



## Neoliberal workplace reforms in the Antipodes: What impact on union power and influence?

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### ABSTRACT

Union membership and work stoppages due to strikes—two indicators of union power and influence—have been in decline in the Antipodes (Australia and New Zealand) and the United States in recent decades. Meanwhile, attitudes to unions in Australia seem to have become more positive. I examine how much legislated neoliberal workplace reforms have been responsible for the decline in union membership

and work stoppages in the three countries. Evidence indicates that union membership and stoppages would have declined in the absence of the workplace