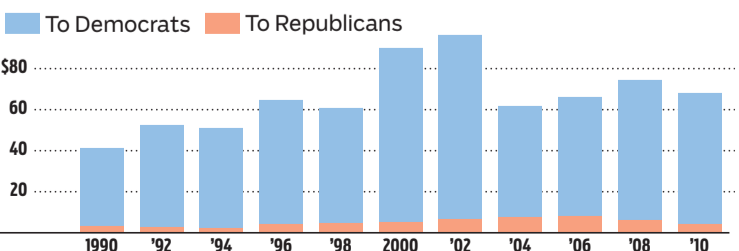


... has placed unions in the cross hairs

In the name of balancing state budgets, some Republican governors have targeted union rights. Unions are a key Democratic constituency.

LABOR POLITICAL DONATIONS BY PARTY

For federal candidates, parties and political action committees; by election cycle, scale in millions



SOURCES: BLS, Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections, CNN, Center for Responsive Politics

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