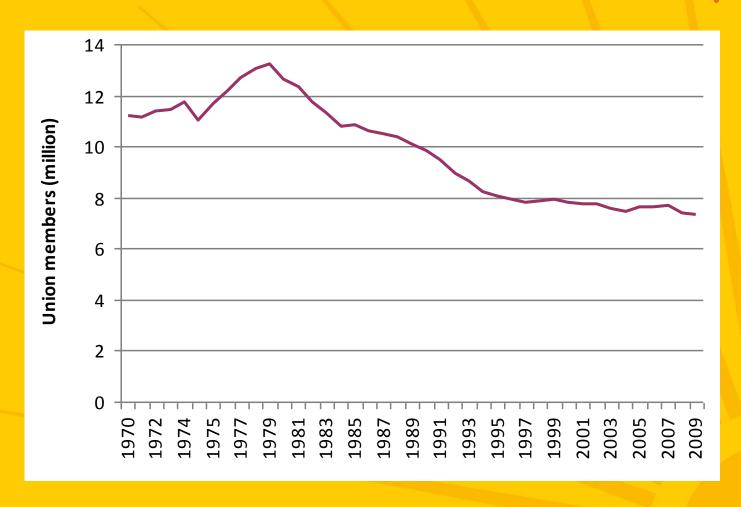


The future of trade unionism: challenges and opportunities





Union membership

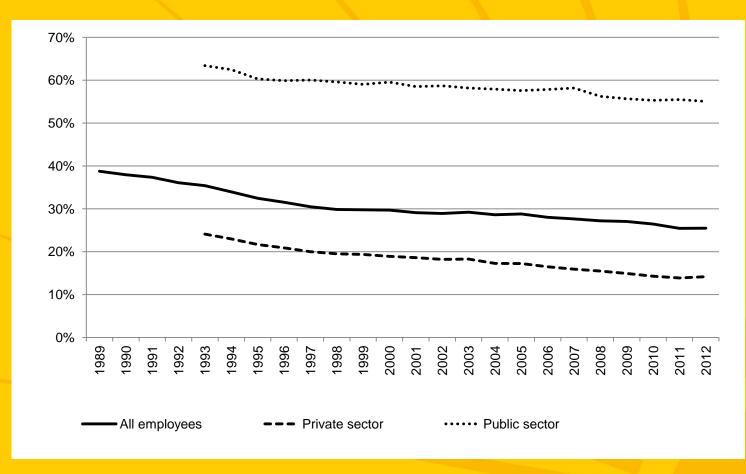


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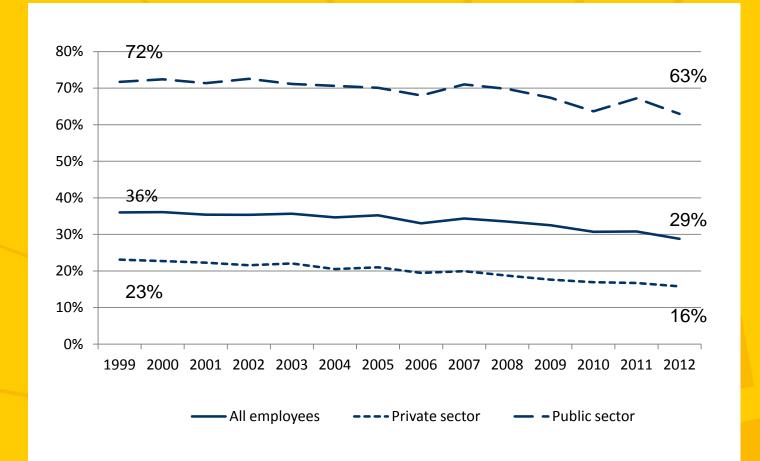
Union density



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TUC Bargaining coverage



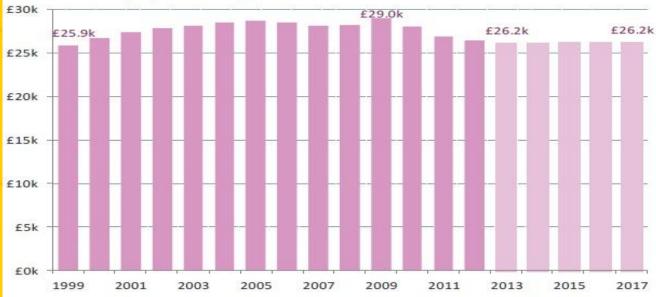


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A 20 year Real Wage Freeze?

