A Guide to the 2020 New Hampshire Primary Election

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DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Warren vows to clean up Washington, D.C.

I grew up in Oklahoma. My family was on the ragged edge of the middle class. I devoted my career to figuring out why working families go broke in the richest country in the history of the world. I never in a million years thought I’d end up in politics, but I got into the fight to level the playing field for working families. We are in the fight for big, structural change that will make our government, our economy, and our democracy work for everyone. I’m running on the most ambitious anti-corruption platform since Watergate. As president, I will clean up Washington and make sure our government works for your family – not just the wealthy and well-connected.

ECONOMY

As the wealthiest nation in the history of the world, we can make investments that create economic opportunity, address rural neglect, and a legacy of racial discrimination – if we stop handing out giant tax giveaways to rich people and giant corporations and start asking the people who have gained the most from our country to pay their fair share. My administration will pursue fundamental, structural changes in our government’s approach to the economy, finally putting American workers and middle-class prosperity ahead of multinational profits and Wall Street bonuses. My signature proposal is a wealth tax on America’s 75,000 richest families. It would produce trillions of dollars that we can use to build an economy that works for everyone, including universal child care, a great public school education for every student, student loan debt cancellation, and universal free college, and more. And we can make a historic investment in housing that would bring down rents by 10% across America and create 1.5 million new jobs by returning the estate tax thresholds to their levels at the end of the George W. Bush administration and instituting more progressive rates above those thresholds.

HEALTH CARE

The cost of health care is crushing American families, even those with good insurance. I have a plan to help as many people as possible, as fast as possible.

Starting day one of my presidency, I will protect people with pre-existing conditions, reverse the Trump administration’s sabotage of our health system, and take action to bring down the high costs of common prescription drugs, including Insulin and EpiPens.

Within my first 100 days, I will push Congress to give everyone the option to join an improved Medicare program that covers vision, hearing, mental health, dental, and long term care. I’ll accomplish this by lowering the Medicare age to 50 and adding benefits and creating a Medicare for All option that will be free for millions and affordable for everyone else.

Once everyone has the chance to try it, I will push Congress, no later than my third year in office, to complete the transition to Medicare for All and put $1 trillion back in the pockets of American families that will never pay another premium or deductible, without raising middle class taxes by one penny.

Everyone will be able to see the doctor they need. No more out-of-network costs, no surprises, and no one going broke because they get sick.

I also have a plan to tackle the opioid crisis head on. It would provide an estimated $132 billion dollars annually in grants to Granite State cities and counties hit the hardest by the crisis, and allow different communities to channel this funding to their specific needs.

EDUCATION

I believe that every kid in America should have the same access to a high-quality public education – no matter where they live, the color of their skin, or how much money their parents make. My plan for K-12 schools invests hundreds of billions of dollars in our public schools – all paid for by a small wealth tax on fortunes above $50 million. I would ensure our schools are adequately funded and provide a warm, safe, and nurturing school climate for all our kids. My plan would also renew the fight against segregation and discrimination in our schools and treat teachers and staff like the professionals they are, and stop the privatization and corruption of our public education system.

Elizabeth Warren
Warren

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I’ve also proposed bold steps to broadly cancel student loan debt for 95% of Americans who have it, provide universal tuition-free public two- and four-year college and technical school, invest a minimum of $50 billion in Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions, and help close the Black-white racial wealth gap. And on my first day as president, I will use existing laws to begin canceling student debt for 42 million Americans.

CLIMATE CHANGE

A comprehensive approach to addressing climate change would be a top priority in my administration. But we won’t meet our emissions reduction goals with a one-time, one-size-fits-all approach. To really bend the curve on climate, we’ll need sustained big, structural change across a range of industries and sectors. I’ll use all the levers of government to defeat the climate crisis. That’s why I’ve woven Green New Deal policies throughout my plans, which independent economists estimate will create more than 10 million new, green jobs.

Like the challenges America has faced before, the climate crisis is also an opportunity: to create good, union jobs in clean and renewable energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing. That means investing in sustainable, resilient infrastructure to meet the energy demands of the 21st century. Setting aggressive standards to rapidly decarbonize our economy. Ensuring our farmers are part of the climate solution. Conserving our public lands and ending all offshore drilling. Crafting international economic policies that encourage countries around the world to reduce emissions. Creating solutions that are just and sustainable for all Americans.

BIPARTISANSHIP

As a senator, I’ve worked across the aisle to make hearing aids available over the counter. I’ve pushed through legislation to make it easier for physicians to fight the opioid crisis. In fact, during just the first two years of Donald Trump’s presidency, I introduced 42 bills and resolutions that have gotten Republican support – and over a dozen of my proposals have been signed into law by President Trump.

I was also born and raised in Oklahoma. I have three older brothers – two of them are Republican. There are a lot of things we disagree on, but the truth is there’s a whole lot we agree on too. My brothers are furious that giant corporations like Chevron, Eli Lilly, and Amazon make billions of dollars in profits and pay nothing in taxes. They understand that we have a government right now that’s working great for those at the top, but not for anyone else. That’s corruption plain and simple. And I’m running for president to do something about it. I believe we’ll beat the most corrupt president in American history by campaigning on the most aggressive anti-corruption platform since Watergate, and fighting for big, structural changes to ensure our economy works for everyone. And I am hopeful – because I know that here in New Hampshire and all across America, there are Democrats, Independents and Republicans who are united by their desire to clean up corruption in Washington and build an economy with more growth and more opportunities for everyone.

IMMIGRATION

Immigrants have always been a vital source of American strength. They grow our economy and make our communities richer and more diverse. They are our neighbors, our colleagues, and our friends – and every bit as much a part of America as those who were born in the United States. As president, I would address the humanitarian mess at the border and reverse this president’s discriminatory policies. But that won’t be near-
Yang: We need to rewrite rules of 21st century

To beat Donald Trump, America needs a candidate who understands why Trump was elected in the first place. Our economy went from something that used to lift people out of poverty to something that now squeezes every American for as much productivity as possible without sharing the immense wealth generated from that work.

Trump saw this and he exploited it to get elected, but he’s a symptom of the broken system, not the disease. If we get Trump out of office, 57% of Americans still won’t be able to afford an unexpected $500 bill.

