

Economics: A Christian Worldview – Short Film: Union Violence

(TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY)

Purpose

In this film mash-up, the top of union violence is explored.

Time

12-15 minutes

Instructions

1. Play the short film “**Union Violence**” (7:19) for students:

<https://youtu.be/EN4cVy98xLc>

2. Tell students to discuss in pairs/groups their takeaways from this string of short films.

3. Ask student volunteers for their thoughts. Then ask these questions:

- What happened to the first family whose husband refused to join the strike?

Union thugs killed a cow and put its severed head on the family's car and broke a window in the employee's home.

- What is your overall general reaction to the families affected by this violence?

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- Should workers have the right to join together to demand better working conditions? If so, what should be the limit of this right?

Yes, but they should have no legal right to commit violence against others who are happy to work under the conditions that the strikers refuse to work under.

- Again, how does the Biblical standard of the law's proper purposes come into play here?

One of the government's proper purposes is to “remove violence and spoil” and to punish those who harm others, and certainly it should have done more here.

- What do you think of the video's first part, in which the union boss denied the existence of violence, except for in the previous century, and only in response to “greed and power” of corporations?

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