

## **2016 AFT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ON TWITTER**

Between October 1 and October 16, 2016, @rweingarten posted approximately 704 times. This comes out to 44 tweets per day.

In the period of October 1-October 7, she mentioned Trump by name 99 times, exclusively negatively. There were 96 tweets critical of the GOP or Trump's candidacy and 29 praising Hillary and Tim Kaine. Taken over the 317 total tweets in this period, one finds Weingarten was engaging in political advocacy explicitly in 39.4% of her tweets. Roughly 34.7% of the tweets were somehow pertinent to union activity of any stripe and 18.2% discussed politics in a markedly liberal yet not entirely advocacy way.

In the period of October 8-October 16, she tweeted 387 times, of which 270 were political. This gives a ratio of political to non-political at 0.7. During this period, the definition of a "political" tweet is one that has "the function of influencing or attempting to influence the selection, nomination, election, or appointment of any individual to any federal, state, or local public office or office in a political organization, or the election of Presidential or Vice-Presidential electors, whether or not such individual or electors are selected, nominated, elected or appointed." This definition came from John Francis Reilly and Barbara A. Braig Allen's *Exempt Organizations-Technical Instruction Program for FY 2003*.

This pace picked up in the closing days of the 2016 election. Weingarten tweeted 551 times in the final week (Nov 1-8), a clip of nearly 70 per day. Of these, 16.5% (91 tweets) were predominantly union related, 15.2% (84 tweets) were her left-wing commentary on current affairs, 27.9% (154 tweets) were explicit criticisms of Donald Trump or the Republican Party, 22.9% (126 tweets) were predominantly an endorsement of Hillary Clinton and/or Democratic

candidates, 14.9% were more vague (though often thinly veiled or even explicitly Democratic) GOTV appeals (82), and only 2.6% could be described as having an apolitical or neutral air (14). Her tweets were thus explicitly political nearly constantly, with a wide variety of tweets that contained examples of flagrant AFT political activity. These are attached in the Appendix A. Further tweets and their links are attached in Appendix B. She also mentioned Trump by name in 130 individual tweets, making him the subject of nearly a quarter of her daily tweets.

## APPENDIX A



**Randi Weingarten** @rweingarten · Nov 8, 2016

Standing w our members in Corpus Christi as they fight for a new direction in CCISD & #GOTV 4 Marty, Totsy & Alice



**Randi Weingarten** @rweingarten · Nov 8, 2016

Love this! Lilly has made +4,000 calls w @PFTLocal3 to #gotv for @KatieMcGintyPA, @HillaryClinton @PFTLocal3 #1uvote

**Hillary Linardopoulos** @MrsL132 · Nov 8, 2016

Lilly has volunteered almost every day since Sept. She's made 4,000+ calls in @PFTLocal3 phone bank. #imwithher #1uvote #AFT4Hillary #phled



**Randi Weingarten** @rweingarten · Nov 8, 2016

.@UAPhilly hitting the doors to #GOTV for @HillaryClinton! #proudtobepa #AFT4Hillary #1uvote

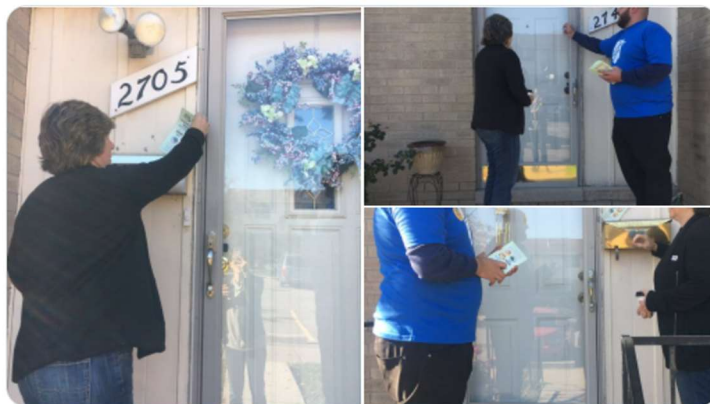


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**AFT** @AFTunion

.@rweingarten going door to door today in Detroit to #gotv for @aftmichigan endorsed DPS school board candidates. #1uvote



2:44 PM · Nov 7, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

2 Retweets 1 Quote Tweet 7 Likes



**Randi Weingarten** @rweingarten · Nov 8, 2016  
We're getting out the vote in Cleveland with @SenSherrrodBrown today!  
#AFT4Hillary #1uvote

**Bob Morgenstern** @MorgyWV · Nov 8, 2016  
Part of your @AFTunion Cleveland team with Sen Brown as we kick off GOTV today @rweingarten #AFT4Hillary @CTU279