We need a leader who is different from other Democrats in the race, someone who is unabashed to offer powerful solutions that actually solve Americans’ real problems.

We need to rewrite the rules of the 21st century economy so that it works for us, our families, and our children. I’m a parent and a patriot, and as the father of two young boys, I want to look back at my life knowing I did everything in my power to create the kind of future our children deserve.

We can beat Trump, not by moving left, not by moving right, but by moving the country forward.

ECONOMY

Our 21st century economy is not working for all of us. Over 90 Fortune 500 companies paid zero dollars in taxes last year, while 78% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. We need to rewrite the rules of the 21st century economy so that it works for us, the American people.

It starts by ensuring that these large corporations contribute back to our communities. It’s no wonder that the rest of us are barely getting by when they’re not paying their fair share. We need to set up the system so that we get a slice of every Amazon sale, Google search, and Uber ride. When we return this value to our people through a Freedom Dividend of $1,000 a month, we’ll build a trickle up economy, from our people, families, and communities up.

In addition, it’s time that we stop using old measurements to determine our economic success. We must shift to human-centered capitalism, where we measure our economy not by how well the stock market is doing but by how well our people are doing. By using measurements like median income and standard of living, health-adjusted life expectancy, quality of life, mental health, childhood success rates, social and economic mobility, and freedom from substance abuse, we can start to put people over profits.

HEALTH CARE

I support the goals of Medicare for All and have from the very start of this campaign. Achieving universal health care for every citizen in the United States is imperative. But we also have to be realistic - we can’t change 1/5 of the American economy overnight, and getting rid of private insurance would be unfair to the people, such as union workers, who sacrificed wages for health insurance.

My plan would move us towards a Medicare for All system while respecting the preferences of Americans who like their current insurance. It would get costs under control, expand coverage, and ensure that everyone has access to affordable health insurance.

I’d start by taking on Big Pharma. These corporations rely on public funding for their research, but then overcharge Americans for prescription drugs. We need to let Medicare negotiate prices and, if these companies can’t get their costs under control, let other companies make generic versions of the drugs or allow people to import these medications.

That’s just the beginning, though. We need to get the incentives right, having our system prioritize keeping us healthy rather than overprescribing tests. We can get administrative costs down while ensuring that everyone’s health needs are covered, and use technology to improve outcomes.

EDUCATION

Our public education system is currently applying too much of a one-size-fits-all model to our children. If you don’t fit into that system, or aren’t good at multiple choice tests, you are considered a bad student with little chance of life success. This needs to change.
Yang
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Instead of teaching our children how to think in the same way, we should teach them how to think for themselves. This should start with deemphasizing standardized tests, which cause undue stress and do a poor job at assessing intellect and potential. Teachers are teaching to the test instead of doing what they know is best for students.

We need to pay our teachers more and trust them to do their jobs. The data show that a good teacher is worth their weight in gold in better educational outcomes.

We are also overprescribing college. Only a third of people go on to graduate from college, but it’s the only path we’re promoting in high school. Instead, we should allow students to decide if they want to pursue a college track, start vocational and career training, or enter an apprenticeship program. Vocational training and apprenticeships will prepare students for high paying, stable jobs that are less likely to be automated away.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The time to address climate change was a decade ago. We’re already too late in confronting this existential crisis to avoid the worst effects. We’ve been negligent in tackling climate change, and the people who are going to have to deal with the majority of the costs and impact are our children. They’re already seeing higher levels of respiratory disease from our lax environmental standards, and they’re going to have to clean up the mess we made.

I look at my children and am not happy with the world we’re leaving them. I’m running for president - and would make addressing the climate crisis a priority - to do my part in ensuring the planet we leave them is at least starting on the path to sustainability.

My plan to combat climate change would leave all options on the table. We need to shift our energy sector to be 100% sustainable by 2050. We have to lead the world in development and deployment of green technology. And, as we’re already feeling the impact of climate change, ensure that our people are safe and can move to higher ground if needed. Finally, I’m the only candidate calling for a constitutional amendment forcing future administrations to be environmental stewards.

BIPARTISANSHIP

Americans are sick of the partisanship and fighting coming out of Washington. While our leaders are bickering and getting nothing done, 78% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck.

I’m not a politician, I’m an entrepreneur and problem-solver. I don’t have decades of time in Washington; I have decades of creating jobs in this country. When you’re running a business, you have to focus on actually solving the problems on the ground, and you can’t ignore facts just because they conflict with your ideology.

I believe that I can break the gridlock in Washington D.C. in part because I can work with just about anyone who wants to solve problems, and people sense that. My team will be pragmatic and ideologically diverse. I’m glad to say that Americans of every part of the political spectrum already support my campaign. I’m building a coalition of disaffected Trump voters, independents, libertarians, and conservatives, as well as Democrats and progressives. What holds this group together is their desire to focus on building a country that we can be proud of. It’s not left, not right, but forward, and that’s the direction we need to take our country.

IMMIGRATION

I’m the son of immigrants, so I’ve experienced the positive power of immigration firsthand. They make our country stronger and more dynamic. President Trump, on the other hand, has vilified immigrants for things they have nothing to do with. As someone who spent time in struggling communities, visiting manufacturing facilities, I know that if you go to these factories, it’s not wall-to-wall immigrants, it’s wall-to-wall robots that caused the jobs to disappear.

We need to expand our immigration pathways so that we win the global battle for talent, starting with automatic green cards for everyone who graduates from an American university. We also need to get undocumented immigrants out of the shadows and into the formal economy, which is why I support a pathway to citizenship. And, without question, I support the DREAM Act, to tell the DREAMers that this their home, and they are welcome here.

I also believe it’s important to use presidential leadership to reaffirm through our words and deeds that America is not great in spite of immigration; we are great because of immigration.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PERSPECTIVE

The 1945 State Legislature gave New Hampshire its official motto, “Live Free or Die.” As World War II approached its successful end. Given recent uncertainty with foreign relations and national security, how would you work as the next president of the United States to afford all Americans the ability to live free or die?

