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Dear Local 4250 Member/Retiree:

“CWA D4 Reality Check” is an electronic newsletter to assure that our activists have the facts to address some of the issues that get raised in our work sites by members that are fans of right-wing talk radio and TV. Often, our union political activists don’t have the facts or research to respond to some of the outrageous statements that are a distraction from the real issues that are important to our members’ lives, like jobs, retirement and health care. CWA District 4 will monitor these sources of opinion and rumor and make sure that CWA activists get the real facts in order to respond to these discussions at work. Each story will have links to more information in case you want to get more detail. Let us know if you have suggestions to make this a better newsletter.

### **Did You Know THAT almost every Republican presidential contender on Fox News is paid by Fox News?**

There are four Republican contenders for president who you will never see on any other news channel. Why? Because [they are on Fox's payroll](#), and Fox’s exclusivity clause won’t let them talk to anyone else. That includes Sarah Palin. How convenient. The billionaires who run Fox will buy everything if you let them – to keep our co-workers and our families in the dark, so they can keep our middle class shrinking.

The business of Fox News is [to protect the business of billionaires](#). Our wages, our health care, our kids’ future, is not a priority for Fox News, because billionaires pay handsomely to make sure it never will be.

### **Did You Know THAT Fox News’ owner Rupert Murdoch just gave \$1 million to Republicans?**

When you turn on Fox News, it sure sounds Republican. There’s a reason. Fox News owner Rupert Murdoch is one of the top Republican donors in the party’s history, giving \$1 million to the Republican Governor’s Association just this summer alone. This month, Murdoch gave [another \\$1 million to the US Chamber of Commerce](#) – the same people who are trying to lower our wages, take away our health care, and destroy our families’ futures while they keep getting richer; that is, when they’re not spending more money on Republican negative campaigning.

Don’t be fooled. Fox News exists to keep working families fighting an uphill battle for their own future. Billionaires are making sure Fox News is not on your side. Ever.

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