**AFT** @AFTunion

Our canvassers in the Philly suburbs are out knocking on doors. #AFT4Hillary #1uvote #StrongerTogether



11:36 AM · Nov 7, 2016 · Twitter for Android

8 Retweets 10 Likes





**Lorretta Johnson** @LorrettaJohnson · Nov 8, 2016

Working for #aft4hillary in Maryland w/ @mrsenglish925. Quit reading this tweet and GO VOTE. @AFTunion



**Randi Weingarten** @rweingarten · Nov 8, 2016

Our @WFNHP nurses and health professionals are #gotv for @russfeingold & @HillaryClinton #AFT4Hillary #1uvote



**AFT** @AFTunion · Nov 8, 2016

.@WFNHP members making calls for @russfeingold & @HillaryClinton! #1uvote #AFT4Hillary



**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

- 1** Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .
- 2** Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? . . . . .
- 3** Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 🇺🇸 . . . . .

	Yes	No
<b>1</b>		No
<b>2</b>		No
<b>3</b>		No



**Randi Weingarten** ✓ @rweingarten · Nov 8, 2016

Love seeing stories like this from the field- these 2 have been working each day to #gotv for @HillaryClinton in FL

**mary jo shannon** @maryjoshannon · Nov 8, 2016

A New York retiree and a AFT staff person work together for 2 weeks to bring Hillary to the White House #AFT4Hillary



**Randi Weingarten** ✓ @rweingarten · Nov 8, 2016

Florida  
We're knocking on doors in Pompano Beach, FL to #GOTV for @HillaryClinton #AFT4Hillary #1uvote



**Randi Weingarten** ✓ @rweingarten

.@AFTWis #GOTV with @tammybaldwin for candidates up and down the ticket! #AFT4Hillary #1uvote



10:01 PM · Nov 7, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone



**Randi Weingarten** ✓ @rweingarten · Nov 8, 2016

.@HillaryClinton believes our democracy works best when we trust one another...when we work toward the public good.



The American Federation of Teachers has 600 staffers working in 29 states, and between coordinated and independent expenditure work, has knocked on 1.8 million doors and held 300,000 conversations ... in Florida. In Ohio it's 1.4 million knocks and 300,000 conversations. Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin account for nearly another 500,000 conversations. And that's just coming from the AFT nationally—affiliate unions across the country are fielding volunteers for Clinton, for Senate races, and for ballot measures.

And those are just a few of the unions working on this election.

## APPENDIX B

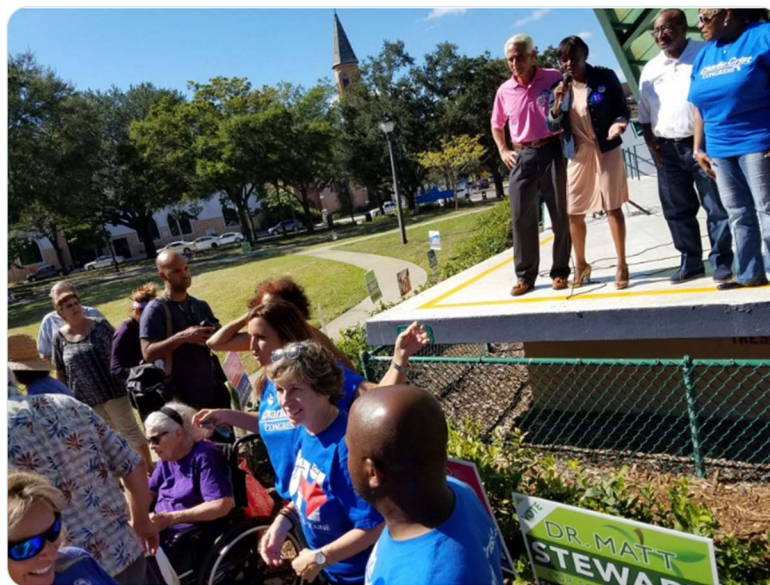
### 1. Campaigning with

@CharlieCrist

- a. <https://twitter.com/AFTunion/status/792803190387437568>



Campaigning with @CharlieCrist.



👤 Randi Weingarten 🕒 🇺🇸

- b. 2:59 PM · Oct 30, 2016 · Twitter for Android

2. @rweingarten going door to door today in Detroit to #gotv for @aftmichigan endorsed DPS school board candidates. #1uvote

- a. <https://twitter.com/AFTunion/status/795713596839907329>



b.