To live free or die is to aggressively defend the independence of our citizens. Ensuring all Americans live free means leading the world with a foreign policy approach infused with American values, restraint, and diplomacy. To maintain global leadership and stability, we must prioritize staying ahead of the technological threats of the 21st century, maintain strong international alliances, and improve our wellbeing at home.

As Commander in Chief, I’ll be laser focused on tackling the threats of the 21st century. That includes climate change, artificial intelligence (A.I.), loose nuclear material, military drones, and non-state actors. We will rebuild our State Department by investing in cybersecurity and technological capabilities including A.I. and quantum computing.

To keep Americans safe, we will stand firmly by our alliances and restore American leadership by developing 21st century institutions like a World Data Organization to set international standards for data and technology. We will end the Forever Wars and set up a three part test for any future military deployment to provide predictability and stability.

To be strong abroad we must be strong at home. We will divert some military spending to the rebuilding of our crumbling infrastructure because of the strong link between domestic programs and national security.
I have the experience, agenda, and temperament to beat Donald Trump. I’m the only candidate in this race who has won two tough elections in a swing state. Taking back the White House requires a health care plan we can actually get done to cover everyone and lower costs. It requires a real economic plan to boost both the middle class and those struggling to get there. And it requires a leader experienced enough to know how to get the job done, and of the right generation to do it. I’m that candidate – and I hope you’ll join me in this fight.

ECONOMY
The voters I hear from in my town halls are working incredibly hard, but cannot afford some combination of health care, housing, child care, and higher education. In other words, they can’t afford a middle-class life. For the first time in our history, we are at risk of leaving less opportunity to our kids, not more. Democracy cannot function with a lack of economic mobility for a majority of people.

Driving up incomes for everyone won’t happen overnight, but we can start by making investments to compete in the 21st century, increase economic security, and bring down the cost of a middle-class life. My plan to expand the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit will put more money in the pockets of workers and families and cut child poverty by nearly 40%. I’ll also ensure equal pay for equal work, enact paid family and medical leave, make it easier for workers to bargain for better pay, and raise the minimum wage.

I call this suite of ideas The Real Deal. All of them – and more – are progressive, paid for, and popular. This is the blueprint that should guide our priorities for the next 20 years.

HEALTH CARE
It is a disgrace that we remain the only industrialized country in the world that doesn’t provide universal coverage. As a nation, we spend almost double what other advanced economies spend on health care. Yet nearly 27 million Americans still lack health insurance. It is a moral imperative that we fix this.

My public option plan is called Medicare-X. I’ve been leading the fight for this plan for a decade; I didn’t write it if so I could run for president. Unlike Medicare for All, my plan lets families decide what plan is best for them. If they like their current plan from their employer or union, they can keep it. If public insurance will save money or improve quality, then they can sign up for that instead. Medicare-X starts in rural areas where the market is failing too many people. It also requires the federal government to negotiate lower prescription drug prices for the first time and increases transparency, bringing down costs for tens of millions of Americans. With a public option, we can cover everyone in three years and dramatically lower costs.

EDUCATION
I’m the first former school superintendent to run for president, and I know that equal is not equal in our education system today. Not when children born into poor and even middle-class families and neighborhoods have a small – and ever diminishing – chance of building better lives than their parents and grandparents did. Not when children of color are marooned in segregated neighborhoods conveniently out of sight of wealthy communities. Not when children are isolated in rural communities, cut off from economic opportunity.

The Bennet Administration will make a commitment that by 2028, every child born in this country will be at the center of a community that offers them a real chance to flourish personally and prosper financially. That starts with offering free preschool to every child in America, investing $500 billion over ten years in the 70 percent of kids who don’t graduate from a four-year college, and paying teachers like the professionals they are.

If we can make real investments in our schools, then we’ll do more than make public education the wind at our backs again. We can ensure the next generation of Americans enters adulthood ready to participate in the democracy as informed citizens.

CLIMATE CHANGE
The majority of Americans believe climate change is real and humans are contributing to it.
They are demanding action. Yet climate deniers keep winning political battles, and nothing gets done. “America’s Climate Change Plan,” the first policy. I released when I began this campaign, will reduce emissions in line with the most aggressive targets set by the world’s scientists and achieve 100 percent clean, net-zero emissions as soon as possible, and no later than 2050. Our plan will drive economic growth for the 21st century and create millions of high-paying jobs. My administration will create a Climate Bank to deploy $1 trillion in federal funding to catalyze $10 trillion in private sector innovation and infrastructure investment in climate technologies at home and abroad over ten years. Distinct from other plans proposed in this race, my plan engages a broad coalition of Americans to ensure that our approach to climate change not only is sufficiently ambitious, but also will endure across elections and administrations. That’s why a Bennet Administration will pay farmers, ranchers, and foresters to sequester carbon in their soil. They’re the best conservationists we have; bringing them and others into the fight will create a lasting constituency for change.

BIPARTISANSHIP
There are 7,591 words in the Constitution of the United States; politics is not one of them. Yet too often today, the campaigning never stops and the governing never begins. To make progress, we must fix our broken politics.
I’ll put my bipartisan record – on everything from immigration reform to health care, where my breakthrough therapies bill has changed millions of lives – against anyone’s. But the truth remains that corruption and dysfunction in Washington destroy the American people’s trust in government. And it prevents us from making critical bipartisan decisions for our future.
I’ll clean up that corruption by fighting for a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United and new reforms to drive money out of politics; enacting a lifetime lobbying ban for members of Congress; ending partisan gerrymandering; and pushing for tough new ethics, transparency, and anti-corruption rules for the White House and Congress.

