

Economics

We have many economic problems and one of the main ones are taxes. We have decided to lower taxes on the middle and lower classes, increase minimum wage and raise taxes on the wealthier classes. With the lowering of taxes and raising minimum wage people in lower classes will be able to live off of minimum wage and pay for essential things such as health care and education. Having money to do these things affects the people and the economy a lot. With more people being able to live off of minimum wage there could be more people pursuing the opportunity to make smaller businesses. With smaller businesses there won't be so many money hungry companies paying for few employees and not providing pay raises or good insurance policies for the workers. Smaller businesses are more willing to hire more people to better their company and increase the chance they have at becoming bigger whereas most bigger companies would rather keep their money instead of paying more employees. As a company gets bigger it could start getting stingy with its money and refuse to hire more people that will require pay raises. Raising the taxes on wealthier people and lowering taxes on the middle and lower class will be more helpful to the lower classes because the wealthier class has money to spend on things that aren't that important where lower classes struggle to pay for things like food and health care. Some lower class citizens can't afford college to continue their education which affects the economy in a negative way because when people do not have degrees they are not as likely to be hired, and then they are stuck in a minimum wage job which is not a wage that it suitable to live on with all of the basic necessities like healthcare and sufficient amounts of food. With less taxes on the lower class there will be more opportunities for them to obtain the proper education they need. Other essential things that the lower class might not always be able to pay for are things like health care. Healthcare isn't very cheap, so it makes it difficult for the middle and lower classes to balance their taxes and more personal needs on a minimum wage. Not many people realize the problems that the lower classes face and do not always make an attempt in fixing them.

We also believe that big companies should not get any large tax breaks because we need money to help the working class create more jobs for the people, cutting taxes on big businesses would only help the companies make more money for themselves. Realistically the main goal of a company is to make money, if they get tax breaks more likely than not it will not create more jobs, but give the people in charge of the company more money. Giving big companies control over the economy and creation of jobs is a dangerous gamble because the jobs and resources would not trickle down to the people like we would hope they would, that would be a best case scenario. Worst case scenario we cut the taxes on the big companies and they create no jobs and keep all the money they bring in, and we would still need to get the tax money that would originally have come from the companies, which means we would have to tax the people, and if no new jobs are being created then they will not be able to afford the increase in their own taxes, and if we cut taxes for everybody the economy would crash because we need tax money to keep everything like schools and other public facilities up and running.

Immigration

The process for becoming a citizen is extremely long and our plan would be to cut it down and make it easier to become a United States citizen. Becoming a citizen also costs a lot of money. The current pathway to becoming a citizen is through naturalization, which requires you to be a permanent resident (or have a “Green Card”) for five years, and you have to demonstrate continuous residence in the United States for at least five years prior to the date you file Form N-400. There also must be proof that you have spent 30 months out of those 5 years physically present in the United States. Then you must have a test on reading and understanding basic English, while also demonstrating an attachment to the principles and ideals of the Constitution and being a person of good moral character. And on top of all of this you have to pay \$680, which consists of \$595 for citizen application fees and \$85 for the background check, all of this is known as the biometric fee.

Our plan would be to cut down the wait time to something more reasonable, because five years is a lot of time, time that can be used to start a life, and a family, and get a steady job. Becoming a United States citizen would be beneficial to all of those things and that waiting period could be a setback in trying to get ahead. The cost of citizenship should also be cut down to something more reasonable because sometimes people do not want to hire non-citizens so coming up with the money to pay for citizenship could prove to be very difficult, it also seems counter-productive because you want people to come and work, but they have a harder time working if they are not a citizen, but they cannot become a citizen if they are not working because they would not have the money to pay for the citizenship test.

Another part of our plan would be to give illegal immigrants a chance at becoming naturalized citizens of the United States. People come here to work, and if they are working, contributing members of society they should have a fair chance at becoming a citizen. There would obviously be background checks on all applicants for citizenship and testing to make sure they have at least a basic understanding of the English language, but making it easier to become a citizen should be the main goal. We would also change the way illegal immigrants are treated, meaning instead of deporting everyone, give them a chance to try and become a citizen. This means they will go through the standard background checks and be tested the same way any other applicant would, but they’d still be allowed to stay in the United States as long as they were working and had a clean background. This means like any other citizens they would be obligated to pay taxes, and have the right to vote. This will make starting a family, and having a career a lot easier for people who are coming here for the chance at a better life.

Foreign Policy

Foreign policy is a big deal for the safety of our people and state. The foreign policy for our state used to be extremely strong, people took us seriously. Nowadays, our foreign policy is not taken seriously by other countries, we just do not act upon things the way we should. Yes, we are calm and we do not want to start war but if someone starts shows aggression towards us then we should do more than just talk. We should put everything into the protection of our people. Our money has been wasted causing our economy to weaken, then along with that, weakening our military. In NATO, all of the countries should fulfill their part of the deal, this is not happening. Nobody is as safe as they could be when all our countries aren't contributing to the defense and security of the nation. Our allies are beginning to believe that they may not be able to rely on us, this is because we are trying to "make friends" with our enemies. Although the best thing to do before sending in any troops would be to try and talk with diplomats from the country in question and try to resolve any conflict before actually launching an attack.