3. Working for #aft4hillary in Maryland w/ @mrsenglish925 Quit reading this tweet and GO VOTE. @AFTunion

- a. <https://twitter.com/LorrettaJohnson/status/796035552265039872>



Lorretta Johnson  
@LorrettaJohnson

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Working for #aft4hillary in Maryland w/  
@mrsenglish925. Quit reading this tweet and GO  
VOTE. @AFTunion



b. 12:03 PM · Nov 8, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

4. Derek is knocking on doors! Great responses. Philly is with her! #AFT4Hillary

#ImWithHer #StrongerTogether

a. <https://twitter.com/AFTunion/status/795687108195262464>



Derek is knocking on doors! Great responses. Philly is with her! #AFT4Hillary #ImWithHer #StrongerTogether



12:59 PM · Nov 7, 2016 · Twitter for Android

6 Retweets 9 Likes

b.

5. TFT members make calls for @HillaryClinton & @Ted\_Strickland with @FrancineAFT in Toledo today!

- a. <https://twitter.com/AFTunion/status/783433095567421440>

- b. TWEET NOT FOUND (MAY HAVE DELETED)

6. @rweingarten - you are @HillaryClinton emissaries. You need to connect with voters' aspirations through your personal experiences #1uVot

- a. <https://twitter.com/AFTunion/status/782365581391503360>



.@rweingarten - you are @HillaryClinton emissaries.  
You need to connect with voters' aspirations through  
your personal experiences #1uVote



7:44 PM · Oct 1, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

b. 22 Retweets 17 Likes

7. This retired teacher was excited someone with an #AFT4Hillary shirt knocked on his door. He's voting for @HillaryClinton. #1uvote

a. <https://twitter.com/AFTunion/status/796008339134181378>



This retired teacher was excited someone with an [#AFT4Hillary](#) shirt knocked on his door. He's voting for [@HillaryClinton](#). [#1uvote](#)



10:15 AM · Nov 8, 2016 · Twitter for Android

3 Retweets 2 Quote Tweets 11 Likes

- b.
- 8. Happy Halloween from this Miami labor phonebank! [#1uvote](#) [#ImWithHer](#)
  - a. <https://twitter.com/AFTunion/status/793198232322965506>



Happy Halloween from this Miami labor phonebank!  
#1uvote #ImWithHer



5:09 PM · Oct 31, 2016 · Twitter for Android

2 Retweets 5 Likes

9. @uupinfo is getting out the vote in Pennsylvania this weekend- #GOTVforHRC

#AFT4Hillary#1uvote

a. <https://twitter.com/rweingarten/status/795294908093497345>



Randi Weingarten     
@rweingarten

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.@uupinfo is getting out the vote in Pennsylvania this weekend- #GOTVforHRC #AFT4Hillary #1uvote



UUP @uupinfo · Nov 5, 2016

UUPers like Anne Wiegard canvass PA neighborhoods to GOTV #AFT4Hillary. U2 can help by mkg calls: [hillaryclinton.com/calls/](http://hillaryclinton.com/calls/) @nysut @AFTUnion



11:00 AM · Nov 6, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

1 Like

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10. Amazing-@AFTunion canvassers goal today in PA- 2,000 doors! #1uvote #AFT4Hillary  
#GOTV

a. <https://twitter.com/rweingarten/status/795822171037765632>



Randi Weingarten    
@rweingarten

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Amazing-@AFTunion canvassers goal today in PA-  
2,000 doors! #1uvote #AFT4Hillary #GOTV



Lauren Samet @LaLaSamet · Nov 7, 2016

21 people from this GOTV site. We expect to knock on 2000 doors today. This is how we win. #AFT4Hillary #1uvote



9:56 PM · Nov 7, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

1 Retweet 1 Like

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11. Today @AFTNewHampshire was busy making calls to #GOTV for @Maggie\_hassen

#NHSenate #1uvote #AFT4Hillary

a. <https://twitter.com/rweingarten/status/795823198742913025>



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12. @AFTunion's #GOTV work in FL & OH alone be4 Election Day-1.8 million calls & hit

1.4 m doors. #1uvote #AFT4Hillary <http://dailykos.com/story/2016/11/7/1590812/->

[Unions-are-putting-up-huge-numbers-in-the-GOTV-effort](#)

a. <https://twitter.com/rweingarten/status/796064973579489280>

← Tweet



Randi Weingarten      
@rweingarten

.@AFTunion's #GOTV work in FL & OH alone be4  
Election Day-1.8 million calls & hit 1.4 m doors. #1uvote  
[#AFT4Hillary dailykos.com/story/2016/11/...](https://dailykos.com/story/2016/11/...)

