

# The sherman antitrust act essay sample



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The Taft-Hartley Act, also known as the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947: Workers who did not want to join the union could not be discriminated against. This act delineated unfair labor practices by unions. One such practice prohibited was the use of coercion by unions to force workers to join.

Many businesses have now taken advantage of lower living costs and cheaper office space outside the United States. With the emergence of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), more jobs, especially those in manufacturing, are moving to Mexico and overseas. The power of the unions has been crippled.

Collective bargaining is the negotiation process undertaken by a union on behalf of its members with the management of an organization with the intent of entering into a contract after the resolution of labor issues. The contract, known as the collective bargaining agreement, is binding on all union members. The advantage of collective bargaining is that the union has greater bargaining strength than an individual employee would have in attempting to negotiate the best possible deal.