

Fuerza Laboral

Fuerza Laboral received its first grant in 2020-2021 from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) since 2012. Prior to that, it was a regular grantee, however the report produced on Fuerza Laboral in 2013 by the Reform CCHD Now coalition appears to have caused it to lose its funding for nearly 10 years. It has received \$220,000 from the CCHD since 2009, including its recent grant of \$75,000.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES

Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
		EDP - Worker-Owned Co-	
		Ops & Community-Owned	
Diocese of Providence	Fuerza Laboral	Business	75,000.00

Fuerza Laboral directly worked with the Marxist organization, Democratic Socialists of America, it's maintained its relationship with the Marxist, pro-abortion Jobs with Justice, and it is a member of the pro-abortion, pro-LGBTQ Hispanic Federation.

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Fuerza Laboral/Power of Workers

September 11, 2019 · 🚱



A few weeks ago, we held a joint educational event with the DSA regarding worker cooperatives, their viability, and how unions can be a part of uplifting the worker cooperative project. Pstttt, did you all know that if Apple was a worker co-op, each employee would have a salary of \$400,000? That's the power of co-ops and a glimpse at what the future could look like if democracy is allowed to prevail in the workplace.

Membership in Pro-Abortion, Pro-LGBTQ Organizations

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an <u>FAQ on the USCCB website</u>, the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer,

the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

In 2013, the <u>Reform CCHD Now Coalition reported</u> that Fuerza Laboral was a member of two pro-abortion, pro-LGBT, Marxist organizations; National People's Action and Rhode Island Jobs with Justice.

Currently, Fuerza Laboral is not only a <u>member of the Rhode Island Jobs with Justice</u>, but is on its Organizing Committee as its "Immigrants Rights Chair."



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Who We Are



Faith Chair

Pastor Brendan Curran (BCCUCC)

Immigrants' Rights Chair:

Raul Figueroa (Fuerza Laboral)



Stu Mundy (Teamsters)

Community Representative:

Aaron Jaehnig (Sierra Club)



Member Organizations:

RI Jobs with Justice harnesses the power of over 40 organizations to fight together and win concrete victories on the road to economic and social justice. Those organizations include:

RI Federation of Teachers & Health Professionals

Fossil Free RI

Fuerza Laboral / Power of Workers

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



In 2019, Fuerza Laboral wrote that it was partnered with Jobs with Justice to organize a strike.



Hace poco tuvimos una huelga junto con Jobs with Justice para combatir la explotación de los trabajadores en 1005 Main St Pawt. Donde se derrumbó todo un segundo piso de un edificio de molino, dejando a los trabajadores gravemente heridos. Fuerza Laboral continuará apoyando estas luchas siempre, para ayudar a terminar con el maltrato de los trabajadores, los salarios injustos y las condiciones de trabajo inseguras el través de la solidaridad, SI SE PUEDE.

We recently had a strike along with Jobs with Justice to combat the exploitation of workers at 1005 Main St Pawt. Where a second floor of a mill building collapsed, leaving workers seriously injured. Fuerza Laboral will continue to support these struggles at all times, to help end the mistreatment of workers, unfair wages and unsafe working conditions. Through solidarity, YES WE CAN

In 2015, <u>Fuerza Laboral posted itself singing</u> "Solidarity Forever" with Jobs with Justice. The verse they posted from the song specifically calls for the burning of the old world in order to make a new one:

In our hands is placed a power greater than their hoarded gold Greater than the might of atoms, magnified a thousand fold **We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old** For the union makes us strong Solidarity forever Solidarity forever Solidarity forever For the union makes us strong



According to <u>Jobs with Justice's tax form 990</u>, JwJ collects membership dues, which strongly suggests that Fuerza Laboral is financially supporting JwJ.

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On June 24 of 2022, the day the Supreme Court issued its landmark decision overturning Roe v. Wade, <u>JwJ issued a public statement as an organization</u>, slamming the decision as "reprehensible."

Jobs With Justice Slams 'Reprehensible' U.S. Supreme Court Decisions for Delivering a Major Blow to Working People

Washington, DC – <u>Today Jobs With Justice slammed a series of reprehensible rulings</u> from the U.S. Supreme Court this week that dealt a major blow to working people, <u>including its blockbuster decision overturning Roe v Wade</u>. <u>Erica Smiley</u>, <u>Executive Director of Jobs With Justice</u>, stated the following:

"For the first time in history, the US Supreme Court removed a bedrock constitutional right, overturning Roe v. Wade and letting states institute complete bans on abortion.

