



Political Action

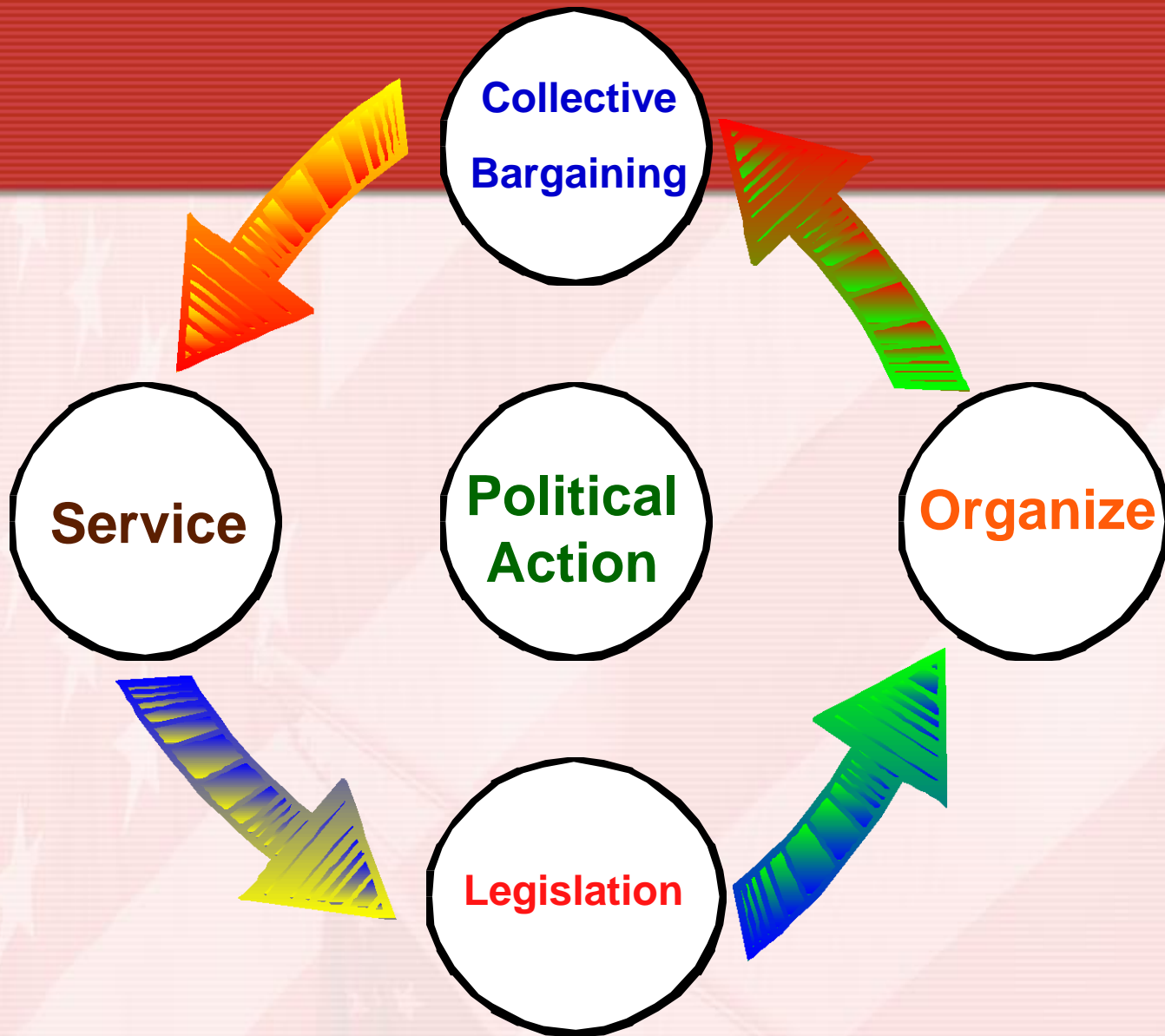
Why Vote?

- ✧ It's your right as a U.S. citizen
- ✧ It's your civic duty
- ✧ Your vote does count
- ✧ Politicians we elect make decisions that impact us
- ✧ As a worker, it's a way to level the playing field
- ✧ It gives you more clout with politicians

VOTE
IT'S YOUR
RIGHT!

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Why is the IAM
involved in politics?



The nucleus of the related activities!

Workers Under Attack

- Government Layoffs
- Privatization
- Pay Cuts/Pay Freeze
- Slashed Retirement
- Health Care Vouchers
- Furloughs
- BRAC
- Official Time
- Fast Track/Free Trade
- OSHA/Cuts
- Privatize Social Security
- Comp Time/Over Time
- National Right to Work
- Pay Check Deception
- Patient Bill of Rights
- Medicare

Government & Politics

Three Branches

- ✧ Executive

 - ✧ President

- ✧ Legislative

 - ✧ House & Senate

- ✧ Judicial

 - ✧ Federal & Supreme Courts

When You Vote for a President You're Also Voting for His Team

- ✧ Cabinet Secretaries
- ✧ Director of OPM
- ✧ FLRA
- ✧ NLRB
- ✧ MSPB
- ✧ Supreme Court Justices
- ✧ Federal Judges
- ✧ More than 9,000 High Level Posts

Who Controls Congress?

