One View on the Worker-Centered Trade Policy

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Worker-centered

Enforcement-

Supply chain-

Firm-
Three buckets to the WCTP

- Workers at home
- Workers abroad
- Workers under duress
Workers at home

• What or who is a “worker”?  
  • “Domestic”  
  • Gender  
  • Industry  

• “Seat at the table”  
  • Meaning  

• Intersections with other policies and rules (domestic/international)  
  • Different agencies
Workers abroad

• Agreements with labor provisions
  • Evolving enforcement mechanisms
• Work plans
• Preference programs
• Cooperation
Evolution of U.S. labor provisions

- NAFTA (NAALC)
- Jordan
- CAFTA-DR
- Peru TPA
- CUSMA
Success?

Enforcement

Cooperation

Reform

Enforcement
Rapid Response Mechanism
Uses of the RRM to date

- General Motors
- Tridonex
Workers under duress

- Withhold release orders (WROs)
- Fisheries proposal at the WTO
- Agenda setting
• Workers at home
• Workers abroad
• Workers under duress
Discussion

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