Figure 5: Median annual salary among full-time workers Full-time employees 2012 prices

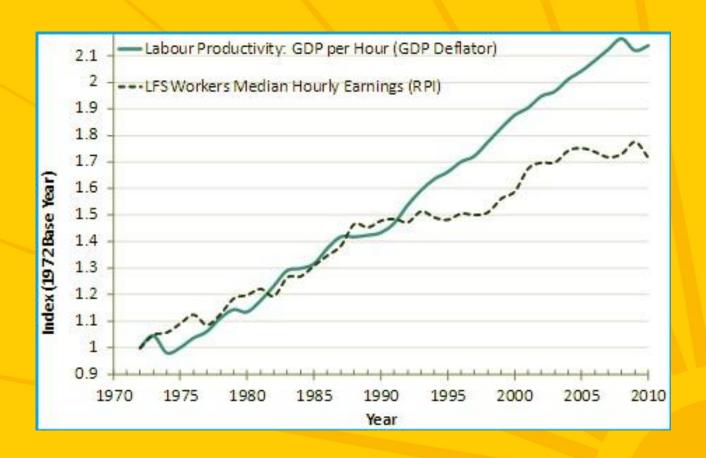


Note: Figures adjusted using RPI.

Source: RF analysis of ONS, ASHE, ONS, Quarterly National Accounts,
ONS, Labour Force Survey & OBR, Fiscal and economic
outlook



TUC^{**}Wages & Productivity







Wage share







A difficult environment

Smarter, more hostile (?) employers Smaller, more fragmented workplaces

Hostile/ ambivalent political context

Rise of the private service sector

Challenges for unions

Legislative framework

Privatisation & outsourcing

Rising 'never' membership

Precarious employment



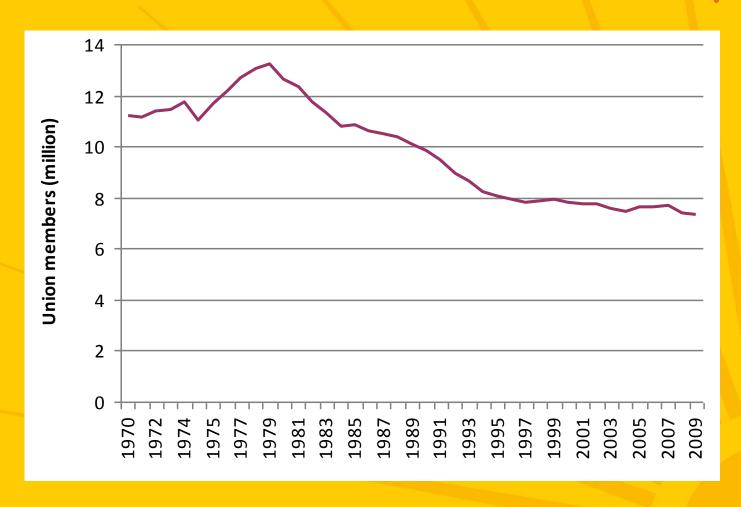
TUC Not all 'doom and gloom'!

- Difficult pressures and challenges, but....
- 6.5m members
- Still the biggest, democratic organisation in the UK
- 76% say unions are essential to protect workers interest
- People twice as likely to trust unions than government ministers
- Political access & influence
- Industrial wins
- Unions have proved resilient if not resurgent