Lifetime Congressional Voting Records

Senate:

Democrats

Maj. Leader Reid – 91%

Republicans

McConnell - 11%

House:

Republicans

Speaker Boehner – 5%

Democrats

Pelosi – 95%

Political Action

- **Register Members to Vote**
- **Raise \$\$\$\$- MNPL**
- **Educate Members on Issues & Positions**
- **Assist Endorsed Candidates**
- **Get Out The Vote**
- **Phone Banks**
- **Leaflet Drops**
- **Labor to Labor Campaigns**

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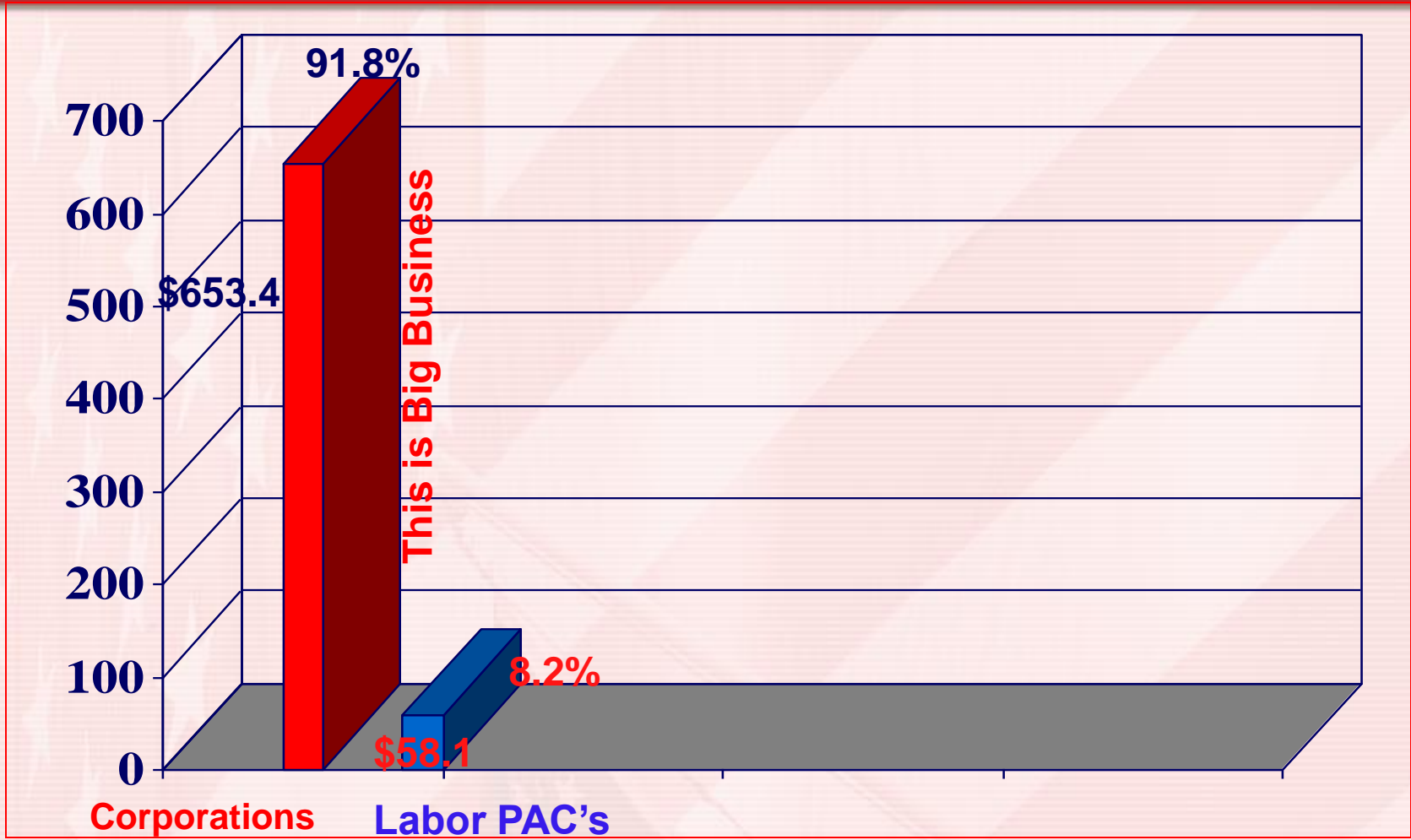
MNPL – IAM's Political Arm

- ✧ **The political arm of the IAMAW was created in 1947**
- ✧ **Purpose is to gather individual contributions**
- ✧ **Coordinate political activity, and**
- ✧ **Help elect candidates who support working America.**
- ✧ **MNPL scrutinizes each candidate thoroughly**