2:00 PM · Nov 8, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

9 Retweets 12 Likes

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13. Florida We're knocking on doors in Pompano Beach, FL to #GOTV for @HillaryClinton  
#AFT4Hillary #1uvote

a. <https://twitter.com/rweingarten/status/796135543046373376>



Randi Weingarten      
@rweingarten

Florida  
We're knocking on doors in Pompano Beach, FL to  
[#GOTV](#) for [@HillaryClinton](#) [#AFT4Hillary](#) [#1uvote](#)



6:41 PM · Nov 8, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

6 Retweets 1 Quote Tweet 13 Likes

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14. @UAPhilly knocking doors in PA to #GOTV for @KatieMcGintyPA, @HillaryClinton  
#1uvote #AFT4Hillary

a. <https://twitter.com/rweingarten/status/796137616638963713>



b.

15. @UAPhilly hitting the doors to #GOTV for @HillaryClinton! #proudtobepa  
#AFT4Hillary #1uvote

a. <https://twitter.com/rweingarten/status/796137679586992128>




Randi Weingarten     
@rweingarten

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.@UAPhilly hitting the doors to #GOTV for  
@HillaryClinton! #proudtobepa #AFT4Hillary #1uvote



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1 Retweet 2 Likes

16. Amazing phone bank team still at it, surpassed 25,000 calls for our candidates!

#strongertogether #proudtobepa #AFT4Hillary #phled

a. <https://twitter.com/PFT3Votes/status/796104343841898496>



17. Transformed office becomes GOTV phone bank! Calling @AFTunion members. IT'S ELECTION DAY & LET'S VOTE! #AFT4Hillary #1uvote #1u

- a. <https://twitter.com/jechsmith/status/796064968290537474>



Jessica Smith  
@jechsmith

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Transformed office becomes GOTV phone bank!  
Calling @AFTunion members. IT'S ELECTION DAY &  
LET'S VOTE! #AFT4Hillary #1uvote #1u



2:00 PM · Nov 8, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

2 Retweets 1 Quote Tweet 6 Likes

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18. #AFT4Hillary - Illinois women getting ready at Ironworkers Hall before we head out to canvass all day in Tampa.

a. <https://twitter.com/gailpurkey/status/795285688665182210>



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19. All the cool kids are making GOTV calls tonight. We had so many people calling we running out of phones. #AFT4Hillary @AFTPA

a. [https://twitter.com/hashtag/AFT4Hillary?src=hashtag\\_click](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AFT4Hillary?src=hashtag_click)

b. TWEET NOT FOUND

20. Toledo @PSRP\_AFT member Oliver Collins has been phone banking and canvassing for Hillary. #1uvote #AFT4Hillary <http://aft.org/news/empathy-informs-members-political-work>

a. <https://twitter.com/PSRPReporter/status/794234949838651392>



Toledo @PSRP\_AFT member Oliver Collins has been phone banking and canvassing for Hillary. #1uvote #AFT4Hillary

[aft.org/news/empathy-i...](http://aft.org/news/empathy-i...)



Ohio Fed. of Teachers and 2 others

1:49 PM · Nov 3, 2016 · Twitter Web Client

11 Retweets 1 Quote Tweet 7 Likes

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21. <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/360725240/201801239349300645/full>

22. "If we're going to vote our hopes & aspirations, not our fears, then we need to get out & vote for @HillaryClinton." -@rweingarten #1uvote

a. <https://twitter.com/AFTunion/status/796051215775920128>



"If we're going to vote our hopes & aspirations, not our fears, then we need to get out & vote for @HillaryClinton." -@rweingarten #1uvote



1:06 PM · Nov 8, 2016 · Buffer

8 Retweets 7 Likes

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23. Love seeing these two fierce women #gotv in MD for @HillaryClinton! #AFT4Hillary #1uvote #ImWithHer

a. <https://twitter.com/rweingarten/status/796136865464102912>



Love seeing these two fierce women #gotv in MD for @HillaryClinton! #AFT4Hillary #1uvote #ImWithHer



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6:46 PM · Nov 8, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

24. We're getting out the vote with @SenSherrodBrown today! #AFT4Hillary #1uvote

a. <https://twitter.com/rweingarten/status/796137454776516608>



b. 6:48 PM · Nov 8, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

25. @UESF getting out the vote with and for Supervisor candidate @SandraLeeFewer  
#1uvote

a. <https://twitter.com/rweingarten/status/796135160462868480>



Randi Weingarten     
@rweingarten

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.@UESF getting out the vote with and for Supervisor candidate @SandraLeeFewer #1uvote



**Sandra Lee Fewer**  @SandraLeeFewer · Nov 7, 2016

Great to see the teachers out for #TeamSandy and #TeamJane @UESF



b. 6:39 PM · Nov 8, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone