The People's Platform
Issues, Policies and Positions

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Freedom to Exist as You Are
We owe it to ourselves to unite as one America that enshrines Universal Individual Liberty. Universal Individual Liberty guarantees that you can define your own purpose, can pursue your own happiness and can live your own life as you see fit without interference from the government or anyone else.

In other words, you live your life and let everyone else live theirs. Liberty for all is not identity politics. It is basic human understanding. We can end the culture wars against each other only when we embrace one another as fully human in every regard.

There is no debate or two sides to a person's right to exist as exactly who they are. In plain English, when it comes to telling another person how to live their life, mind your own business. We don't want the government or anyone else telling us how to live, how to love or how to procreate.

Some people will be offended when everyone has liberty. That is ok. However, making a person feel less than fully human or robbing them of the security of being exactly who they are because you might not like it is an infringement of liberty which will no longer stand.

Universal Individual Liberty does not mean a country full of rugged individualists disconnected from one another. Far from it! We can only guarantee liberty for one when we all work together to guarantee liberty for all. Community is our strength.

Fight for your natural rights to be yourself everyday! Do not let anyone ever suggest you are less than enough for living your life as you see fit.

Let us guarantee to each other as our highest civic virtue the freedom to simply be.

Government Has a Purpose–Protecting the Individual from Society
Our government has the responsibility to collectively enforce the individual guarantee to exist as you are. It should accomplish this with as much force as necessary, and not one ounce more.

For instance, the problem with the totalitarian left and the totalitarian right is not their horrible ideas, they are absolutely free to have them! The problem is when a fascist of any stripe enforces their beliefs on you and me through law.

There is no compromise here. Our government must protect everyone's right to believe, say and do anything as long as they are not taking someone else's life, liberty and property. If the government is enforcing what even one person must believe, say and do, then that is no longer freedom, that is now fascism.

We have a tension! The White Christian Nationalist gets to believe and spout their awful beliefs. They even get to be their racist selves in private and public. The rest of us get to tell them how awful they are. But once the White Christian Nationalists beliefs start to harm another person's life, liberty and property, then the government has a duty to step in and put a stop to it.

This must be universal and applied to every one in our borders: citizen, guest resident, undocumented immigrant or visitor.

Government Has a Purpose–Guaranteeing Always Competitive Markets

In the exact same way the government uses force to protect our individual ability to believe, say and do, it has an obligation to guarantee that each of us can participate in competitive markets. The government guarantees competitive markets by taxing excessive wealth, by taxing every dollar of wealth the same for individuals and corporations, by breaking up monopolies and oligopolies and by creating a safety regulatory system that does not choose the market's winners and losers.

A business of any size paying even one worker a full-time wage that does not allow for the worker to pay for their own home, clothes and food is a freeloading business. That company wants you and me, the taxpayer, to pay for their profits, instead of earning their profits. No more freeloading businesses! It stops now with the power of our government enforcing these rules that we all have to work by.

When a competitive market cannot exist because the profit motive and social motive do not align, like with healthcare, education and defense, the government has a responsibility to create that market. Is this Marxist Socialism? No!

Do you know how I know that it is not Marxist Socialism? Because regulating markets to always be competitive has nothing to do with the Marxist socialist aims of abolishing private property, getting rid of cash, banning religion and ending the very idea of the state.

Regulated competitive markets are still capitalist, arguably, the most capitalist! They are just not the unregulated Free Market Capitalism or Laissez-faire Capitalism that every great thinker of the last 300 years said is as bad as Marxist Socialism. We also have seen how bad Free Market Capitalism is with our own eyes.

We have plenty of places to point to that are competitive market economies with great individual freedom. With our own eyes we can see the success of Denmark and Norway. These countries are meeting the metric: the government is guaranteeing that the most possible people can exist

as they are and can fairly participate in competitive markets while accomplishing this with as much force as necessary, and not one ounce more.

Champion Virtue. Celebrate Happiness, Joy and Fulfillment
Our magic as a people is when we have a positive vision for today and tomorrow. We must reverse the perverse belief from the 1980s that greed is good, that vice is virtue. No more!

Greed is a vice. Greed is evil. We cannot outlaw greed, but we can certainly tax away its negative effects.

Champion the universal virtues. Justice is good. Courage is good. Wisdom is good. Temperance is good. Integrity is good. Fairness is good. Self-control is good. Prudence is good.

Wherever and whenever we can, let us celebrate happiness, joy and fulfillment.

Tax The Ultra Rich and Corporations, Untax The Rest of Us
The wealthiest individuals and corporations should pay taxes, “not only in proportion to their revenue, but something more than in that proportion.” When our ultra rich Billionaire Oligarchs and centi-millionaires are finally paying something more than in their proportion, then we can finally have a culture, economy and government that works for all of us.

To do this we must throw away every last line of our current tax code and start over.

<u>Comprehensive Wealth Tax with A National Sales Tax on Luxuries</u>
It is time to institute a comprehensive wealth tax with a high exemption, so the first $500,000/yr (averaged over 3 years) of income from all sources of wealth is taxed at 0%, and every marginal dollar starting at $500,001 and up (to billions)/yr (averaged over 3 years) of income from all sources of wealth is taxed at 30%-70% for all individuals and corporations. The actual tax rate on every marginal dollar earned starting at $500,001 will be the magic percent that balances the budget from here to eternity.

What makes up all sources of wealth: wages, income from rents and royalties, net profit from a business, inheritance (spousal inheritance exempt), gifts (spousal gifts exempt), capital gains, earnings from wagering, life insurance payouts (spousal payout exempt), dividend payments and loans against the value of stock or other capital. All sources means all sources, no exceptions.

Eliminate stock buybacks. Eliminate the carried interest loophole. Eliminate “stepped-up basis” on heritance. Eliminate all tax deductions, subsidies, tax credits and all other tax expenditures for all individuals and corporations. Eliminate special tax vehicles like 401(k), IRA, non-taxable trusts, and non-profit corporations including churches. While there can be many different types of recognized corporate structures, all corporations must pay the same tax and no corporate structure can offer a tax advantage over another. Tax every single dollar of comprehensive wealth exactly the same for individuals and corporations, no exceptions.

Institute a 5% flat federal sales tax on luxuries that every single American pays when they purchase a luxury. The taxes generated from the 5% flat federal sales tax on luxuries will lower the tax rate on comprehensive wealth over $500,001/yr to whatever the rate needed to balance the yearly fiscal budget.

Stop using the tax code for policy purposes. If a government policy program is worthwhile, then budget for it and pay for it with tax revenue.

The people are being crushed under the current system that rewards and entrenches the ultra rich Oligarchs. We need a new system that works for all of us. Think big, have imagination and advocate for meaningful change now!

Balance the Budget, Do Not Repay the Debt From Surplus, Refinance the Debt for Decades

Balance the yearly budget by law every year. Raise and lower the comprehensive wealth tax percentage as needed to make sure annual receipts equal annual expenditures.

Do not ever create a budget surplus in a year. Do not pay back the debt with a surplus. If there is a surplus, then return the excess receipts to the taxpayers in proportion to the overpayment.

Refinance the existing $37 trillion national debt for the next 250 years. Eventually, it will all come due.

Breakup Monopolies and Restore Market Competition

Monopolies form when the super wealthy who control the corporations capture the government and allow a single winner (or just a few winners) to completely control a market. The monopolist, having captured the government, can inflict pain on wage earners by offering abysmally low wages, and they can inflict pain on consumers by charging more for a good or service than would be natural if competition existed in the market.

Put slightly another way, it is not immigrants, minorities, women, gays or other poor people stealing your rightly earned wealth, it is large monopolistic corporations who have captured the government to protect them from competition. While price collusion and anti-competitive practices are less than desirable, it is possible to make an argument that in order to provide maximum liberty, the owners of businesses can absolutely conspire to set wages and prices.

This is not so much an issue when there is lots of competition in a market, because while it might temporarily benefit all the competitors to conspire, all it takes is one to raise wages or lower prices or find a more efficient means of production to internally break a cartel. OPEC’s misery today is a good example of what happens to cartels with lots of competition in the long run.

However, price collusion and anti-competitive practices are a huge issue when there is no competition because a true monopolist completely owns a market, or when there is oligopoly marked by limited competition amongst a small number of producers or sellers.

If we want to restore markets and we want to create a better capitalism, then we must push back against the billionaire propaganda. Recognize that in order for you to have a fair shot in an open competitive market, that the market actually has to be competitive and open. Boo and denounce the billionaires and their paid shills in the form of the politicians who run both major parties and for the economists who pretend that defending open markets against monopoly is Marxist Socialism.

Now is the time to pass laws to break-up the monopolists and oligopolists, to fund federal prosecutors to sue to break-up monopolies and cartels, and to appoint judges who will properly rule that these laws are constitutional and enforceable.

Restore competitive markets to restore America and reverse wealth inequality. Demand Congress take action now to breakup:

- Amazon
- Microsoft
- Google/Alphabet
- The pork producers: Smithfield, JBS, Tyson and Hormel
- The chicken producers: Tyson, Pilgrim's Pride, Perdue and Sanderson Farms
- The airlines: Delta Air Lines, American Airlines; Southwest Airlines and United Airlines
- The telecoms companies: AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile

A Living Wage for Every Fulltime Job

Abolish the minimum wage and replace it with an adjustable minimum living wage that allows for the worker to pay for their own home, clothes and food. Today, this minimum living wage is $28/hr. Tax the companies that pay less than the living minimum wage the difference of the minimum living wage minus what they pay. No more freeloading businesses stealing our wealth!

Universal Basic Income–The USA Dividend Payment

The wealth of the nation must be shared by every single one of us. To that end, every American adult over the age of 18 receives a USA Dividend Payment of $1,000/month or $12,000/year, a Universal Basic Income (UBI) without means testing and without exception. Every American child under the age of 18 receives a USA Dividend Payment of $250/month or $3,000/year, a Universal Basic Income (UBI) without means testing and without exception payable to their parent(s) or guardian(s).

The USA Dividend Payment replaces SNAP benefits, as well as any previous restrictions to how the benefit is spent.

The payment rises with inflation over time.

Fully fund the USA Dividend Payment from the receipts the government collects through the comprehensive wealth tax, national sales tax on luxuries, tax on businesses paying less than a living wage, natural resources leases and royalties, excise taxes, duties and tariffs.

Universal Basic Income–Social Security
Convert Social Security to a Universal Basic Income that Americans start to receive at 62 years old in addition to the USA Dividend Payment. At 62 years old, every American receives a Social Security payment of $2,000/month or $24,000/year, a UBI without means testing and without exception.

A current retiree and a person set to retire within 7 years who receives or would receive a current Social Security benefit of more than $3,000/month or $36,000/year ($1,200/month USA Dividend Payment + $2,000 Social Security payment), will receive their maximum earned Social Security benefit each month until they die.

The payment rises with inflation over time.

Fully fund Social Security from the receipts the government collects through the comprehensive wealth tax, national sales tax on luxuries, tax on businesses paying less than a living wage, natural resources leases and royalties, excise taxes, duties and tariffs.

Universal Healthcare
The current US Private Healthcare industry provides neither health nor care. It exists to maximize profit. You are charged as much as they can extract from you and in return they provide the least amount of care possible. Your death is their fat profit margin.

The solution is to scrap every last bit of our current health insurance nightmare, including Medicare and VA Healthcare, and replace it with Universal Health Insurance (for all of us) with Supplemental Private Insurance (for the wealthy).

This is the same universal healthcare system that Japan and Germany use to deliver outstanding healthcare outcomes for half the per capita cost of our entire healthcare economy. In fact, The German Bismark system insures all 85 million Germans and covers medical healthcare, mental healthcare, long-term care and prescriptions,

A switch to this model of Universal Healthcare will save $10 trillion over 10 years while saving and extending lives.

Demand Universal Healthcare now! You will be healthier and wealthier!

Fully fund Universal Healthcare from the receipts the government collects through the comprehensive wealth tax, national sales tax on luxuries, tax on businesses paying less than a living wage, natural resources leases and royalties, excise taxes, duties and tariffs.

Universal Education
The government has a duty to guarantee a free, high-quality public education to every child in America. Europe does this to great success, and so can the USA. This includes:

- Universal Childcare and Pre-Kindergarten
    - Provide free, high-quality early education and childcare to every child
- Universal Primary Education
    - Provide free, high-quality primary education to every child
    - Require Evidence-Based Reading Instruction
    - Suggestion: Include the study of rhetoric, logic and dialectic.
    - Suggestion: Study Western and Eastern philosophy from the first written records through today to provide every American the tools they need to navigate the world
- Free Public College and Vocational Training
    - Fully fund public universities and trade schools.

Fully fund Universal Education with a federal mandate that all 50 states create, implement and fund this fundamental right. The federal government also has a financial obligation particularly through funding for research projects, special programs, and research facilities.

Voting Rights
We only have one voting rights document, the Constitution. Providing every single American citizen an affirmative and automatic right to vote in every election is the best tool we have to continuously approach a more perfect Union.

<u>An Affirmative and Automatic Constitutional Right to Vote</u>
A proposed Constitutional amendment for affirmative and automatic voting rights:
Any natural born citizen or naturalized citizen that is 18 years or older on election day has the absolute right to vote in a municipal, county, local board, regional board, state and federal election. There are no exceptions to this right to vote, including for prisoners, former prisoners, debtors or any other classification of citizen.

While a constitutional amendment is ideal, a new voting rights law that follows all of these criteria can pass without having to change a single word of the Constitution. I will tirelessly work to bring about an automatic and affirmative right to vote for every citizen in the fastest and most comprehensive way possible.

<u>National Voter Registry ID Number</u>
Along with a constitutional amendment or similar voting rights law that guarantees an affirmative and automatic right to vote, Congress must create a National Voter Registry. How will it work?

On the day your local county recorder issues your birth certificate, you also receive your National Voter Registry ID Number. On your 18th birthday, your national voter number is automatically activated allowing you to vote in any election for the locale or district where you have established residency. So simple!

If you're a naturalized citizen, on the day of your naturalization, congratulations, you receive your National Voter Registry ID Number! If you're not yet 18 when you're naturalized, well, when that day does come, your voter number is automatically activated, just as if you were born here.

Establishing Residency

The residency requirement should be 30-days in one locale or district. Now, you cannot go moving every 30-days and voting in primary after primary for an office that you already voted for. So, the cool thing about a database is that the votes can be tracked and such illicit acts caught immediately and the second votes be disallowed. And you cannot go early voting in one locale or district and try to establish residency in another district and vote on election day for the same election. Again, something a database of all federal voter numbers will easily foil.

Vote-by-Mail and the Election Period

Additionally, Election Day should become the Election Period featuring:

- 100% automatic Vote-by-Mail with the option to drop a ballot at a ballot collection spot or at a polling location
- 4 week voting period in every election at the local, state and federal level
- In-person voting Election Weekend on the final Saturday and Sunday of the election

Implement Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and Non-Partisan Primaries

Create federal, state and local laws to implement ranked choice voting in primary elections and general elections for every office.

Remove the abilities of any party to control a primary election that is run by a state or local government. Remove the ability of a party to control who appears on any ballot. Adopt the non partisan primary system that exists in California and apply it to every office and every election across the country.

End the Administration of Political Party Primaries by the States

Political parties should pay for and conduct their own primaries/internal voting to decide who they will run for office. Once the political party chooses its candidates, those candidates can sign-up to run, pay the fees and collect the necessary signatures to appear on the ballot. States out of political party primaries now!

Direct Election of the President and Vice President

Abolish the Electoral College and amend the Constitution to allow for the direct election of the President and Vice President with a national popular vote. The history of voting in the country has been painfully slow to maximize the democratic portion of directly choosing our representatives. Just as the Senate switched to direct election of Senators with the 17th Amendment in 1913, we can and must make this change to elect the President and Vice President.

A proposed constitutional amendment for the direct election of the President and Vice President:

The President of the United States and the Vice President of the United States will be elected by winning the majority of votes cast amongst the natural born citizens and naturalized citizens of the States, Washington, D.C., and the Territories. If there is a tie of all the votes cast, then the House of Representatives sworn in at the beginning of the new term of the House will elect the winner with the majority vote cast from all Members of the House.

This change can only be accomplished by a constitutional amendment as outlined in Article 5, US Constitution.

When we get rid of the Electoral College, 250+ million voters will be in play for the presidency instead of 100,000 spread across 6 states. This change will boost voter turnout for every election and every office.

Ban Gerrymandering
We the people must guarantee that we choose our representatives at the ballot box instead of our representatives choosing their voters before the election. A constitutional amendment or law that bans the practice of gerrymandering voting districts must be passed now.

A proposed constitutional amendment or law that bans gerrymandering for US House of Representatives:
Each apportioned district of a State shall be drawn in a rectangular fashion to include no more than 4 sides and shall be apportioned to encompass an equal number of number of all residents including natural born citizens, naturalized citizens, non-citizen residents and unregistered residents as determined by the decennial census.

Additionally, all 50 states must pass similar anti-gerrymandering constitutional amendments or laws that apply these same district drawing rules to every office at the state and local levels.

Increase Size of US House of Representatives
Pass a law to expand the size of the House from 435 seats, or 773,000 residents per representative, to 1,305 seats, or 257,000 residents per representative. Then reapportion Congress based on the above district drawing rules.

Washington, DC Statehood
Make Washington, D.C., a state via act of Congress, and amend the Constitution to allow the federal seat of government to be a state.

Puerto Rico Statehood
Make Puerto Rico a state, if after an official ballot, the people of Puerto Rico choose statehood.

Senate Reform–End the Filibuster
In the Senate, abolish the 60-vote cloture requirement to filibuster legislation. If this happens, the sclerotic Senate can return to the talking filibuster for each Senator.

Senate Reform–Constitutional Amendment
For an even more democratic and representative government, amend the Constitution so that the Senate only has veto power over legislation from the House. Require 3/4 of the Senate to veto legislation passed by the House to stop the bill from reaching the President.

The Senate would retain its power, along with the House, to override a Presidential veto.

Campaign Finance–100% Transparency, No Anonymous Campaign Donations
The Citizens United campaign finance decision correctly finds that spending money to support a political campaign is protected by the First Amendment for individuals, corporations, unions and other interest groups.

