

Tools to Fight Privatization

The Ten Warning Signs of Privatization

Watch out for these signs that privatization or contracting out is a threat in our work place:

1. Politicians or top administrators express strong support for privatization or contracting out of public services.
2. Local media highlight criticism of public employees and the services they deliver.
3. Administrators conduct performance audits, "efficiency" or cost comparison studies government services.
4. Neighboring communities or districts privatize or attempt to privatize services.
5. City Council establishes a commission or task force to examine ways to cut costs or improve service delivery.
6. Administration proposes to reorganize departments within the Government and change its' responsibilities.
7. Your department plans to use temporary, part-time or "workfare" personnel.

8. Maintenance, upgrading or investing in more modern equipment at our work place is cut back or deferred.
9. State and or local government faces an impending budget/tax crisis.
10. Our government experiences turnover in top administrators or elected leadership.