IMMIGRATION
America is not strong in spite of immigrants; America is strong because of immigrants. As the son of a mother who came here after surviving the Holocaust, and a father whose family fled religious persecution on the Mayflower, that idea has guided my life and career in public service.
In 2013, I helped author the “Gang of Eight” bill – the most comprehensive immigration reform legislation introduced in decades. That bill – which had a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million people who are undocumented in this country, protections for Dreamers, and $46 billion for smart border security – passed the Senate with 68 bipartisan votes, but was blocked in the House by the Freedom Caucus. We did this by bringing together diverse stakeholders, including from the business, labor, and agriculture communities, and engaging in an open and bipartisan process.
As president, I’ll introduce similar legislation and finally bring relief to the families our current system has left behind. I would also offer a humane approach to the refugee crisis. That means immediately ending family separation and leading the hemisphere in a conversation about addressing the root causes of violence in the Northern Triangle.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PERSPECTIVE
The 1945 State Legislature gave New Hampshire its official motto, “Live Free or Die,” as World War II approached its successful end. Given recent uncertainty with foreign relations and national security, how would you work as the next president of the United States to afford all Americans the ability to live free or die?
After my mother and her parents survived the Holocaust, they fled from Poland and eventually reached America – the one place on earth where they could live free and rebuild their shattered lives. My mom enrolled herself in public school, received an education that let her learn and grow, and made it to college. I’ve carried that story with me throughout my life. Although America calls itself the land of opportunity, it doesn’t always feel that way today. That’s why I’m running for president and why I will lead with one central question in mind. Will this help or hurt the next generation?
One of the most important issues we can tackle is economic inequality. My administration will put the issue of fighting poverty – especially child poverty – front and center. As president I will lead the country to cut child poverty in half by the end of my first term; cut adult poverty in half by the end of my first term; eliminate homelessness by the end of my second term; and put America on the path to eliminate poverty within a generation. Winning that battle will let every American live with the dignity and freedom we all deserve.
Biden wants to expand on Obama-era success

I believe we are in a battle for the soul of this nation. Trump threatens everything we stand for, fanning the flames of hate groups and dividing Americans. Character is on the ballot in this election.

My parents taught me when you see an abuse of power, you stand up and combat it. That’s motivated me for my entire life - as Senator from Delaware for 36 years and President Obama’s Vice President for 8 years.

I fought alongside President Obama to pass Obamacare, protecting 100 million people with pre-existing conditions. I wrote and passed the Violence Against Women Act, when domestic violence was considered a family matter. I took on the NRA and won - twice - including passing the assault weapons ban. And, I started talking about climate change as a moral issue of our time far before it was a mainstream issue.

My vision for America is based on equal opportunity for all. Treating everyone with dignity. A middle class where everyone comes along.

As president, I will expand on the historic progress of the Obama-Biden Administration and rebuild a strong, inclusive middle class. I will protect and build on Obamacare with a public option. I will restore our standing in the world.

I have a proven ability to bring people together and deliver for the middle class. At this defining moment in our nation’s history, I’m going to take strong leadership to unite America and move our country forward.

ECONOMY

Joe Biden is running for president to rebuild the middle class - and this time make sure everyone comes along. Joe is calling for a transformational investment in our country’s future: $1.7 trillion over 10 years to equip the American middle class to compete and win in the global economy, to ensure that cities, towns, and rural areas all across our country share in that growth, and combat climate change while creating 10 million good jobs.

Strong unions built the great American middle class. Today, however, there’s a war on organizing, collective bargaining, unions, and workers. It’s been raging for decades, and it’s getting worse with Donald Trump in the White House. The results have been predictable: rising income inequality, stagnant real wages, the loss of pensions, exploitation of workers, and a weakening of workers’ voices in our society.

Joe will encourage unionization and collective bargaining. He’ll increase the federal minimum wage to $15, stop employers from denying overtime pay; and eliminate non-compete clauses and no-poaching agreements that hinder workers’ ability to seek higher wages by changing jobs.

Joe will reform our tax system to reward work, not wealth, starting by reversing Trump’s tax cuts on the super-wealthy and corporations.

HEALTH CARE

Health care is personal to me, just as I know it is for so many Granite Staters. I was proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with President Obama to pass the Affordable Care Act (ACA). As President, I will protect and build on the ACA – not tear it down. My plan gives Americans more choice, reduces health care costs, and makes our health care system less complex to navigate.

The Affordable Care Act also allowed over 50,000 Granite Staters to access treatment for substance use disorder and mental health care through Medicaid expansion. I will protect this access to care and expand resources to help fight the opioid epidemic.

Whether you’re covered through your employer, on your own, or not at all – I will give you the choice to buy into a public option like Medicare. I’ll increase the premium subsidies for people buying insurance on the individual market. And, I’m going to stand up to the abuse of power by prescription drug companies, starting by allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices. You can read my whole plan to build on the Affordable Care Act at joebiden.com/health-care.

EDUCATION

I will invest in all our children from birth, so regardless of zip code, race, parents’ income, or disability, they’re prepared to succeed in tomorrow’s economy.
CLIMATE CHANGE
Climate change is an existential threat— not just to our environment, but to our health, our communities, our national security, and our economic well-being.

On day one of my presidency, I’ll sign a series of executive orders and work with Congress to pass legislation that puts us on track to achieve a 100% clean-energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050. I will make the largest investment ever in clean energy research and innovation, including community college-business partnerships and apprenticeships.

BIPARTISANSHIP
I refuse to accept the notion, as some do, that we can never get to a place where we have cooperation again. If that’s the case, we’re dead as a country. If anyone has reason to be angry with the Republicans and not want to cooperate it’s me, the way they’ve attacked me, my son, and my family.

But the fact is, we need to be able to get things done. Throughout my career, I’ve seen the incredible things that can be achieved by working to build coalitions and make change happen. The Violence Against Women Act. The Assault Weapons Ban of 1994. The economic recovery of 2009.

And when we can’t convince Republicans to come on board and help enact crucial, progressive change, we go out and beat them like we did in the 2018 election in red states and in purple states.

IMMIGRATION
Trump has waged an unrelenting assault on our values and our history as a nation of immigrants.

It’s wrong, and it stops when I am elected president. I will immediately reverse Trump’s cruel and senseless policies that separate parents from their children at the border, and end detrimental asylum policies, including the so-called Migrant Protection Protocols, that have created a humanitarian crisis at our border. I will end prolonged detention and the use of for-profit detention centers, investing instead in proven case management systems. Asylum seekers can live in safety and dignity while their case is being adjudicated. I will put significant political capital into delivering long-overdue legislative immigration reform to protect Dreamers and provide a pathway to citizenship for 11 million undocumented people who have been living in and strengthening our country for years.