Where the ruling breaks down is allowing for the anonymous funding of political parties, individual campaigns and other interest groups through the 501(c)(4) loophole.

The needed reforms are:

1. Remove any and all limits on the amount of a donation from an individual, corporation, union or other interest group to a political party, individual campaign or independent political expenditure.
2. Require that any donation over $100 in one month from an individual, corporation, union or other interest group to a political party, individual campaign or independent political expenditure be reported and disclosed publicly no later than the end of the following month that the donation was made.
3. Failure to report in the 30-day time period subjects the offending individual or the offending individuals that make up a corporation's officers, union's officers or other interest group's officers to a fine equal to 100% of the undisclosed amount and 30-days in prison.
4. Every political ad must disclose the individual, corporation, union or interest group that paid for the ad

This is absolutely a feasible proposition with today's accounting and reporting software.

Update state and local level campaign finance laws for all elected offices and ballot initiatives to follow these same three requirements.

Supreme Court and Judicial Reform
Increase the size of the Supreme Court to 13 justices to match the number of Circuit Courts.

Establish clear ethics rules for federal judges with a clear path to impeachment by the House of Representatives and conviction by the Senate to remove unethical judges.

Bodily Autonomy and Abortion Rights

An individual person's absolute right to control decisions about their body is paramount to maintaining liberty and freedom for all. This extends to a pregnant person making decisions about their body and their life without interference from the government or anyone else.

A proposed constitutional amendment for the right to bodily autonomy and abortion:
A pregnant person, including all natural born citizens, naturalized citizens, non-citizen residents and unregistered residents, has the right to full bodily autonomy to terminate a pregnancy at any time.

While a constitutional amendment is ideal, a new federal bodily autonomy and abortion rights law that follows all of these criteria can pass without having to change a single word of the Constitution. I will tirelessly work to guarantee bodily autonomy and abortion rights for every citizen in the fastest and most comprehensive way possible.

Not one single "baby" has died due to an abortion in the first 24 weeks of a pregnancy, because there is no human life or personhood before then, so there is no "baby." When a pregnant person has had to make the painful choice to terminate their baby's life after 24 weeks, the reason is because the baby and/or the mother would not have survived birth. There are 0 family planning abortions after 24 weeks.

If you, an individual pregnant person, do not want to have an abortion, then do not have an abortion.

That you might be tempted to have an abortion is not reason enough to prohibit others from the same.

If you are not a pregnant person, you have no say over what a pregnant person can do to their body.

The Bible, both the Hebrew text and New Testament, say nothing about abortion, nor do they ever imply a fetus has full moral and legal personhood. The closest the bible comes to mentioning a fetus at all is unsurprisingly as the property of the husband of a pregnant wife.

Abortion is healthcare. Bodily autonomy is liberty.

Immigration
Immigrants are pro-American. They represent the best of America. They are real Americans. Let's celebrate our immigrants and bring new ones in.

<u>Undocumented Immigrants</u>
Immediately provide the 11 million unauthorized immigrants in the US today with green cards and a pathway to citizenship.

With a green card and path to citizenship at the ready for every existing undocumented immigrant, require each of them to apply for documentation and subject themselves to a criminal background check. When an undocumented person is discovered, automatically sign them up for the green card to citizenship process. Failure to apply for a green card and subject oneself to a background check is immediate grounds for removal and deportation.

New Immigration
Increase the number of legal immigrants to 2 million people each year including those seeking asylum. Provide new immigrants with green cards and a path to citizenship

Protect Seasonal Agricultural Workers
Not every migrant wants to come to the US permanently. Many do come for temporary, seasonal work. The government must make their journeys and work safe while also offering them the protections of justice afforded anyone in the country's borders.

Enforce strict labor standards for seasonal agricultural workers, including fair wages, decent housing and safety protections.

Require that seasonal agricultural workers apply for a visa that includes a background check. Failure to agree to a background check is immediate grounds for barring entry, as well as removal and deportation if already in the country.

Provide seasonal agricultural workers the opportunity to apply for a green card if they would like to become permanent residents.

Delivering Justice for All
There is no moral justification to prohibit an adult their inalienable Liberty from doing as they see fit. In fact, it is immoral and an act against the individual and humanity to prohibit individual freedoms that do not violate another's right to Life, Liberty and Property.

Society does not need to be protected from the individual. The individual needs to be protected from society.

Violate another's Life, Liberty and Property, then it is time to have moral outrage for the perpetrator of those violations to face strong penalties.

That said, prison destroys individuals and their families, and that destruction has serious negative repercussions for society. We should endeavor to make prison the punishment for crimes where restitution will not lead to justice for the victim..

- Crimes against Life require the convicted to go to jail. I believe the current laws for Murder and Manslaughter are mostly corrected in how they are applied. Not sure what to change here
- Crimes against Liberty require some time in jail, and a large component of restitution. Will the victim ever be made whole, from their trauma, probably not. Can we make it so

the criminal gets as close to making the victim whole and society whole without having them languish in prison? This would be in line with Liberty, would offer the criminal a chance at redemption, help the criminal's family and aid society.

Most importantly, let's really define what are crimes against Liberty. We'll start by defining what's not a crime against Liberty, and this is all the vice laws and prohibition laws that restrict the liberty of an individual adult to do with their body, mind and spirit as they see fit, as well as for more consenting adults to do with each other whatever they choose to do to their collective bodies, minds and spirits. Of course, consent is the big word here, because without consent is when we have a violation of an individual's liberty.

- Crimes against Property should be treated with the aim of allowing the perpetrator to pay restitution to the victim. When it comes to property crimes, the victim can be made whole in a dollar sense. Instead of prison for a property crime, the perpetrator must work to pay the victim over time, with interest, to make them whole.

  A repeat property crime perpetrator would eventually find themselves in jail if they do not change their ways after having to work to make their original victim whole. The time in prison should be weighed against the actual damages of the crime versus how much money it costs to incarcerate the perpetrator.

<u>Public Safety–Unarmed Crisis Response Instead of Police Response</u>
We ask the police and other forms of local law enforcement to respond to domestic interpersonal crises and other mental health-related crises for which they are not equipped. In fact, it is insane of us to make this request of them.

