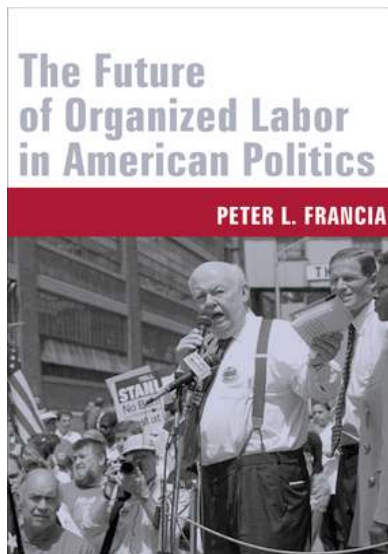


Academic Reviews and Comments for *The Future of Organized Labor in American Politics*



“Francia’s book should read by all interested in the political actions of the AFL-CIO and the prospects for building an effective left-politics in the USA.” -- *Gerald Friedman, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, in Labor History (November 2008).*

“On balance, this is a must read. I recommend it highly to anyone interested in the current state and future of unions.” -- *Marick F. Masters, University of Pittsburgh, in the Journal of Labor Research (November 2007).*

“Peter L. Francia convincingly demonstrates [that]...labor has become an increasingly adept and vote-mobilizing force...few observers have grasped as well or analyzed as astutely as Francia does in this fact-packed volume.” -- *Joseph A. McCartin, Georgetown University, in Political Science Quarterly (Winter 2006-07), pp. 722-723.*

“In this succinct and well-written book, Francia analyzes the American labor movement’s efforts to influence politics and legislation.....This book is an excellent primer on the issue of organized labor’s role in American politics. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended.” -- *Paul F. Clark, Department Head and Professor, Department of Labor Studies and Industrial Relations at Penn State University, in Choice (July/August 2006), p. 2039.*

“In a masterful analysis, Peter L. Francia answers one of the major puzzles of American labor union politics: the difference organized labor makes in elections. Francia also offers useful suggestions about how to stem the decline in union density and, therefore, political clout. His words should be heeded and his suggestions addressed by all of us keen to ensure a fully democratic polity.” -- *Margaret Levi, former President of the American Political Science Association (2004-2005) and Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Washington.*

“Peter L. Francia has written a fine book that offers a comprehensive account of organized labor’s role in congressional politics. The book combines rigorous statistical analysis with an insider’s eye to politics, and the result is a book that is both important and accessible. Highly recommended for scholars and students of labor politics, interest groups, and congressional elections.” -- *Clyde Wilcox, Professor of Government at Georgetown University.*