

Entrepreneur

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Political Experience: n/a

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Workers' Voice & Labor

Increasing Minimum Wage: [Stated](#) that states should determine a minimum wage but that his plan for a “universal basic income” makes a minimum wage “much less necessary.”

Strengthening Unions & Workers: [Proposes](#) implementing a mandatory paid leave policy and fighting for equal pay.

Labor Law Reform: Proposes [empowering](#) workers to organize.

Education

Public Education: [Proposes](#) paying teachers more and rewarding teachers for improving their skills. Also [supports](#) expanding life-skills education in all high schools—for example, educating students on financial literacy, interview skills and preparing healthy meals.

Early Education: [Proposes a](#) universal pre-K public education system for all 3- and 4-year-olds.

College Affordability: [Proposes that](#) the federal government allow students to opt into a plan to repay student loans through pledging 10 percent of their salary per year for 10 years, after which the balance would be forgiven. Also [proposes](#) increasing funding to community colleges to make them free or to drastically reduce the price for anyone in the community.

Freedom to Teach & Student Testing: [Proposes](#) a “Freedom Dividend” that will enable teachers to be more creative, pay their bills and improve their quality of life. He [stated](#): “As someone who was very good at standardized tests growing up I think they are a terrible measurement of anything other than whether you are good at the test.”

Vouchers & Privatization: [Stated](#): “There are very good charter schools, and very bad charter schools.”

Healthcare & Workplace Safety

“Medicare for All”: [Proposes](#) guaranteeing access to medicine and healthcare to all citizens, changing the incentive structure for doctors, and focusing on preventive and holistic care.

Public Option: Believes a public option does not go far enough, and proposes Medicare for All.

Prescription Drug Costs: [Proposes](#) bringing down the cost of prescription drugs by allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices, using international reference pricing, and making it easier to produce generic drugs.

Opioid Epidemic: [Proposes](#) reducing the production of and use of opioids for general pain management, and directing the Food and Drug Administration to regulate pharmaceutical companies’ marketing tactics and decriminalize opioids.

Gun Violence Reform: [Supports](#) creating a licensing policy, closing dangerous loopholes, banning the sale and manufacturing of assault weapons, implementing a federal buyback program, and directing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to research gun violence.

Jobs & the Economy

Trump’s Tax Cuts for the Wealthy: [Proposes](#) implementing a “Freedom Dividend” of \$1,000 per month, \$12,000 a year, for every American adult over the age of 18.

Rural America: [Proposes](#) incentivizing healthcare providers to care for patients in rural and indigent areas, and [revitalizing](#) rural communities with “universal basic income.”

Social Security: [Supports](#) strengthening Social Security.

Infrastructure: [Proposes](#) investing \$1 trillion into rebuilding infrastructure with an emphasis on sustainability, implementing new technologies, and generating 13 million jobs in the process.

Democracy

Voting Rights: [Proposes](#) restoring voting rights to individuals convicted of felonies, establishing [automatic](#) voter registration when eligible to vote, [making](#) Election Day a holiday, and [lowering](#) the voting age for federal elections to 16.

Citizens United: [Supports](#) overturning *Citizens United* by passing a constitutional amendment and eliminating super PACs and means for corporate intervention in campaigns.

Immigration & DACA: [Supports](#) a pathway to citizenship for immigrants, supports Dreamers, proposes providing resources to allow our asylum court system to function properly, and opposes family separation.

Civil Rights: [Supports](#) any legislation extending protected status to individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity, [ending](#) the use of private prisons, and [decreasing](#) states' reliance on cash bail.