

ABC = Associated Builders and Contractors

right-wing, con, bad Aeth

↳ also wants to repeal H-2B Visa program to increase out-of-country guest workers for cheap labor

Problem Space

CHALLENGE #2
Politicians fighting to lower prevailing wages

DAVIS-BACON ACT

PREVAILING WAGES

Could F-2 be a reporting opportunity?

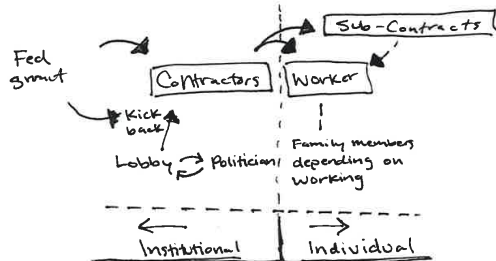
(2016) increases cost of Federal construction projects average \$1.4 bn

Does not cover: Architects, Engineers, Timekeepers, Supervisor, Foreman utility drilling, railroads, public utilities, material men

tions of Challenges

a. Draw the challenge. • Policy on prevailing wages ; Political wage protection

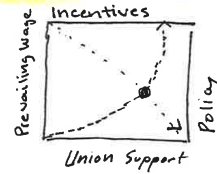
b. List users and stakeholders.



Politician

- Misinfo
- Disinfo
- Financial incentive by lobby
- Political pressure

- Race to the bottom
- Out-of-towns remain jobs from locals



- Unions report wages
- Prevailing wage based on reports
- Politicians are lowering the wage to undercut the idea of prevailing wage being a solution.
- Incentive drives both side

The Who, Why, What - Increase understanding

a. Who matters? → Individual

b. Why does the work matter?

To the individual

- dispels misinfo / disinfo
- Ensures appropriate wages, protections
- Transparency
- Guaranteed work

Davis - Bacon Act (1931)

Pro

- Actually lowers inflation in budget
- Guaranteed wages local work
- Protect the most vulnerable

Con

- Says that its harmful to small business and free market
- (ABC) 80% of survey disagree that projects offer cost savings for taxpayers, high quality projects, or other benefit
- Members apparently (a vast majority) don't self-report.
- There are conservative groups that are pro-DBA

Scope and Scale - Finding the Problem

- Self-reporting problem?
- Data transparency and governance?
- Information telecommunication problem?
- Expansion, new amendment in legislative policy?

What is the problem?

a. Gather insights from previous stages.

b. Articulate goals.

- | Goal 1 | Goal 2 |
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| • Transparency on wage reporting, accuracy and participation to support claims evidential | • Respond to misinfo |
| | • Communication strategy and campaign for prevailing wages. |

How might we... incentive wage prevailing laborers to participate in reporting?

MORE people will report TRUTHFULLY

if incentivized. Incentive = This is what's on the line

Strategy	Timeline
↑ DBA is racist	Heritage Foundation — 1990 op-ed, Scott Allen Hodge
↑ DBA doesn't actually have benefits	Iowa Republican "Bad" research — 1980's
↑ "see? look! even the dept of labor agrees"	1997 Wage reporting and survey publication