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Who is Bernie Sanders?

Sanders is a Democratic candidate for President of the United States. In 2006, he was elected to the U.S. Senate after 16 years in the House of Representatives. He is serving his second term in the U.S. Senate and has passed more amendments than any other member of Congress. **Bernie's political career has been grounded in principle and consistency:**

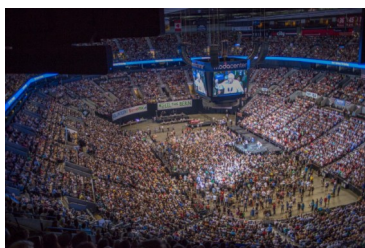
- Began his career as a political activist in 1963, staged sit-ins for civil rights, and marched on Washington with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Called for full marriage equality when he ran for governor of Vermont in 1972, 32 years before any other 2016 candidate.
- Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, negotiated and worked with Republicans to pass an effective VA reform bill despite toxic political tensions.
- Has never run a negative advertisement

in his life and **has never accepted any corporate donations.**



If Nominated, He Will Win

Bernie has a proven record of winning **significant support from people who usually vote Republican** and of beating Republican candidates, incumbents and challengers alike. In his 1996 Congressional re-election campaign, Sanders won some of the most conservative areas of his state.





Bernie Sanders shatters 2016 turnout record with 28,000 crowd

In his 1994 reelection, he gained the support of traditionally Republican small towns and rural areas. Recent polls in Vermont show Sanders beating Clinton in the state's primary among independent and Republican voters and among the traditionally conservative south of the state. Bernie has also seen spectacular turnouts for his rallies in Arizona and Texas because **his message resonates with working class families regardless of their political allegiance.**

He Can't Be Bought

Bernie Sanders refuses to accept donations from corporate interests, making him one of the most financially modest congressmen in the country. For over 25 years, he has remained consistent to his ideals as evidenced by his stellar track record **and is known for being one of the very few honest and authentic politicians in Washington. He voted against the Iraq war, involvement in Libya, and increasing military spending** despite party establishment support for those conflicts. He has always operated on principle and has championed progressive ideals even when they were unpopular rather than flipping his positions for votes.

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Teamsters Union	Goldman Sachs (Investment Bank)
National Education Association	DLA Piper (Corporate Law Firm)
United Auto Workers	JP Morgan and Chase

Voting History

Budget & Economy

Voted YES on \$192B additional anti-recession stimulus spending.

Voted YES on modifying bankruptcy rules to avoid mortgage foreclosures.

Voted YES on additional \$825 billion for economic recovery package.

Voted YES on \$60B stimulus package for jobs, infrastructure, & energy.

Voted NO on restricting bankruptcy rules.

Ban abusive credit practices & enhance consumer disclosure.

Civil Rights

Bush's tracking citizens' phone call patterns is illegal.

Voted YES on reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act.

Voted NO on Constitutionally defining marriage as one-man-one-woman.

Voted NO on making the PATRIOT Act permanent.

Voted NO on banning gay adoptions in DC.

Corporations

Voted NO on replacing illegal export tax breaks with \$140B in new breaks.

Require Code of Conduct for US corporations abroad.

Energy & Oil

Voted YES on tax incentives for energy production and conservation.

Voted YES on addressing CO2 emissions without considering India & China.

Voted YES on removing oil & gas exploration subsidies.

Voted YES on factoring global warming into federal project planning.

Voted YES on raising CAFE standards; incentives for alternative fuels.

Government Reform

Introduced Federal Reserve Transparency Act with Ron Paul.

Voted NO on requiring photo ID to vote in federal elections.

Voted NO on restricting independent grassroots political committees.

Voted YES on campaign finance reform banning soft-money contributions.

Voted YES on banning soft money and issue ads.

Economic Agenda

- Invest in our crumbling infrastructure with **a major program to create jobs** by rebuilding roads, bridges, water systems, waste water plants, airports, railroads, and schools.
- **Transform energy systems** away from fossil fuels to create jobs while beginning to reverse global warming and **make the planet habitable for future generations.**
- Develop new economic models to **Support workers in the United States, not give tax breaks to corporations which ship jobs to low-wage countries overseas.**
- Make it easier for workers to join unions and bargain for higher wages and benefits.
- **Raise the federal minimum wage** from \$7.25 an hour so no one who works 40 hours a week will live in poverty.
- **Provide equal pay for women workers** who now make 78 percent of what male counterparts make.
- **Reform trade policies** that have shuttered more than 60,000 factories and cost more than 4.9 million decent-paying manufacturing jobs.
- **Make college affordable and provide affordable child care** to restore America's competitive edge compared to other nations
- **Break up big banks.** The six largest banks now have assets equivalent to 61 percent of our gross domestic product, over \$9.8 trillion. They underwrite more than half the mortgages in the country and issue more than two-thirds of all credit cards.
- **Expand Social Security, Medicare (Medicare-for-all), Medicaid and nutrition programs.** Join the rest of the industrialized world with a health care system that provides better care at less cost.
- **Reform the tax code** based on wage earners' ability to pay and eliminate loopholes that let profitable corporations stash profits overseas and pay no U.S. federal income taxes.

