

A Report On Corruption

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A Federal government report reflects that in the first 10-plus months of 2011 government prosecutions have resulted in the conviction and sentencing of 82 individuals all working in the same industry. An additional 37 people in this industry have been convicted and await sentencing. The indictments of 50 more have been issued and these individuals await the adjudication of their cases.

The 119 who have been convicted of embezzling or otherwise stealing were caught taking more than \$5.8 million which came from working men and women. The 82 who already have been sentenced to a total are to serve a total of nearly 40 years behind bars or in home confinement and must spend a total of nearly 200 years on probation.

This industry is organized labor. Most of the crimes (both admitted and alleged) were against the working people organized labor purports to want to represent. The prosecutions were by the Obama Administration's Justice and Labor Departments – thus, these were not part of some witch hunt by an anti-union administration. Rather, these “enforcement actions” were brought by one of the most labor friendly administrations in history. Nor was this an unusual level of activity in this area. Indeed, for much of the last decade the Justice Department has had to prosecute a similar magnitude of union officials and employees each year for various crimes – most typically embezzling or otherwise stealing union funds.

The 2011 DOL listing of criminal enforcement actions is [available here](#).

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