If your goal is safety and less crime, then sending ill-equipped police to deal with non-violent situations, which are a majority of the calls they respond to, is not the answer.

I am for safety and less crime. That is why I advocate for public safety initiatives that work, and un-armed crisis first responders are proven to work. The federal government must mandate a rethink of public safety to shrink police and local law enforcement forces while quickly building to scale local un-armed crisis response forces in every hamlet, village, town and city, no matter the size and no matter the population density of the jurisdiction.

<u>Public Safety–Invest in Detectives Over Low-Level Policing</u>
Clearance rates are low and declining–invest in detective offices, instead of low-leveling police patrols. Create small SWAT-like armed response teams for when an armed response is necessary. Direct the rest of the force to crime solving and case clearance. Solve crimes, try and convict the offenders, make us all safer and more secure in our persons.

<u>End Qualified Immunity</u>
End Qualified Immunity for police officers and other government workers who violate citizens Constitutional and civil rights now. Ending Qualified Immunity—a judicial doctrine with no basis

in the Constitution or law, other than police departments, justice departments and courts around the country decided without legislative input that it should exist—would make citizens safer.

Which should be an obvious goal of a public safety institution like the police.

Police and other government officials do not need special protections to do their job well and as professionals. In fact, providing them protections that no one else receives puts the life, liberty and property of all of us in more danger.

Outlaw the Death Penalty
Life in prison is payment enough for a crime that has taken another person's life or severely harmed a person's liberty. The state does not do itself or the people any good by putting persons to death. The death penalty has never been shown to reduce crime nor make the population safer. Banish the death penalty at the federal and state levels.

Sentencing Reform and Decarceration
Eliminate mandatory minimums for non-violent offenses; support restorative justice and sentence review.

Abolish Cash Bail
End wealth-based pretrial detention and expand alternatives to incarceration.

Abolish Private Prisons
Prison is not a money-making enterprise. There is no profit to be had from housing prisoners. There is no profit to be had from making prisoners work for extremely low wages or slavery. Immediately close all private prisons at every level of government. Enforce that every public jurisdiction must run its own public prison system.

Felony and Misdemeanor Post-Release Record and Rights
We must pass federal legislation that stops states from barring convicted felons who complete their sentence and are released from state custody from any job.

Prison was the punishment. Adding restrictions, especially shrinking job opportunities, after a sentence is completed. These restrictions are a clear violation of the 8th Amendment to the Constitution.

No discrimination in housing or employment or any other service after release.

More importantly, we should work to reintegrate a released felon back into society, so they can become productive and contribute.

Drug Policy
End all prohibitions on all drugs for individual adults and consenting adults. If an adult wants to ingest cigarettes, marijuana, cocaine (in any of its forms), opiates, etc.

If you, an individual, do not want to do drugs, then do not do drugs.

That you might be tempted to drugs is not reason enough to prohibit others from the same.

There should absolutely be social support for an individual who takes drugs and wants to stop.

Regulate it for safety. Tax it. Get it off the streets.

Prostitution Policy
End all prohibitions on all prostitution for individual adults and consenting adults.

If you, an individual, do not want to engage in prostitution, then do not engage in prostitution.

That you might be tempted to engage in prostitution is not reason enough to prohibit others from the same.

There should absolutely be social support for an individual who participates in prostitution and wants to stop.

Regulate it for safety. Tax it. Get it off the streets.

Pornography Policy
End all prohibitions on all pornography for adults and consenting adults.

If you, an individual, do not want to engage in pornography, then do not engage in pornography.

That you might be tempted to engage in pornography is not reason enough to prohibit others from the same.

There should absolutely be social support for an individual who participates in pornography and wants to stop.

Regulate it. Tax it. Get it off the streets.

Also, this one is special, as it is absolutely protected by the First Amendment.

Loitering Policy
End all prohibitions on loitering for individual adults and consenting adults.

If you, an individual, do not want to engage in loitering, then do not engage in loitering.

That you might be tempted to engage in loitering is not reason enough to prohibit others from the same.

There should absolutely be social support for an individual who participates in loitering and wants to stop.

Polygamy Policy
End all prohibitions on polygamy for individual adults and consenting adults.

If you, an individual, do not want to engage in polygamy, then do not engage in polygamy.

That you might be tempted to engage in polygamy is not reason enough to prohibit others from the same.

You know, a wife having multiple husbands if that's what she wants!

There should absolutely be social and legal (divorce) support for an individual who wants to leave a polygamous relationship.

Gaming and Gambling Policy
End all prohibitions on gambling for individual adults and consenting adults.

If you, an individual, do not want to engage in gambling, then do not engage in gambling.

That you might be tempted to engage in gambling is not reason enough to prohibit others from the same.

There should absolutely be social support for an individual who participates in gambling and wants to stop.

Regulate it. Tax it. Get it off the streets.

Methamphetamine, Opioid, Fentanyl and Other Drugs Overdose Crisis
If we were a serious country that really wanted to end the methamphetamine, opioid, fentanyl and other drug overdose crisis epidemics, we would not be discussing cuts to Medicaid for the ultra rich, we would immediately pass Universal Healthcare.

Safety and Regulatory
The market safety and regulatory approach from the government should be goals and objectives-based with strategies to achieve the goals. Every year the strategies need to be assessed against the goals and the strategy updated if needed. Every 3 to 5 years, the government

The first strategy bullet point when thinking through the government's safety and regulatory approach to business must be:

- Achieve the safety and regulatory goals at the least possible administrative cost to the taxpayer
- Achieve goals with the least cost and burden to business
- Never implement rules that show favor or choose winners in the marketplace

Workers' Rights and Union Organizing
The right for workers to organize is protected by the First Amendment's right of the people peaceably to assemble. The freedom to unionize, picket and strike is a fundamental liberty for the government to guarantee to all of us.

The ability to organize and strike must be protected by the government and without interference from the government; therefore, fully repeal the Taft-Harley Act.

The ability to organize and strike must be protected by the government and without interference from the government; therefore, fully repeal all state-level "right-to-work" laws.

A strike's strength comes from holding the picket line, not by force, but by persuasion. If a picket line does not hold and workers cross it, then the union cannot stop these other workers from taking a job that is offered to them.