"No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Anyone who works 40 hours in a week in America should not be in poverty, that's the simple reality."

-Bernie Sanders

Producing More, Making Less?

The hourly compensation of a typical worker grew in line with productivity from 1948 until around 1980. After that we can see that productivity grew strongly while the typical worker's compensation was relatively stagnant. What this gap between pay and productivity means is that

Many workers are not benefitting from their increased productivity.

The economy can afford higher wages but is not giving them willingly.

"Enough is enough, American workers deserve a decent

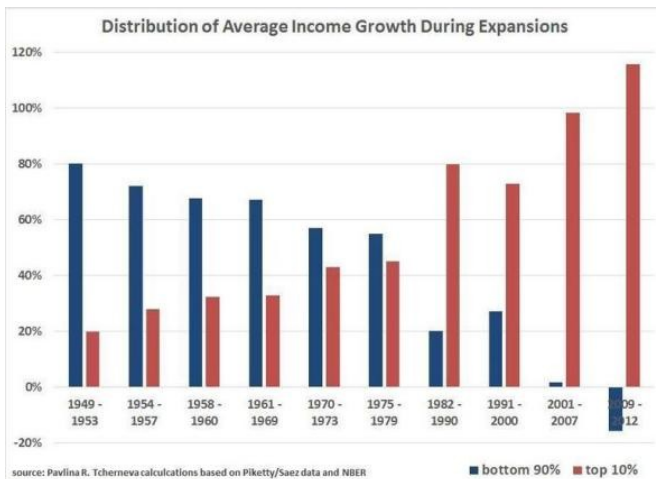
wage. All of you know what's going on in

America today: **the middle class is disappearing.** We have millions of working people living in poverty and 99 percent of all new income is going to the top 1 percent. That is not what America is



Rising Income Inequality?

"What we're seeing right now is that for 40 years, **the American middle class has been disappearing. Millions of people are working longer hours for lower wages despite a huge increase in technology and productivity,** and what we have seen during that period is a massive transfer of trillions of dollars from the middle class to the top one-tenth of 1 percent of America -- massive wealth and **income inequality, where you have 99 percent of all new income today going to the top 1 percent.**" -*Sanders*



This chart from an economist at the Levy Economic Institute at Bard College shows how much income gains those at the top have enjoyed during each of our post-war expansions.

1. Campaign Finance Reform

- The Koch brothers, the second wealthiest family in America, will spend \$1 billion in the 2016 election: more money than either of our major parties spent in the last election.
- **Pass a constitutional amendment overturning the Citizens United decision, so Corporations and billionaires won't give politicians unlimited amounts of money**

2. Tuition-Free Public College

- **Higher education is the most effective solution against multi-generational poverty. College should be available not only to those who can afford it.**
- It would only cost \$70 billion per year to pay the tuition for all public colleges. A 0.5% tax on stock transactions would bring in \$176 billion to \$353 billion per year! Closing offshore tax havens would bring in \$110 billion per year!

3. Break Up Big Banks

- **The recklessness and illegal behavior of major Wall Street firms plunged this country into the recession.** Six huge Wall Street financial institutions have over \$10 trillion in assets. These institutions underwrite more than half the mortgages in this country and more than two-thirds of the credit cards. If we are too dependent on them to let them fail, they are too big to exist and must be broken up.

4. Addressing Climate Change

- **We must transform our energy system into energy efficiency and sustainable energies and away from fossil fuels. Our transportation system needs to be energy efficient,** millions of homes and buildings need to be weatherized, and we need to greatly accelerate the progress we are already seeing in wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and other forms of sustainable energy.

5. Medicare for All

- 38 million Americans lack health insurance. Many avoid the doctor because of high deductibles and unaffordable copayments. **We spend about twice as much per capita on health care as almost any other developed nation, but our outcomes are not as good as others that spend much less.**
- **Medicare is the most efficient health care system in the world.** 2% of your money in Medicare goes to administrative costs, while 25% of your money going to private health insurance companies goes to administrative costs.

