

7.5. Labor Implications of TPP

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1. The TPP chapter on labor, though controversial and not generally supported by organized labor, is progressive and a “game changer,” particularly in its three TPP-side agreements with Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei which will dramatically elevate their domestic labor rights.
2. What are the economic impacts on the workforces in the U.S. and the affected countries, especially for the lesser developed parties? And what about the economic and human rights benefits to workers? (Is it measurable?)
3. With reference to the services chapter of the TPP and combined with the labor chapter – what can be the contribution of TPP to the standardization/harmonization of credentials of skilled professional workers? How will it affect labor mobility among the parties? How does it interact with immigration policies of countries as well as sovereignty issue? How will TPP affect unskilled workers and their labor mobility, if at all?