The government should not care about the results of the attempt to organize; therefore, there should be no ability to declare a national security or public health and safety ability.

Guarantee automatic card-check recognition and first-contract bargaining within six months.

Suggestion: Organize, unionize and strike to win a seat on the board of every Fortune 1,000 company.

For the Common Defense, End the Empire
We do not need a $1 trillion defense budget.

We need to slash the defense budget from nearly $1 trillion to $500 billion.

Stop overspending on a military that does not make us any safer. Inflating profits for Lockheed Martin, RTX (formerly Raytheon), Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics, Boeing and the rest of the private defense industry is not the job of the American taxpayer. Cut the budget; we will be just as safe and way more secure.

Empty our bases around the world. Our footprint should be within our borders and in the seas. There is no reason for a single American soldier to be stationed anywhere in the world during a time of peace. And no, the American soldier on foreign soil is not keeping the peace.

Housing

The national lack of housing, while varied by region, is lowering growth and blocking many Americans from accessing one of the key rungs on the ladder to generating wealth. The government has a duty to facilitate a healthy, competitive market that rewards developers with reasonable returns and provides Americans with lots of different housing options.

We can get the government to say yes. We can build the homes we need for every income level.

Zoning and Permit Reform

All residential zoning must be multi-family. Artificial restrictions on supply are anti-liberty. The economic restriction to the property owner is unjust. The use of the same restrictions to keep certain populations out of neighborhoods is also unjust.

Multi-family zoning is a major pillar of the housing solution to ensure liberty and freedom for all. Creating a streamlined, inexpensive and fast permitting process is key to allowing development to be successful. The federal government must employ funding mandates to move states and local jurisdictions to outlaw single family home zoning while also creating permitting processes that make it easy to build.

Section 8 Vouchers

Fully fund the backlog of people on Section 8. They already qualify! Pay for it!

Investigate and Implement Social Housing

We should investigate the feasibility of social housing that is built for everyone at every income level. Singapore and Hong Kong provide good models. In this model, the government (federal, state or local) pays for everything that goes into getting a building built. The mixed income nature of the housing solution, with a majority of the tenants paying market-rate, is how maintenance is paid for by collecting enough rent.

Federal Loan Guarantees to Build Market Rate Multi-Family and Missing Middle Homes

The federal government needs to help build more market rate housing with Federal Housing Administration loan/mortgage guarantees for Multi-Family Housing.

- Construction loan, short term, pay it back
- Long-term loan guarantee to drive down interest rates

Build! Build! Build!

Los Angeles City and Los Angeles Metro Housing

Build everywhere to get to 4 million new homes in LA County and 450,000 homes in the City of LA! Build in every neighborhood and every city in the county. Upzone everywhere, modify CEQA to not apply to existing housing and infill, make permitting a 30-day process and add self-certification. Make almost all construction by-right and enforce ministerial review to remove local council interference.

Off of corridors build single family homes, duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, condominiums and garden apartments. On corridors, build high and deep. Build! Build! Build!

The Mills Act (state law) and HPOZ (LA ordinance) are discriminatory ordinances that artificially restrict the supply of land where new housing units of all types can be built. Let's repeal these discriminatory and racist laws to keep our state, our cities and our neighborhoods the most energetic and vibrant in the world for people today and generations to come.

Housing will be the City's and County's largest jobs program ever. It will raise revenues through property taxes to fund the County and the City. It will keep LA growing and relevant.

Homelessness
This is not a local or state issue alone. This is absolutely an issue for the federal government to partner with local and state entities to solve.

City of Los Angeles
Instead of offering homeless services under any government agency's control, create a system of direct payments of cash to the 45,000 unhoused in the City of LA. No more middle-man services.

The County and City have spent a combined approximately $6 billion on homelessness directed within the City of LA from the 2020/21 to 2023/24 fiscal years. If you divide the $6 billion by the City's 45,000 total unhoused (combining sheltered and unsheltered) and divide that by 4 years, we have spent $33,000 per unhoused person per year. This figure does not include additional police resources, county hospital resources, sanitation and other public works resources that are also directed to homelessness.

The City and County should end all third-party homelessness services immediately and replace it with a system of providing $30,000 per year directly to each unhoused person. The only requirement to receive the cash is to come in for medical and mental health exams, where each person receives Zoloft or Lexapro (or the anti-depressant correct for them), Adderal (or the ADHD medicine correct for them), Xanax (or the anti-anxiety correct for them), and Fluphenazine (for the Schizophrenics, or whatever medicine is correct for them). Plus, bi-weekly therapy sessions to treat their depression, PTSD and anxiety.

To facilitate the treatment component, LA County should purchase a building on Skid Row and turn it into a hospital for mental healthcare treatment, with shuttle rides to Los Angeles General Medical Center for medical treatment.

The unhoused could use the money to rent an apartment in LA County or anywhere in the US and they would be guaranteed money for 2 years. Direct payments are not a cheaper option. However, we should absolutely give it a go to see if it provides the outcomes we desire. Direct payments could clear the streets within a year, not a decade, and would produce real life-changing results.

The answer to our homelessness crisis is clear. Stop wasting money on services. Start providing direct cash payments to the homeless. In addition to cash, free healthcare, free therapy and free medication to treat mental health including ptsd, adhd/add, depression, anxiety and schizophrenia.

Enough throwing money away. Time to spend the same money and get actual results.

Free Speech Is A Public-Only Liberty
The government's absolute guarantee of free speech applies to every last inch of all public spaces and not one inch further. The government has no ability to regulate private speech.

There is no such thing as a corporation or private entity that can ever guarantee your freedom of speech because the private entity can change their mind about what is said on their platform any day. It is their absolute right as the owner of a private publishing platform! For the sake of our culture, we should recognize this and stop letting private publishers tell us that they are guaranteeing us for life a free speech platform.

The right to say anything is not a guarantee that if you slander, libel, knowingly lie about a product, threaten an individual or incite a riot that your speech might later come with a price in the form of cash or prison as determined by the courts.

Climate, Energy and Environment
End all tax expenditures and subsidies for oil, gas and mineral exploration, extraction and related industries.

End all tax expenditures and subsidies for energy production of all types.

End all tax expenditures and subsidies for clean emission vehicles.