Finally, I will work to address the root causes that are pushing people from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to leave their homes. I will invest in strengthening security, improving economic opportunity, and curbing corruption in Central America to reduce migration to the United States. As Vice President, I successfully led the diplomatic initiative to do just that, and I will do it again.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PERSPECTIVE
The 1945 State Legislature gave New Hampshire its official motto, “Live Free or Die,” as World War II approached its successful end. Given recent uncertainty with foreign relations and national security, how would you work as the next president of the United States to afford all Americans the ability to live free or die?

Our next president will have to clean up the wreckage of Trump’s foreign policy, reassure our allies, and reassert respected American global leadership. There won’t be any time to waste. We need someone who can command the world stage and get to work on day one. I won’t need any on-the-job training. I have the relationships, experience, and deep understanding necessary to repair Trump’s damage and rally the free world to address the challenges we face in this century— including the existential threat of climate change, pandemics, nuclear proliferation, cyber attacks, and more. When I am president, the United States will lead with the power of our example, not just the example of our power. Diplomacy will be the first and most important tool of American foreign policy, and there will be no more coddling of dictators.

I will restore America’s standing in the world, bolster the safety and security of Americans at home and abroad, and ensure Granite Staters can “Live Free or Die” without having to worry about an unstable and irrational president alienating our allies or tweeting us into a major conflict.
Buttigieg: Turn the page on political warfare

I’m running for president because in order to win and in order to lead, we need to turn the page on the political warfare we have come to accept from Washington, D.C. and show the American people that we can do things that have never been done before. Donald Trump’s presidency will end one way or another, and when it does, we need a president who can unite this country around a bold vision for the next generation. I understand the challenges our country faces today, and I will bring the voices of working people in places like New Hampshire to Washington, and start working on the urgent issues that Donald Trump has made worse: fixing an economy threatened by corporate power and technology that didn’t exist a generation ago, tackling the global climate emergency, and repairing international alliances to take on security threats we couldn’t imagine decades ago.

ECONOMY

We need to deliver an economy that works for all Americans, not just those at the top. And that is going to require overcoming challenges workers face today that didn’t even exist a generation ago – the gig economy, wage stagnation, overwhelming threats from globalization and automation, and consolidated corporate power. We have to confront these new challenges to lift wages and provide a path for working people to get ahead.

As president, I will measure success not just by the size of the stock market or gross domestic product, but by whether working and middle class families are succeeding. In the United States of America, economic gains should be shared by everyone and everyone should have a fair shot at real opportunity. Under my administration, we will lift up American workers and their wages, while equipping both workers and employers with the tools they need to thrive in a 21st-century economy. Let’s make sure that in this coming era, the tide continues to rise and truly lifts all boats.

HEALTH CARE

Getting health care in America is too expensive, too complicated, and too frustrating. The soaring costs of care, the lack of coverage options, and the complexity of receiving even simple medical care can leave us feeling powerless.

My Medicare for All Who Want It plan will create a health care system that puts power in the hands of each American. Under my plan, we’ll provide an affordable, high-quality, public insurance alternative for everyone – no matter their income. I trust the American people to make their own decisions regarding the type of health care that makes the most sense for each of us and our families.

At the same time, we need a new approach to providing mental health and addiction care. For years, politicians in Washington have claimed to prioritize mental health care while slashing funding for treatment and ignoring America’s growing addiction and mental health crisis. That neglect must end. Our plan breaks down the barriers around mental health and builds up a sense of belonging that will help millions of suffering Americans heal.

EDUCATION

Too often, access to education is predicted by income or zip code. And success can be determined before a child even sets foot in a classroom. Every child in America should have access to high quality education, and we need to support our nation’s teachers for the work they do within and outside the classroom. If we honored our teachers a little more like soldiers and paid them a little more like doctors, this country would be a better place.

At the same time, our economy is changing and it’s past time to grow the pathways to opportunity in America. That starts with making public tuition free for 80 percent of American families and making a historic investment in historically Black colleges and universities. But opportunities for success shouldn’t be limited to those with a college degree. By providing support to those who need it most, and not the children of millionaires and billionaires, my plan also invests in workforce development, skills training, and apprenticeships for those Americans who choose not to go to college.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The timeline on climate has been decided by science – and the right time to get to net-zero carbon emissions was yesterday. That is why my climate action plan requires...
and give Americans hope that we will guide the country to a better place.

IMMIGRATION
Immigration has always been central to the American story, and we see that story written in communities large and small across our country. That’s why on day one of my administration we will reverse this president’s cruel and counterproductive immigration actions that separate families, put children in cages and prevent them from having basic necessities, and sweep up workers in raids while leaving exploitative employers unpunished.

But we will do more than simply end these outrages. We will reform a system that has been in dire need of reform for decades and create an immigration system that reflects America’s values of welcoming and belonging. As president, I will make sure we have a pathway to citizenship for the undocumented who are here. We also need to protect DREAMers and clean up the lawful immigration system. People who come to this country bring a gift – they make this country a better place – and we must honor that.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PERSPECTIVE
The 1945 State Legislature gave New Hampshire its official motto, “Live Free or Die,” as World War II approached its successful end. Given recent uncertainty with foreign relations and national security, how would you work as the next president of the United States to afford all Americans the ability to live free or die?

My judgment is informed by the experience of having been on a plane headed into a war zone and serving my country overseas in Afghanistan. I know the gravity of the decisions that are made in the Situation Room. When you are in the military, from the moment you raise your right hand to any time that you’re sent into theater, you have a level of trust and expectation that the commanders above you know what they’re doing, that they are exercising their best judgment. My judgment is also informed by belonging to that generation that has lived through conflicts that we were told would be over in days or weeks and are continuing to this day. We are in a season of endless war and I have been shaped by that experience. As President, I would never hesitate to use force if it was necessary in order to protect American lives when there is no other option, but as commander in chief, I will put an end to endless war.
When Sen. Amy Klobuchar launched her campaign for president on the Mississippi River in the middle of a Minnesota blizzard, she had a simple and straightforward message: We need to cross the river of our divides to get to a higher place in our politics. At a time when we have a president who wakes up every day thinking about how he can divide this country, we need someone who is committed to changing not just our policies – but the tone of our politics, too.

This election is about putting an economic check on this president, but it is also a values check and a decency check on Donald Trump. So if you are tired of the noise and the nonsense, and you feel stuck in the middle of the extremes in our politics, then you have a home with Sen. Klobuchar. Because she doesn’t want to be the president for half of America – she wants to be the president for all of America.