"Jobs With Justice stands with working women around the country in condemning this radical assault on our rights and settled law. We also join the call for government leaders, corporate CEOs, and workers everywhere to do everything in their power to protect women's rights to control their bodies and access necessary health care, including the ability to terminate a pregnancy.

In August of 2020, JwJ's executive director, <u>Erica Smiley issued a statement</u> on the JwJ website regarding Joe Biden's pick of Kamala Harris as his running mate, demanding that "the campaign must fight for access to reproductive health care, including abortion."

Erica Smiley, Executive Director, Jobs With Justice

"The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed longstanding structural inequities in our economy and workplace practices. Alongside VP candidate Kamala Harris, Joe Biden's campaign must present their plans to ensure decent working conditions, fair wages, and an active voice for workers in decision-making. Additionally, given that nearly half of the US labor force—women—also manage multiple jobs on top of domestic labor, the campaign must fight for access to reproductive health care, including abortion, so that all working people and their families can make sustainable economic choices and live with dignity."

Also in 2020, JWJ announced that it was joining a massive abortion effort called All Above All. In an article for Women's Media Center, JWJ executive director Erica Smiley was interviewed. She stated in this article, "Demanding abortion coverage and overturning Hyde is step one for us," Smiley says, also noting that abortion coverage advances racial justice too. "That's essential for women of color to actually be supported and get the resources they need to thrive."

The article goes on to state, "Jobs with Justice's key demands of the Biden administration and Congress, as both try to move forward on a relief package, include lifting the Hyde Amendment, a policy that restricts Medicaid coverage of abortion care."

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Why Labor Advocates Want Abortion and Reproductive Care Covered



Erica Smiley, executive director of Jobs With Justice

As Congress works to pass President Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID stimulus bill, leaders of the movement for workers' rights haven't just been fighting for a \$15 minimum wage and other key protections for unions and low-wage workers to be included in the package. They're also urgently fighting for coverage of reproductive health care, amid a pandemic that has exacerbated barriers to abortion and birth control — especially for low-wage workers, who are more likely to be women of color.

The inextricable intersections between economic justice and reproductive

justice have often been obscured by the siloing of the two issues. Yet,

All* Above All's website confirms that JWJ is a coalition member:

Partner Organizations

All* Above All is a coalition is comprised of over 130 national, state and regional partner organizations committed to restoring federal funding for abortion.



National Partners

- Ipas
- Jobs With Justice



- The Lawyering Project
- Medical Students for Choice
- MomsRising
- Ms. Foundation for Women
- NARAL Pro-Choice America
- · National Abortion Federation
- National APA Women's Forum

- Surge Reproductive Justice
- Ultraviolet
- · Union for Reform Judaism
- · Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation
- <u>URGE: Unite for Reproductive and Gender</u> <u>Equity</u>
- We Testify
- Women Donors Network
- · Women of Reform Judaism

JWJ's recent social media is rabidly pro-abortion. Take, for instance, this <u>January 22, 2021 JWJ</u> <u>Facebook post</u> calling for "fighting for Abortion Justice for all of us."



Also, this May 10, 2021 Facebook post from JWJ calls for the end of Hyde restrictions on federal abortion funding:



This example from JWJ's Facebook feed on September 1, 2021 decries the Texas abortion

restrictions and states that "reproductive justice IS economic justice."



Fuerza Laboral Membership in the Hispanic Federation

Fuerza Laboral is a <u>member of the Hispanic Federation</u>, which says on its membership page, "Together with our Member Agencies, these community-based organizations help us reach Latinos across the country to provide impactful and long-lasting support."









Hispanic Federation Network

The Hispanic Federation Network includes 500 nonprofits in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. Together with our Member Agencies, these community-based organizations help us reach Latinos across the country to provide impactful and long-lasting support.

Friends of the Highwood Public Library

Friends of Wheels



Fundación de Mujeres en Puerto Rico

Fundación Fondo de Acceso a la Justicia

The Hispanic Federation is not only pro-abortion, but its promotion of homosexuality and transgenderism borders on the pornographic.

On the Hispanic Federation's website is a list of advocacy programs engaged in by the Federation itself. One of those program areas is "health," wherein the Hispanic Federation states its goal to advocate for sexual and reproductive health "and rights.":

"Hispanic Federation has taken a national leadership role in raising awareness of Latino health disparities and promoting strategies to improve Latino health as well as increasing Latinos' access to affordable and quality healthcare.

Our portfolio is anchored by three central goals:

- Increasing access to healthcare
- Supporting healthy lifestyles
- o Advocating for sexual and reproductive health and rights

Scrolling down to the "Advocating for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights" portion of this page reveals that Hispanic Federation is explicitly working to promote unrestricted access to abortion, contraception, and comprehensive sex education.

Advocating for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Reproductive health and rights is critical to the Latino community. Unfortunately, a lack of access to quality reproductive healthcare and lack of knowledge concerning sexual and reproductive rights means that Latinos are more likely to experience reproductive cancers, unplanned pregnancies, sexual violence and sexually transmitted disease than other Americans. Hispanic Federation works to make sure that all Latinos have access to quality sexual and reproductive health services.

But our work extends beyond increasing access to healthcare. <u>Our Reproductive Justice initiative is designed to challenge</u> and change many of the structural issues that make it difficult for Latinos to take control over their reproductive health through raising awareness and advocating at the local, state and national level for policies which promote sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Hispanic Federation is also a partner in the I Am/Yo Sov campaign, which works to end silence about sex education, birth control, abortion, and young parenting. The campaign shows how understanding sexuality and reproductive health can make Latinos and their families more empowered, healthier and stronger. The campaign builds on a number of key principles:

- · Decisions about birth control, abortion and parenting are ours to make
- · Families need more access to health care and education, not less
- · The need to speak out against attempts to restrict sexuality education or reproductive health options in our community
- The need to build tools and education to help us communicate with our young people openly about how to grow up safe and healthy

The Hispanic Federation's advocacy for abortion goes back to at least 2016, when it published an article titled "Latina Reproductive Health on Trial." In the article, Hispanic Federation complained about medical quality standards being imposed on abortion facilities, saying that such legislation would "make it impossible to secure an abortion in" Texas. The president of the Hispanic Federation, José Calderón, commented on the attempt by Texas to restrict access to abortion, saying:

"The fact is that anti-choice activists are getting bolder and savvier in their attempts to curtail how women control their bodies ... Reproductive health is critical to our families and communities and we can't allow legislatures to circumvent the law of the land."

Latina Reproductive Health on Trial

In 2013, the Texas legislature attempted to do an end-run around protections of women's reproductive rights by passing a law, H.B. 2, which places onerous restrictions of individual medical providers and health clinics. Texas lawmakers, as the Center for Reproductive Rights has explained, required that physicians who provide abortion services to obtain admitting privileges at local hospitals within 30 miles away of the clinic in which they see patients and also mandated that every health care facility offering abortion care must meet building specifications that essentially turn these outposts of community healthcare into "mini-hospitals." Under the guise of protecting patients and ensuring quality medical care, the legislators attempted to make it impossible to secure an abortion in the state. Should the law go into effect, estimates are that 75 percent of abortion providers in Texas would have to close their doors.

The impact of H.B. 2 on Texas' Latinas would be enormous. As the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH) noted in its amicus brief with the Supreme Court, Latinas in Texas already face significant barriers to quality health care including lack of insurance, poverty, and access reliable to public transportation. The Texas law would make reproductive health care virtually inaccessible to Latinas throughtout Texas but especially in the already underserved communities along the Texas-Mexico border.

Hispanic Federation has been keeping a close eye on the Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstad. The implications of the law stretch far beyond the Lone Star State and threaten womens' health access throughout the United States. As part of the national I Am/Yo Soy campaign, Hispanic Federation has been raising awareness in Latino communities about the importance of protecting reproductive freedoms.

"The fact is that anti-choice activists are getting bolder and savvier in their attempts to curtail how women control their bodies," said Hispanic Federation President José Calderón. "Part of the reason we joined with the NLIRH and our other partners in the I Am/Yo Soy campaign was that we realized that protecting reproductive rights is a national issue and that the issues that affect Latinas in Texas today might very well be something that we have to address in Florida or California tomorrow. Reproductive health is critical to our families and communities and we can't allow legislatures to circumvent the law of the land."

