

SEIU Local 26: Know your rights Building Power at Work and in our Communities

Building Unity Educational

Building Power through Unity

We cannot win at work unless we are unified, because strength in numbers is the source of our power as workers. Corporations have always looked for ways to deliberately pit workers against each other and keep us divided so we have less power to challenge them.



"At my work nobody talks to each other. The African people sit in one corner, the Spanish people sit in the other. We don't even speak each other's language, how are we supposed to be together?"

Aschalu-Marsden



"At my building, some supervisors use favoritism to try to divide us. This is a form of discrimination, and at my worksite we organized and forced them to respect our contract and fairness."

Aurora-ABM

Discussion Questions

- 1. How common are these problems at your work? What types of things does the boss do to intentionally divide us? Who benefits in the long run from our division?
- 2. Look at the picture on the back. How does this apply to your workplace now, and how could it be different in the future?
- 3. What can we do as workers to create more unity?