As a country have a problem not fighting back against aggression, rather we try to talk everything out, even after they have threatened us many times. For example, ISIS has prospered and grown since a long time ago, this is because we tried to talk it out with them rather than fighting back. This caused many deaths and unreasonable "accidents." Our foreign policy has fallen apart, and we want to build it back up. If a country is to threaten our country through, we will first, respond in a calm manner and meet with them personally. If they continue their threats in a more aggressive nature, we will set out a border patrol to watch for any actions. If anything seems to go wrong, and we are being attacked, we will fight back and send more troops out to help as well. As I stated, NATO is not being fulfilled either, we will have to meet and reinforce the guidelines and plan for it as well. This would allow the money we waste on other things to be used for all countries defense and protection together, giving us more guaranteed safety and backup from our allies. Also, If our countries all work together like we should, and actually act in the war when we did not start it our rivals will begin to take our military and our country seriously again. Once we are taken seriously, we will not have as many threats from other nations and will not have to worry as much about the security of the nation. This is our plan for our Foreign Policy, this ensures that our people will be safer, military stronger, allies will do what needs to be done, and our rivals will know who we are again.

Education

It is common knowledge that there are many issues with the United States education system. Whether it be elementary, middle, or high school, there are many areas that require improvement. Almost all public schools in the United States are underfunded. Students are also focusing more on studying for the standardized test rather than actually learning in school. Furthermore, attendance should not count against students. Moreover, public schools need to provide sufficient education about sex education at a young age.

In order to provide quality education in any subject, schools need sufficient funding, which they currently lack. The government should not sacrifice another generation of students by waiting to give them more funding. Because of the government's lack of funding, states are forced to deprive schools of needed resources. The result is that children and teachers must endure large classes, insufficient textbooks, computers and other learning tools, buildings in disrepair, slashing of teaching positions, and the elimination of programs and courses. To fund public schools, the wealthy need to be taxed more. This plan will help insure that students receive the proper resources to learn.

Public schools do not need to punish students for their attendance. Most often, these students cannot control the fact that they are unable to come to school. These reasons include hospital stays, family issues, traveling, etc. Not everyone can be at school everyday, and if they manage to keep their grades up then they shouldn't be counted against for their attendance.

The government should decrease the worth and importance of standardized testing. Most teachers lesson plan is based off memorizing information for the standardized testing. This creates a school environment where students are more stressed out about doing well on the test than actually learning in school. The focus of school should be to learn, not to exhaust yourself trying to meet deadlines and memorize an exam.

In order to provide the most successful education I also believe that students should be provided with decent sexual education course. Many students are not taught how their own bodies work at a young enough age, most girls hit puberty around 11 years old with boys following a few years after. A lot of them only ever hear that their bodies are changing, but they do not know why or how. Which probably contributes to the amount of teen pregnancies in the United States. High school students should also be educated on the proper use of contraceptives

and the risks of non-protected sex. While a lot of people believe that sex should wait until marriage, not everyone holds the same values, it is better to have them know how to be safe now, than it is for a teenager to be unable to finish their education because they were forced to drop out to raise a baby.

Trade

A very big part of running a country is tending to trade, the action of buying and selling goods and services. The president is in charge of regulating trade and as such should be the one to propose ideas for regulation. This means they have to make sure that trade is fair and that we are being fairly compensated for goods, and in return, we are getting our money's worth out of products we buy from other countries. We can also impose tariffs, which are taxes on imported goods. We can encourage people to buy American made products because if we impose tariffs on imported goods it would raise the prices to make them match the prices of American-made goods, which could help the economy tremendously. If we do this than the tariffs are going to raise the price of goods to match the price to the American made products, therefore making more money for the American economy. We also plan on increasing the number of goods manufactured in the United States instead of solely relying on imported goods from other countries. If we do this we can make new goods so other countries will consider buying more American made goods, this way we can make more money. This also can be good for the economy so we won't spend money on trade or paying to have the goods imported to the United States.

Today we trade with a lot of countries. We should make sure the goods we have coming in are safe for the people and that we patrol the things we have coming in and out of our country so people cannot try and smuggle in drugs and weapons along with other shipments. Tightening our own security would be beneficial to the people and we would be able to monitor the things coming in the country. If we tighten our security it would not only benefit the people it would help the goods be manufactured quicker since they don't have to check to see if everything is okay to use. By making the people feel like they can trust the things they buy, they will want to buy more, which will give the government more money. Also if we check the goods before they go to the factories as they are entering the U.S. It would make the factories go faster which will lead to more goods at a quicker rate. Stores will have plenty of materials to sell at once.

Navya Dixit plans to think more about all these options when she is president. She will make the goods that are being traded safe from any disease and make sure they are fresh and good to use. She will get more money to the government throughout trade and she will use the money for a good cause. Navyas main goal is to make everything as simple as she can while getting money for the government. Trade has a huge part in the U.S. and she plans to keep it that way.