Implement strict safety and emissions regulations and hold polluters accountable to these requirements. How a business meets these requirements is wholly up to them.

Tax polluters that do not meet the agreed upon safety and emission standards the cost for the government–federal, state and local–to hire 3rd-parties to clean-up their pollution.

Student Loan Debt Forgiveness and Bankruptcy
1. A maximum repayment amount for the total loan must be established and abided by no matter how long the repayment takes.
    a. For example, the maximum repayment amount can be set at 25% of a loan's original value, so a $10,000 loan has a maximum fixed repayment cost to the borrower of $12,500.

    b. Remember, 90% of this debt is already backed by the Federal government, we do not need to squeeze our own citizens when we the people are the ultimate backer of this debt
2. On all current outstanding debt, retroactively set the maximum repayment amount for every loan
    a. For current outstanding loans that have already paid more than the maximum repayment, close the account as conditions met and refund the difference from the actual payment minus the maximum repayment with interest to the borrower
    b. When a current outstanding loans with a balance greater than the maximum repayment reaches a $0 balance, close the account as conditions met
3. Change the law to allow for student debt to be forgiven in bankruptcy

Activate Non-Voters
The largest voting block this election was once again the 95 million Americans who did not vote. While their participation might have left us all with the same result, they left all of their civic power on the table.

Our mission must be to activate the 95,000,000 non-voters! A politics that activates the apolitical will be a winning politics.

Destroy the Two Party Power Duopoly: Deny Both A Majority On Every Body
If you are voting for a candidate because they have a D or R next to their name, then you are giving up your power and are already losing. We need to ditch Democrats and Republicans and replace them with independent Americans who will run for and win every office in the land. This is on us. We are responsible. And when we fail, we are to blame. No more failing ourselves. Let us show a little imagination and a lot of fight and we can create an America that works for all of us.

The argument here is not that both parties are the same. The argument is that neither party is up to the task of delivering on The People's Platforms–policies that are popular with a majority of Americans.

A party that protects incumbents from being primaried by anyone and everyone in the party who wants a shot at running is a business that puts institutional interests over the people. At the end of the day, the Democratic Party exists for its own survival and the Republican Party exists for its own survival. Neither party exists to serve your interests.

Democrats and Republicans combined make up less than 60% of the electorate. That means 40% of us are already nominally independent. We say we want something different. However, when we go and vote we actually have to make different choices beyond checking the box with a D or R next to the name.

Our aim in the 2026 elections must be to deny Republicans and Democrats a majority on any elected body: Congress, state legislature, city council, school board, etc. Elect enough

independents to deny both parties a majority and we immediately reset our politics to be pro-American people.

You can continue to follow them to your doom, or you can save yourself. Saving yourself requires trying something new and trusting that it will be better on our way to destroying the two party power duopoly.

Ban Congressional Stock Trades
All Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate must move all their stock-based assets into a blind trust during their term. No more representatives or senators trading stock on insider information.

Divorce
The primary goal is to place both spouses at the start of the marriage at an equal footing with an understanding that everything that happens from day one is part of an equal partnership. Should that equal partnership come to an end, both parties should know with certainty a standardized outcome for divorcing.

- Divorce proceedings are automatically granted when one party starts the process, and the process is guaranteed to end in a divorce unless both parties stop it.
- Should be templated default 50-50 split of everything created from the day of the marriage to its dissolution
    - Custody of children
    - Assets and wealth creation
    - Loans and debts
- To change the split from the default 50-50 should require going to court and proving an extremely high burden of why the balance should be shifted.
- Assets that are brought into the marriage can remain outside of the marriage if the couple agrees. However, any appreciating value of the assets during the time of the marriage is considered the property of the marriage and subject to the default 50-50 split. Basically, a spouse can get their original contribution back, but any appreciation to the contribution during the marriage is part of the community property.

Inter-American Student Exchange Program
Instead of a foreign student exchange program that sends American high schoolers to other countries, we need a domestic student exchange program that sends American high schoolers from small towns to large cities and vice-versa for a semester in 10th grade.

A 16-year old from Elkton, KY spending a month at John Marshall High in Los Feliz, walking around Silver Lake and Echo Park would see how people of different backgrounds, beliefs and wealth make life work living with each other. It would transform this nation in a few short years.

Duties, Tariffs and Trade

Trade barriers distort markets and make goods and services more expensive. That a select internal group might benefit from the barriers and rent-seeking does not mean the rest of the economy or society needs to pay an artificial price premium.

When it comes to imports, other than stopping goods and services for safety standards, forced labor and slavery, and intellectual property protection, there should be no trade barriers greater than the cost of processing the goods or services into the US.

In the world without Trump's incoherent and ridiculous tariffs on the world, in general the US protects the following industries: milk/dairy, wheat, sugar, logs/lumber, solar panels and automotive. These tariff policies should end immediately and follow the principles found below.

No more protections on dumping. Duties and Tariffs are only based on the trade status, either 0% tariff or 100%, of the country of origin.

1. Imported goods must meet US safety standards. If an imported good does not meet US safety standards, it is banned from entry and can be seized and destroyed at any time.
2. Imported goods must not be made with forced labor at any step in the manufacturing process. If an imported good is made with forced labor at any step in the manufacturing process, it is banned from entry and can be seized and destroyed at any time.
3. Imported goods must not violate protected US intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. If an imported good violates protected US intellectual property, it is banned from entry and can be seized and destroyed at any time.
4. With the exceptions for safety standards and forced labor, the US will not bar entry of any imported good for any reason including concerns about the exporting country's environmental, labor or competitiveness standards, without concern for if the good is from a privately-owned, state-owned or partially privately and state-owned company, and without concern for other trade agreements.
5. The US will charge duties for the administration of customs at a rate that does not exceed the cost to process and when necessary test imported goods, according to a schedule like the existing one: https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/user-fee-table
6. If the US makes a profit on the administration of customs, it will refund importers, domestic and foreign, the overcharge without interest.
7. If the US runs a deficit in the administration of customs, it will raise the rates the following year.
8. The US will charge 0% tariff on all imported goods that meet US safety standards and are not made with forced labor at any step in the production process from an exporting country that charges the US 0% tariff on all goods from the US and that charge import duties that only recoup the cost of processing and testing goods.
9. The US will charge a 100% tariff on all imported goods that meet US safety standards and are not made with forced labor at any step in the production process from an exporting country that charges a tariff of .00001% or higher on even one good that the

US exports back to the country of origin. Additionally, the US will charge 100% on all imported goods from an exporting country that charges duties in excess of the cost of processing and testing goods on US exports back to the country of origin.