ECONOMY

Sen. Klobuchar is committed to championing economic policies that give all Americans an opportunity to succeed. That means connecting our students and affordable education to the jobs of today and tomorrow, increasing wages and respecting the dignity of work, making health care more affordable, ensuring a secure retirement, investing in our infrastructure and creating jobs, focusing on economic justice and shared prosperity, and budgeting responsibly for our future. And it means the Competitive Agenda for America to ensure that America continues to be a country that thinks, that invents, that makes stuff, and that exports to the world. As President, Sen. Klobuchar will also cut child poverty in half in a decade and end it in a generation with policies based on a report from the National Academies of Sciences. She will overhaul our country’s housing policy by providing rental assistance to all Americans who qualify and significantly expanding the affordable housing supply and connecting people to affordable housing, invest over $1 trillion to rebuild America’s infrastructure, invest in our future, and create millions of good-paying American jobs, and establish a dedicated fund to make a down payment to tackle the U.S. debt and protect our economy.

HEALTH CARE

Sen. Klobuchar strongly supports the Affordable Care Act, which she voted for in the Senate. She has fought the Trump Administration’s efforts to dismantle the Affordable Care Act and opposes the Trump Administration’s efforts to kick people with pre-existing conditions off of their health insurance. Sen. Klobuchar also believes that the Affordable Care Act is a beginning, not an end, and she supports bringing down the cost of health care for everyone by putting a non-profit public option in place that allows people to buy into affordable health insurance coverage through Medicare or Medicaid. She will also improve the Affordable Care Act by helping bring down costs for consumers by expanding premium subsidies and providing cost-sharing reductions to lower out-of-pocket health care costs like copays and deductibles. And she will tackle the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs, including by lifting the ban on Medicare negotiations for prescription drugs, allowing personal importation of safe drugs from countries like Canada and stopping pharmaceutical companies from blocking less-expensive generics.

EDUCATION

Sen. Klobuchar believes we as a country need to make sure all our children can get a great education. That means increasing teacher pay and funding for our public schools, with a focus on investment in areas that need it the most. Sen. Klobuchar will also work to close the opportunity gap, fix and update our school infrastructure, boost STEM education, and create additional new school “Progress Partnerships” that will allow states to take aggressive action to support our students. When it comes to post-secondary education, Sen. Klobuchar believes there are many pathways to success. As President, she will champion tuition-free one- and two-year community college degrees and technical certifications, expand apprenticeships, respect the dignity of work by paying people a decent living wage, and make it easier for Americans who need help to afford four year degrees.
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She will work to reduce the burden of student loans, support our Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and double Pell Grants up to $12,000 a year and expand eligibility to families making up to $100,000 a year.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Sen. Klobuchar is deeply committed to tackling the climate crisis and believes that it is an urgent priority for our communities, for our economy and for our planet. On day one of Sen. Klobuchar’s Presidency she will get us back into the International Climate Change Agreement. On day two and day three, she will bring back and strengthen clean power rules and gas mileage standards that the Obama Administration put into place. And she will put forward sweeping legislation that provides a landmark investment in clean-energy jobs and infrastructure, provides incentives for tougher building codes, promotes rural renewable energy and development, supports a landmark carbon pricing system that does not have a regressive impact on Americans, promotes “buy clean” policies, and puts our country on a path to achieving 100% net-zero emissions no later than 2050.

BI-PARTISANSHIP

Sen. Klobuchar wants to be President for all of America, not just half of America. A key focus of Sen. Klobuchar's campaign is bringing people with her and not shutting them out. That's what she's done her entire career, and that's why she has won every race, every place, every time – including places President Trump won by more than 20 points. In the Senate, she has a proven record of finding common ground to get things done, passing more than 100 bills as the lead Democrat that were signed into law. As she says, courage isn’t always just standing by yourself giving a speech. Courage is whether or not you’re willing to stand next to someone you don’t always agree with for the betterment of this country.

IMMIGRATION

Sen. Klobuchar believes that immigrants don’t diminish America, they are America. She stands on the shoulders of immigrants and knows that immigration is a key part of moving our economy and our country forward. She supports a comprehensive immigration reform bill that includes the DREAM Act, border security and an accountable pathway to earned citizenship. Comprehensive immigration could reduce the deficit by $158 billion over ten years. She is committed to stopping the cruel and inhumane policy where the government is taking kids away from their parents. She will also shift funding from ICE’s enforcement and removal operations to support services for children seeking asylum and anti-trafficking programs, increase funding for immigration judges and support personnel to more effectively process cases and reassess the current bond system for immigration courts.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PERSPECTIVE

The 1945 State Legislature gave New Hampshire its official motto, “Live Free or Die,” as World War II approached its successful end. Given recent uncertainty with foreign relations and national security, how would you work as the next president of the United States to afford all Americans the ability to live free or die?

Sen. Klobuchar believes we need an optimistic economic agenda that creates shared prosperity. She also believes we need a new commander in chief who has stability and understands that the great challenges of our time can and should be dealt with by using our country’s advantages, including the ingenuity of our talented and diverse population, our global network of alliances and partners, and our unmatched military and diplomatic corps.

Klobuchar knows the United States is stronger, safer, and more respected in the world when we use our power wisely, pursue principled diplomacy, and remain true to the values that have always defined us at home and abroad. As President, Klobuchar’s foreign policy will focus on: renewing American leadership, repairing our alliances, rejoining international agreements, responding appropriately to the threats and challenges that come before us, and reasserting American values.
Sanders looking to make big impact in D.C.

I’m running for president so that, when we are in the White House, the movement we build together can achieve economic, racial, social and environmental justice for all.

HEALTH CARE

Today, more than 30 million Americans still don’t have health insurance and even more are underinsured. Even for those with insurance, costs are so high that medical bills are the number one cause of bankruptcy in the United States. Incredibly, we spend significantly more of our national GDP on this inadequate health care system – far more per person than any other major country. And despite doing so, Americans have worse health outcomes and a higher infant mortality rate than countries that spend much less on health care. Our people deserve better. We should be spending money on doctors, nurses, mental health specialists, dentists, and other professionals who provide services to people and improve their lives. We must invest in the development of new drugs and technologies that cure disease and alleviate pain – not wasting hundreds of billions of dollars a year on profiteering, huge executive compensation packages, and outrageous administrative costs.