Union membership



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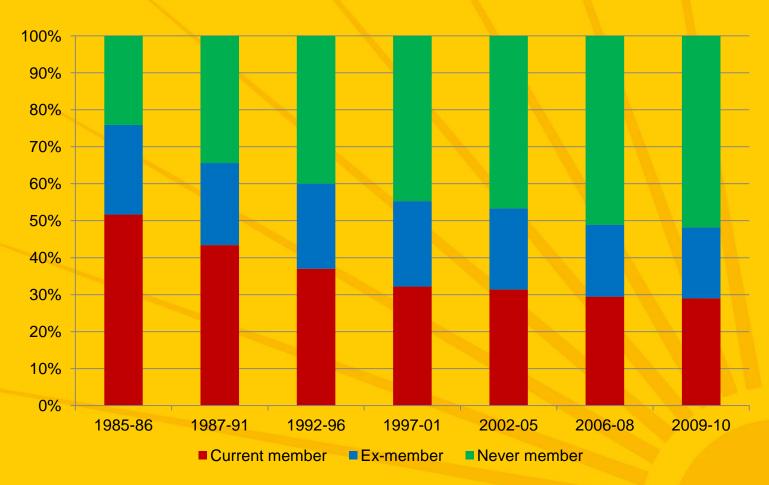


Q: Why don't young workers join unions?

A: They do. Or rather, some do.

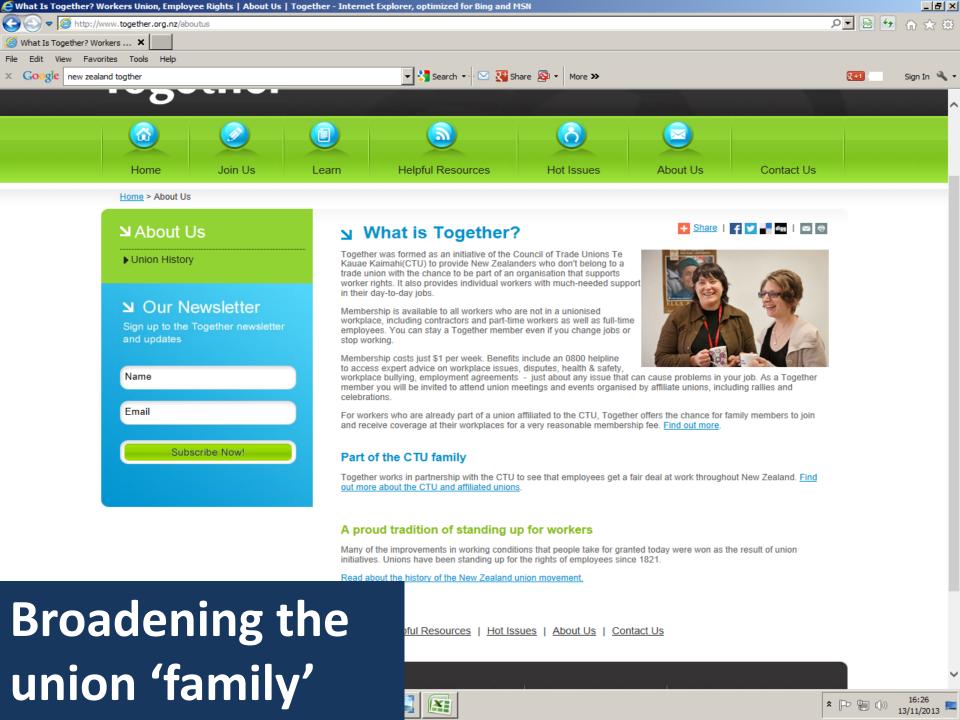


'Never Members'

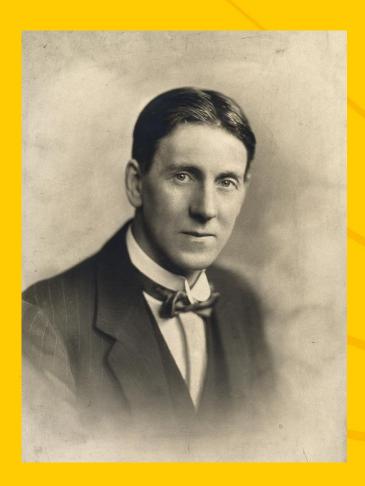


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TUC The evolution of the TUC



'Function must determine structure...and that type of organisation which will suit the minimum needs of a union's own members will not necessarily be best for the attainment of all the broader objects'. I defined these objects as:

- (1) improvement of wages and working conditions,
- (2) a measure of control of industry
- (3) the ability to defend workers against any onslaught by capitalism'.

Walter Citrine, 'Men and Work'





The TUC's priorities

Jobs, growth and a new economy

Fair pay & the Living Wage

Good services & decent welfare

Respect & a voice at work

Strong unions





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