10. US entities that import goods directly from a foreign country will pay either the 0% tariff or the 100% tariff based on the country of origin, plus the processing and testing duties.
11. Each foreign entity (individual, trust, corporation, privately-owned, state-owned, or hybrid of privately and state-owned) doing business in the US that imports goods to sell on its own in the US must pay the same corporate tax as US corporations on the net profit, not including the processing and testing duties as a reimbursable expense, of all imported goods. Any cash left over after paying taxes can stay in the US or be repatriated to the foreign entity's country of choice tax free (and presumably following the rules of the entity's home country, but that's not on the US government to enforce or intervene).
12. US entities that export to a foreign country, will pay the lowest corporate tax rate of the foreign country on the profits of exported goods sold in the foreign country, not including the processing and testing duties as a reimbursable expense, unless the foreign country allows such a deduction. If the foreign country does not charge the US entity the lowest corporate tax rate on the profits of exported goods sold in the foreign country, then the US will impose 100% tariffs on all goods imported to the US from the foreign country.
13. The US will withdraw from the World Trade Organization and will pursue its trade policy only on a nation-to-nation basis without a supra-national entity's intervention.

The revenue generated from duties and tariffs will lower the tax rate on comprehensive wealth over $500,001/yr to whatever the rate needed to balance the yearly fiscal budget.

Natural Resources Leases and Royalties

The United States stands alone amongst almost all nations in how little it charges for leases and royalties on the country's natural resources. The stuff in the ground is literally the wealth of the nation, and when that wealth is extracted it must be shared with each and every last one of us. Not only do the world's most successful countries do this, like Norway, but so do America's two reddest states, Texas and Alaska.

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<u>Oil and Natural Gas</u>

Royalty rates must rise to 25% (same as Texas which is highest oil severance tax of any oil-producing state) for on-shore and off-shore production.

Minimum Bonus (bid) should go up to $25 per acre on-shore and off-shore production.

Leases for pre-production land should go up to 10% of original bid for years 1-5, and 25% of original bid for years 6-10.

All other fees to cover costs associated with awarding, administering, and enforcing leases should remain as is.

Mineral Rights Leases

The US government collects almost nothing from non-oil and gas mineral rights leases and extraction due to the Mining Law of 1872! Yes, that is not 1972, but from 1872. This must change immediately.

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Tax Expenditures

No more Tax Expenditures for Oil, Gas and Natural Resources corporations: https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/131/Tax-Expenditures-FY2024-update.pdf

Tax expenditures are defined in the law as "revenue losses attributable to provisions of the Federal tax laws which allow a special exclusion, exemption, or deduction from gross income or which provide a special credit, a preferential rate of tax, or a deferral of tax liability." These exceptions may be viewed as alternatives to other policy instruments, such as spending or regulatory programs.

Excise Taxes

It might make sense that with a comprehensive wealth tax with a high exemption, a tax on luxuries, a corporate tax on net profit equal to the tax on individual wealth, the proposed pass-through nature of customs, duties and tariffs on trade to create a truly global free trading regime, the ending of all subsidies and tax expenditures, plus revenue from the lease of public lands and royalties from mineral extraction and energy production, that the Federal government would stop collecting excise taxes. Special funds that were funded by excise taxes would be funded from the general revenue instead.

If not, the current Federal excise tax regime remains, except there would no longer be any subsidies, such as credits or rebates for excise taxes paid, and excise taxes paid cannot reduce other taxes owed.

The revenue generated from excise taxes will lower the tax rate on comprehensive wealth over $500,001/yr to whatever the rate needed to balance the yearly fiscal budget.

Russia and Ukraine
The USA and the world must call for an immediate and unconditional retreat by Russia from all of Ukraine, including Crimea, and for Russia to return to the officially recognized international border of February 19, 2014.

The US must sign back all of the US-Ukraine Reconstruction Investment Fund rights to Ukraine and return any royalties received from the agreement. The US does not hold allies hostage or extort them for our own gain.

Require Russia to pay Ukraine $100 billion in war reparations over the next 30 years.

Israel and Palestine
First, we cannot fix the past, so we are dealing with only today's realities. Second, there should be no ethno-religious states of any kind, ever, anywhere. Therefore, a lasting peace requires a one state, one country solution inside the borders of Israel plus Palestine (West Bank and The Gaza Strip), under a liberal representative democratic constitution. Under that constitution, every citizen and resident is afforded the freedom to practice or not practice any religion.

At the heart of this argument is that every human being has a birthright to live in the very place of their birth with no exceptions.

This must be the official starting position for the United States when it comes to being an honest broker for all parties involved.

Since we do not need any more catastrophes from human displacement, the only solution is to create a single, liberal, non-religious state within the borders of Israel and Palestine and call it Isrestine.

When the 7 million Israeli Jews, 2 million Israeli Muslims, and 5 million Palestinian Muslims want to stop killing each other, stop invading each other's land (settlements), accept they all have the same modern birthright, and finally decide to live together and share all the land together, then there will be peace and prosperity.

There will never be peace as long as people on either side are defending their own ethno-religious state. They make their decisions every day. And they can make different decisions any day they want.

There is no good guy here. The only way forward is to stop arguing over the past. To decide the present and future are more important. For all 14 million people that live in this land to decide to accept that they now all have a birthright, that they bury their ideas for religious-ethno states and choose a secular state for all, and that life is more important than who is, "right," when clearly no one is.

Or we have the status quo of the last 77 years.

Writing policies for the following issues

- Development and Growth are Good
- Agriculture
- Infrastructure
- Rail
    - Amtrak
    - Commercial
    - High-speed passenger
- United States Post Office
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Taiwan
- Nuclear Proliferation
- The Arctic Circle
- The Oceans
- Space
- Paid Sick Leave
- Contract Workers / Gig Worker Protections currently