The giant pharmaceutical and health insurance lobbies have spent billions of dollars over the past decades to ensure that their profits come before the health of the American people. We must defeat them, together. That means:

- Joining every other major country on Earth and guaranteeing health care to all people as a right, not a privilege, through a Medicare-for-all, single-payer program.
- And to lower the prices of prescription drugs now, we need to:
  - Allow Medicare to negotiate with the big drug companies to lower prescription drug prices with the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Act.
  - Allow patients, pharmacists, and wholesalers to buy low-cost prescription drugs from Canada and other industrialized countries with the Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act.
  - Cut prescription drug prices in half, with the Prescription Drug Price Relief Act, by pegging prices to the median drug price in five major countries: Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Japan.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is a global emergency. The Amazon rainforest is burning, Greenland’s ice shelf is melting, and the Arctic is on fire. People across the country and the world are already experiencing the deadly consequences of our climate crisis, as extreme weather events like heat waves, wildfires, droughts, floods, and hurricanes upend entire communities, ecosystems, economies, and ways of life, as well as endanger millions of lives. Communities of color, working class people, and the global poor have borne and will bear this burden disproportionately.

The scientific community is telling us in no uncertain terms that we have less than 11 years left to transform our energy system away from fossil fuels to energy efficiency and sustainable energy, if we are going to leave this planet healthy and habitable for ourselves, our children, grandchildren, and future generations. As rising temperatures and extreme weather create health emergencies, drive land loss and displacement, destroy jobs, and threaten livelihoods, we must guarantee health care, housing, and a good-paying job to every American, especially to those who have been historically excluded from economic prosperity.

The scope of the challenge ahead of us shares similarities with the crisis faced by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the 1940s. Battling a world war on two fronts – both in the East and the West – the United States came together, and within three short years, restructured the entire economy in order to win the war and defeat fascism. As president, Bernie Sanders will boldly embrace the moral imperative of addressing the climate crisis and act immediately to mobilize millions of people across the country in support of the Green New Deal.
Sanders

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From the Oval Office to the streets, Bernie will generate the political will necessary for a wholesale transformation of our society, with support for frontline and vulnerable communities and massive investments in sustainable energy, energy efficiency, and a transformation of our transportation system.

We need a president who has the courage, the vision, and the record to face down the greed of fossil fuel executives and the billionaire class who stand in the way of climate action. We need a president who welcomes their hatred. Bernie will lead our country to enact the Green New Deal and bring the world together to defeat the existential threat of climate change.

COLLEGE FOR ALL
Just 30 years ago, tuition and fees at a public, four-year university totaled $3,360 per year in today’s dollars. That same degree today costs more than $10,000 per year in tuition and fees and more than $21,000 per year including room and board. Meanwhile, median hourly wages for college graduates have risen by less than $1 since 2001, when adjusted for inflation. The promise of higher pay has not materialized for recent college graduates, who have been taking out more and more in student loans to keep up with the skyrocketing cost of tuition. This has led to a new college graduate with close to $30,000 in student loan debt as of 2019 – in the U.S. is held by women. One-third of Latino student loan borrowers who started college in 2003-2004 defaulted on their loans, compared to only one-fourth of white borrowers. 35 percent of Latino student loan borrowers who started college in 2003-2004 defaulted on their loans, compared to only 20 percent of white borrowers. Black students take out loans at a higher rate to pay for school, graduate with more student debt than white counterparts and, because of income disparities, take longer to pay it off while paying more interest. This proposal would cut the racial wealth gap for young Americans by more than half – from 12:1 to 5:1. Bernie believes our country is morally bound to close the racial wealth divide.

In order to do that we are going to cancel all student debt.

Seventy-three percent of the benefits of canceling all student debt will go to the bottom 80 percent of Americans, who are making less than $127,000 a year. President Trump’s tax cuts for the wealthy and big corporations cost more than $2 trillion, 83 percent of which will end up going to the top 1 percent. Bernie believes that money would be better spent on freeing millions of hardworking people from the burden of student debt, boosting the economy by $1 trillion over the next ten years, and creating up to 1.5 million new jobs every year. By canceling student debt, we will save the average student loan borrower around $3,000 a year in student loan payments. That money will be freed up to spend on everything from housing to starting a business.

HOUSING FOR ALL
For more than 40 years, we have had an affordable housing crisis in America that has only gotten worse.

In America today, over 18 million families are paying more than 50 percent of their income on housing, while last year alone the five largest banks on Wall Street made a record-breaking $11 billion in profits.

How are families in America supposed to pay for food, transportation, health care, prescription drugs, education, and childcare when over half of their income is going to pay the rent or the mortgage? The sad and painful reality is that many of them cannot, and millions of Americans are going deep into debt just to make ends meet.

In America today, there is virtually no city or town where a full-time minimum wage worker can afford a decent, two-bedroom apartment. Meanwhile, the top 25 hedge fund managers in America made an average of $850 million apiece last year.

In America today, over half a million people continue to be sleeping out on the streets or in homeless shelters because they don’t have the money to put a roof over their heads. Meanwhile, large, profitable corporations like Amazon, which is owned by the wealthiest person in the world, pay nothing in federal income taxes.
Weld: Problem-solving, not politics as usual

Republicans. Democrats. It doesn’t seem to matter. For too many years, the politicians in Washington, D.C., have borrowed and spent with absolutely no regard for anyone’s future but their own. They doubled the national debt under a Republican president and doubled it again under a Democrat. Their attitude: The heck with our children or grandchildren. All we care about is getting reelected.

Regardless of party, the politicians have perpetuated wars for so long that we don’t remember what we’re fighting for. Immigration, health care, climate change. Republicans and Democrats alike have been so busy yelling at one another on cable news that the notion of actually solving problems seems to have been forgotten.

That’s why I’m running for President. America deserves better. New Hampshire deserves better, and yes, voters deserve better choices in November.

