

National Lawyers Guild Labor & Employment Committee Breakfast at the AFL-CIO LCC

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From Tea Party Anger to Economic Justice: Reframing the Debate and Building Broad Coalitions

The problem isn't special interests in Washington, DC, it's narrow interests. For thirty years we have allowed the economic, political, and social systems in our country to retreat from Roosevelt's community-building Four Freedoms and return to the days when a tiny group of the very wealthy pushed the rest of us around and picked our pockets for their personal benefit. Roosevelt coupled freedom of speech and religion with freedom from fear and want. Many folks drawn into the Tea Party movement have good reasons to be angry; and they support the Four Freedoms, at least in their hearts. Let's talk to them about going after the real culprits and together building economic justice, social equality, and a political system that advances democracy.



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