

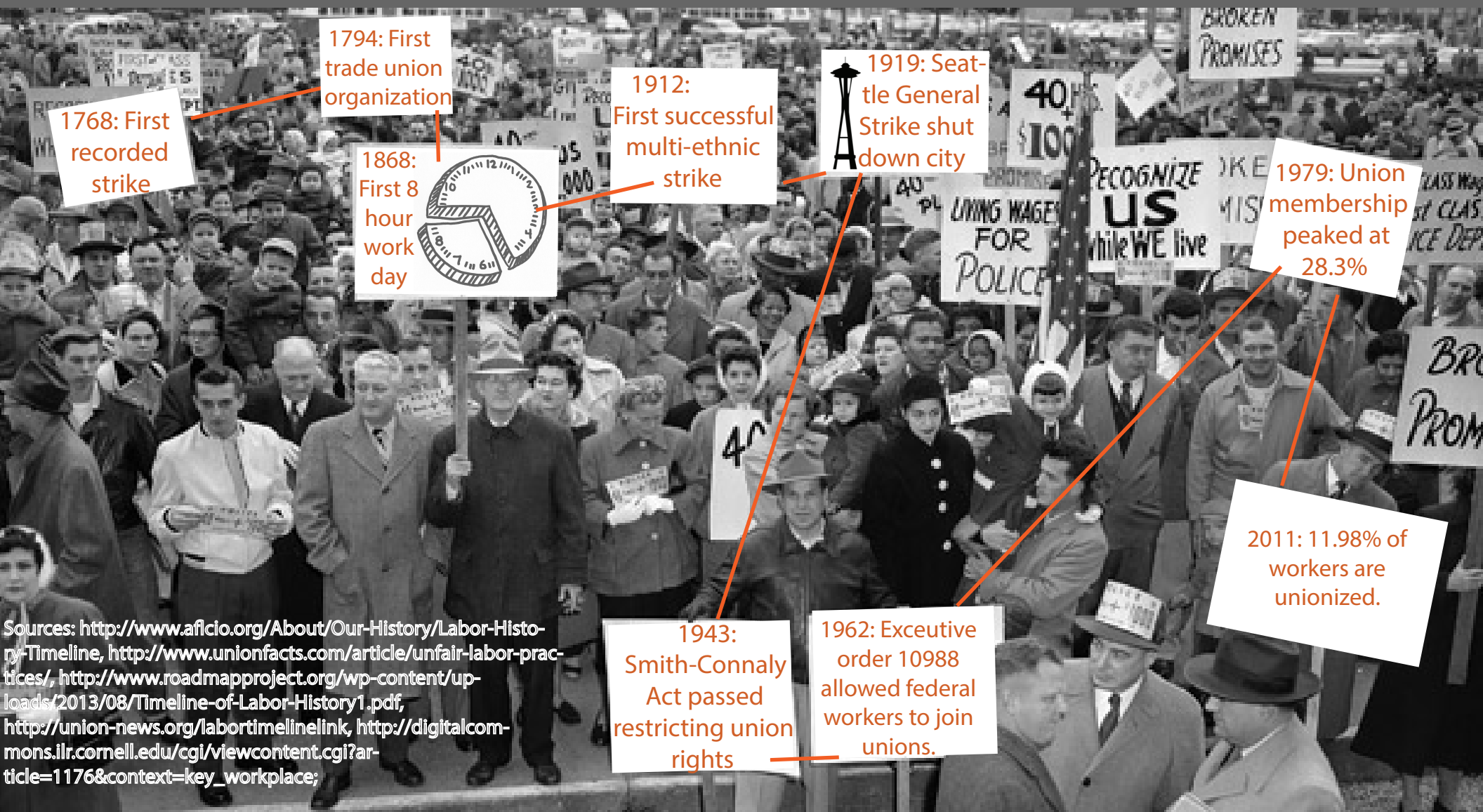
LABOR UNIONS

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An organized association of workers, often in a trade or profession, formed to protect and further their rights and interests.

16-24	25-44	45-64
5%	11.3%	14.7%

Union memberships in 2003



1768: First recorded strike

1794: First trade union organization

1868: First 8 hour work day

1912: First successful multi-ethnic strike

1919: Seattle General Strike shut down city

1979: Union membership peaked at 28.3%

1943: Smith-Connally Act passed restricting union rights

1962: Executive order 10988 allowed federal workers to join unions.

2011: 11.98% of workers are unionized.

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