As governor of Massachusetts, I cut taxes 21 times. I dramatically reduced the size and cost of government while improving services and outcomes. I proved that protecting and conserving natural resources can be done without simply throwing money and freedom away. Working with a Democrat-controlled legislature, I took a state that was in serious trouble and put it back on its feet.

I frequently call myself a New England Republican, and do so proudly. Less government, more freedom. Civility, not division. Problem solving, not politics. Integrity, not embarrassment.

Whether you are a Republican or an independent voter, you have a chance on Feb. 11 to begin the process of giving America a better choice in November.

ECONOMY

As governor of Massachusetts, I cut taxes 21 times, reduced the size of government and balanced the budget. Unemployment dropped and the state rose from the bottom of the economic heap to become one of New England’s strongest. I didn’t create that prosperity. Rather, I fought to get government out of the way.

To many, the U.S. economy seems to be OK. But...There are very real threats to our “prosperity” that the politicians are perfectly content to ignore, as long as their reelections aren’t threatened.

Donald Trump is presiding over the nation’s first trillion-dollar annual federal deficits. That’s a TRILLION dollars each year that we are borrowing or printing. Americans know we cannot spend our way to prosperity, but the president and Congress seem determined to try. Likewise, no one wins a trade war. Yet, trade wars are exactly what we have, and ultimately, all of us will pay the price. America’s strength lies in economic freedom and robust markets. Government doesn’t create those things. Rather, it is government’s role to allow the private sector to grow and prosper.

Just as in Massachusetts, that is the approach I would take to Washington, D.C.

HEALTH CARE

Health care works best when we have the right kind of capitalism – the kind that produces more individual consumer choices for both costs and coverages, and more competition that drives prices down.

I am not an absolutist or a partisan when it comes to health care: I believe we should do what works for the American people, regardless of whose idea it is. For example, as President, I can guarantee to each and every American that I will not take away the insurance they currently have, whether it is through private insurance or the insurance which the Affordable Care Act made possible.

We must require transparency in prices and eliminate regulations that reduce competition among insurers. We need to get rid of regulations that eliminate low-cost health insurance plans. Some people simply want to pay less, and there’s nothing wrong with that.

And of course, a major source of health care expense for millions of Americans lies not in treatment but in prescription drugs. From reforming the FDA’s approval processes and anti-competitive patents to the way we negotiate drug prices under Medicare, there is much we can and must do to make prescription drugs more affordable.
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EDUCATION

Elementary and secondary education is primarily a matter for states and localities. Federal intervention should be minimal.

However, as governor, I devoted a great deal of time and energy to education. Accountability matters, and we put it in place. The result was that Massachusetts, which had ranked below the top half in state rankings (26th, 27th or 28th), advanced to the number one position among the states in reading and math and has held that position for 25 years.

Likewise, I am a proponent of charter schools, school choice and other opportunities for competition and innovation to take hold in education.

Innovation must extend to higher education as well. Our economy and job market is changing rapidly, and training must not just keep pace, but stay ahead of those changes. And that should include helping to fund training for workers being displaced by technology and the “new” economy.

Finally, no discussion of education can overlook student debt. As president, I will immediately review federal student loan practices to eliminate what is essentially predatory lending. I will work to implement responsible forgiveness opportunities, such as public service. We must stop leading our young people into indebtedness that can ruin lives.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change presents an existential threat to our planet. While acting on climate change is a moral obligation, the means and methods by which we take those actions must be relentlessly rational.

Just as the overwhelming majority of physical and earth scientists agree on the causes of climate change, so do political and economic scientists agree on the proper approach to public policy, for reasons of economic efficiency and environmental effectiveness.

As president, I will immediately act to ensure the U.S. rejoins the Paris Accord, and submit plans to reduce U.S. emissions by 39% - 46%, below 2005 levels, by 2025.

I will also submit to Congress legislation establishing an economy-wide carbon price, to be offset with repeal of the federal gas tax, savings from regulatory reform and elimination of wasteful subsidies. Proceeds will provide payroll tax relief for lower income families.

Reducing carbon emissions as quickly as is necessary requires a rational transition to carbon-free energy production. In addition to maintaining and expanding the use of renewables, we will continue to rely upon nuclear power, as well as less carbon-intensive fuels such as natural gas.

BIPARTISANSHIP

Bipartisanship isn’t actually difficult. I governed as a Republican in a state and legislature that was overwhelmingly Democrat and managed to be rated as one of the most fiscally conservative governors in the nation.

Working across party lines is a simple matter of respect, civility and a willingness to listen. When an elected official focuses on solutions and progress, rather than partisanship and being re-elected, the work gets done and the people are served.

This simple, and very American, concept has been lost in the Nation’s Capital. As president, as I did as governor, I will do my part to restore the bipartisanship that is today so sorely lacking.

IMMIGRATION

I celebrate that America has always been a melting pot. No matter the era, our nation has always been best defined by those who are willing to risk everything to come in search of the American Dream. There will be no chants of “Send her back” when I am president.

Rather, I will streamline our system so that more people can quickly and easily enter our country and begin contributing to our communities and economy. I will greatly expand the work visa program, stop mass deportations, and simplify the immigration adjudication process.

Obviously, a sovereign nation must control its borders. But instead of just letting our current leaders and campaign promises, my approach to border security will be humane, effective and consistent with who we are as Americans.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PERSPECTIVE

The 1945 State Legislature gave New Hampshire its official motto, “Live Free or Die,” as World War II approached its successful end. Given recent uncertainty with foreign relations and national security, how would you work as the next president of the United States to afford all Americans the ability to live free or die?

The fundamental role of government is to protect and preserve our freedoms. “Live Free or Die” is not just a slogan – it’s a reminder of that most basic responsibility. And our Constitution places that responsibility squarely on the shoulders of the president.

A strong America is a free America. A strong military? Of course. But ensuring our freedom in this complex and dangerous world requires much more. Our reputation as a reliable, stable ally has suffered great damage under our current leadership. As president, I will work quickly and rationally to restore the relationships that are so key to our security not just at home, but across the globe.

My military leaders are diplomats will not have to check my marching orders. Mine will be and Administration who understands that our security depends upon a predictable, stable, and coherent foreign policy – a policy that is relentless in its focus on restoring our strength and protecting our freedoms.
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