For more information on the Hispanic Federation's work with the I Am/Yo Soy campaign, click here.

In <u>May of 2022</u>, the Hispanic Federation directly called on Congress to pass pro-abortion legislation. In the press release, the current president and CEO of the Hispanic Federation said:

"Hispanic Federation calls on Congress to pass legislation that will uphold our reproductive rights and represent the majority of American voters who believe that access to reproductive abortion healthcare should be legal. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, it will cause immeasurable damage to our civil rights. ... Hispanic Federation will continue to fight for access to comprehensive reproductive care with dignity and justice for everyone in our communities, regardless of what the Supreme Court decides."

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Hispanic Federation Calls on Congress to Pass Abortion Rights Legislation

WASHINGTON – A draft opinion from Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito leaked yesterday stating that a majority of Supreme Court justices could overturn *Roe v. Wade* - a 1973 Supreme Court decision that made abortion a constitutional right across the country. Hispanic Federation urgently calls on Congress to act swiftly in passing federal legislation that will protect the right to abortion. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, it will end the nearly 50 years of federal constitutional protection of abortion rights, making it one of the biggest restrictions and reversals to reproductive rights. If issued, the pending decision will disproportionately impact Latinos, people of color, low-income, and LGBTQ+ individuals, imposing grave risks to health and setting a dangerous precedent for overturning other civil rights protections.

On <u>June 24, 2022</u>, the day the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, the Hispanic Federation "Vowed" to fight for women's "right" to have an abortion. Stated in the first paragraph of the press release the "Hispanic Federation condemns this decision and once again calls on Congress to immediately pass federal protections for abortion rights." The opening line of Hispanic Federation president Frankie Miranda's statement declares:

"We are outraged by the Supreme Court's decision today, which ended nearly 50 years of federal constitutional protections for abortion rights."

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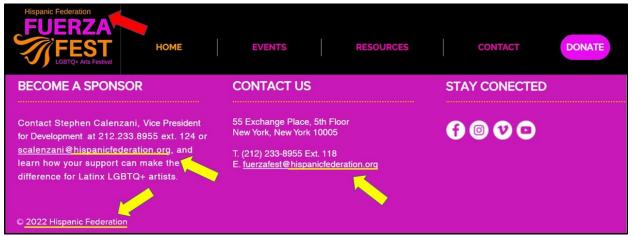
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Hispanic Federation Devastated and Horrified by Supreme Court Decision Overturning Roe v. Wade - Vows to Fight to Protect Our Rights

In addition to fully committing itself to the promotion and decriminalization of abortion, fighting to create absolute, unrestricted access to the murder of preborn children, the Hispanic Federation is also deeply committed to the promotion of the vilest forms of sexual debauchery. The Hispanic Federation runs an annual LGBTQI+ festival called "Fuerza Fest," which is full of the most disgusting displays of degeneracy imaginable. On the <u>Fuerza Fest website</u>, in the upper left corner is a logo showing that it is a project of the Hispanic Federation. And on the bottom of the page, it shows that the website is the property of the Hispanic Federation and indicates the Hispanic Federation as the contact point for the program.



The "About" page for Fuerza Fest says that the annual festival was created by the Hispanic Federation in 2016.

About FUERZAfest

In 2016, <u>Hispanic Federation</u> launched FUERZAfest, the first LGBTQ+ Latinx Arts Festival in the Northeast which not only celebrated a vibrant community, but addressed critical issues impacting it. Since then, events have been held in New York City, Connecticut and Orlando to create a space for dialogue and awareness of the systemic barriers and threats faced by the Latinx communities.

FUERZAfest is a multidisciplinary Latinx festival that harnesses the visceral power of art to brings diverse communities together to support artistic risk-taking, incite creative collaboration and experimentation, and celebrate the rich heritage of Latinx queer artists and art.

In light of the current sociopolitical climate, issues of transphobia, homophobia and anti-gay violence resonate significantly amongst Latinx people – which is why the creation of a positive culturally - sensitive space like FUERZAfest is of vital importance.

A few screen captures from the <u>Fuerda Fest "memories" page</u> (which contains video of various performances throughout the years) is enough to illustrate just how thoroughly disgusting this activity is. Some of the images contained in these videos were so bad, we couldn't put them in this report.













Conclusion

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