We're Not the Only Ones Involved in Politics

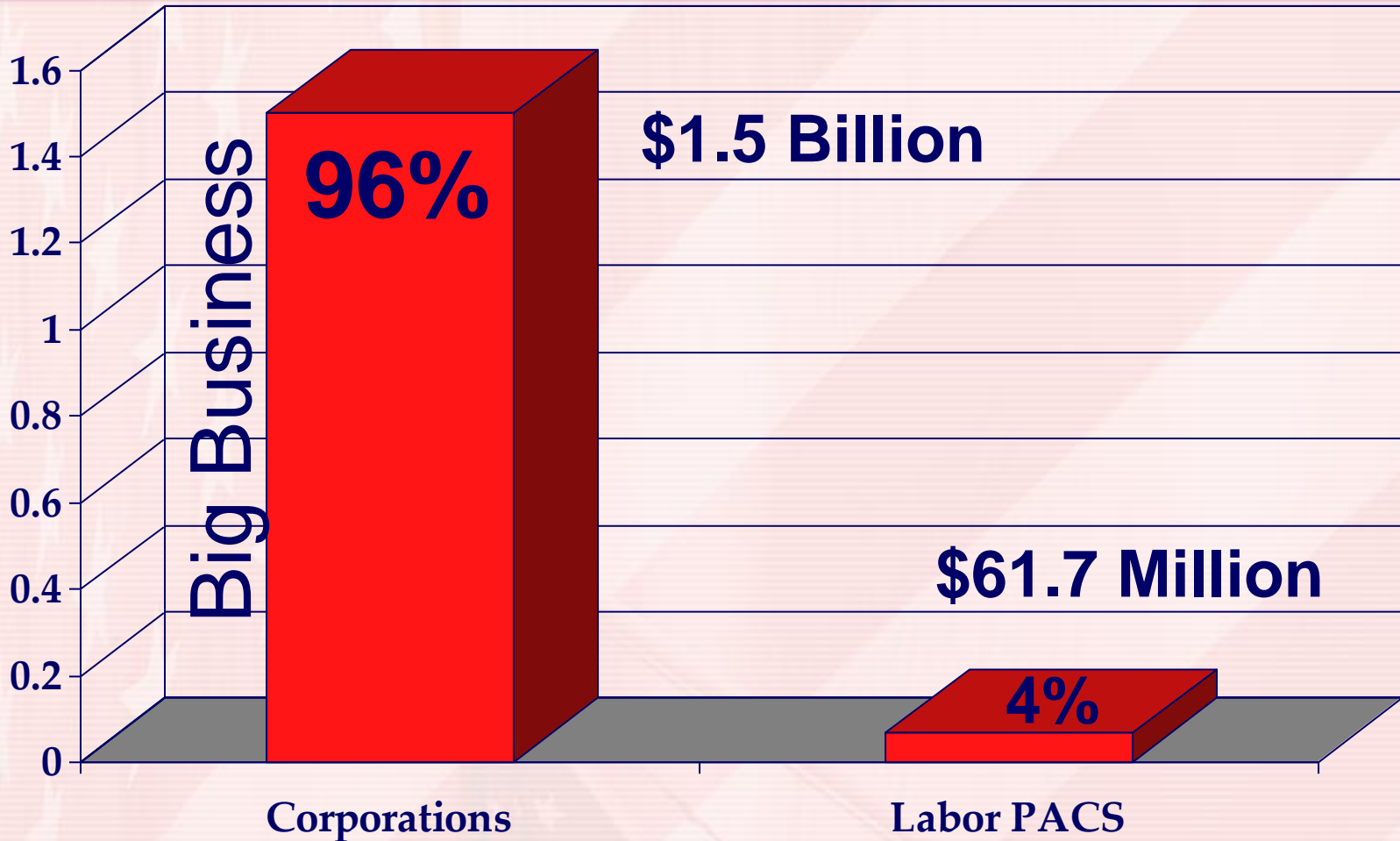
- **Special interest groups are at work constantly trying to limit our protections & rights**
- **They have the dollars and the high-priced personnel to influence lawmakers both state & federal**

Where PAC Dollars Come



1998 Total Labor PAC Contributions = \$58.1 million (8.2%)
vs Corporations - \$653.4 million (91.8%)

Where PAC Dollars Come From



**2005 Total Corporations Contributions - \$1.5 Billion (96%)
vs Labor - \$61.7 Million (4%)**

Where Does MNPL Get It's Funds?

 **General Fund**

 **Education Fund**

MNPL General Fund

- ✧ **Voluntary Contributions**
- ✧ **Federal Candidate Campaigns**
- ✧ **Communicate with the General Public, etc.**

MNPL Education Fund

- ✧ Local and District Lodge**
- ✧ Communicate with Membership on Candidates, Issues, etc.**
- ✧ Membership Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV), Voter Registration, etc.**

MNPL - Our Role

✓ General Fund

-Every Officer and Steward become sponsoring members – \$25 per year

✓ Education Fund

-\$1.00 per member per year