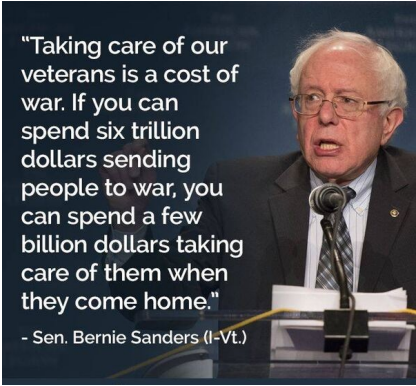
6. Making the Minimum Wage a Living Wage

- No one in this country who works 40 hours a week should live in poverty. Companies who pay their workers starvation wages should not be subsidized by the billions of dollars in food stamps going to their employees.
- **We need an incremental increase to the minimum wage over 5 years, which has not affected employment levels in San Francisco, Seattle, and Minnesota.**

Supporting our Troops

Bernie Sanders voted against the Iraq War, and believes that while military force is sometimes needed, it should always be the absolute last resort. Bernie's commitment to stopping unnecessary bloodshed is matched by his commitment to taking care of our over 20 million military veterans and their families. He served as Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and **received the 2015 Congressional Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), who said: "It is no understatement to say that Bernie has truly taken care of wounded, ill, and injured veterans and their surviving family members."**

"I am extremely proud of the Post 9/11 Bill and what it can do for veterans and their families," Bernie said. It provides substantial funding for education at many private colleges, as well.

A photograph of Bernie Sanders, an older man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit and tie. He is speaking into a microphone at a podium. The background is dark and out of focus.

"Taking care of our veterans is a cost of war. If you can spend six trillion dollars sending people to war, you can spend a few billion dollars taking care of them when they come home."

- Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.)

The Role of the United States Military

Bernie has stated clearly that he believes in "a strong defense system for our country and a robust National Guard and Reserve that can meet our domestic and foreign challenges."

Nonetheless, Bernie believes that military intervention should be a last resort, not a first resort, and that a bloated defense budget represents an improper prioritization of defense issues at a time when the country is plagued by pressing domestic challenges.

Bernie voted AGAINST the first Gulf War and the 2003 invasion of Iraq, but voted FOR the use of military force to prevent human rights violations by Yugoslavia in the Kosovo War.

Health Care– How Much Are We Paying?

At the moment, total health care spending in the United States runs over \$3 trillion a year; according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, over the next decade (from 2015-2024), America will spend a total of \$42 trillion on health care.

This is money that you and I and everyone else spends.

We spend it in a variety of ways: through our health-insurance premiums, through the reduced salaries we get if our employers pick up part or all of the cost of those premiums, **through our co-pays and deductibles**, and through our taxes that fund Medicare, Medicaid, ACA subsidies, and the VA health care system. We're already paying about \$10,000 a year per capita for healthcare.

Single Payer System Makes Economic Sense

Economist Gerald Friedman, (recently cited in the Wall Street Journal) broke down the federal spending for a HR 676 single payer health plan:

- Although spending \$15 trillion over 10 years, **we would, as a country, save nearly \$5 trillion over 10 years** in reduced administrative waste, lower pharmaceutical and device prices, and by lowering the rate of medical inflation."
- **Savings would be felt by local and state governments, and Americans who no longer pay for insurance or co-payments and deductibles. Providers would be reimbursed equally for caring for the poor under Medicaid.**
- **The economic boom and the productivity boost coming from a more efficient health care system, a healthier population, would raise economic output and provide billions of dollars in additional tax revenues.**
- **Save thousands of lives a year by expanding access to health care for uninsured and underinsured**
- Simplify billing operations within providers' offices and hospitals
- American businesses would be free to compete without the burden of an inefficient insurance system.

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A Variety of Benefits

The savings produced by a single-payer system would allow us to correct some of the problems within the current health-care system. In addition to extending coverage to all those currently uninsured, we could also improve the coverage for those with inadequate insurance.

"Health care must be recognized as a right, not a privilege."

- Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.)



Bernie believes that the challenges facing the American healthcare system need to be addressed immediately--they are a matter of life and death. **He prizes the health and wellness of individuals over corporate profits.** Additionally, he supports future legislation to curb drug costs and tackle fraud in the industry.

He has always believed that healthcare is a human right and should be guaranteed to all Americans regardless of wealth or income. Altogether, universal healthcare serves as a strong foundation for his policy goals.

"WHEN YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL, YOU SHOULD NOT COME OUT IN BANKRUPTCY. THAT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

-SEN. BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT.)



Crushing Student Debt

Unless you or someone you love holds student loans, it can be hard to feel the problem's urgency. But debt is a large (and growing) problem:

- **Mounting student loan debt is now affecting institutions and the core of America's economy**

- Men and women under student debt are postponing marriage, childbearing, home purchases, and starting businesses said Mitch Daniels, president of Purdue University and the former Republican governor of Indiana. **"Every citizen and taxpayer should be concerned about it."**

Our Priorities

If the federal government were to invest \$18 billion a year, **with a dollar-for-dollar match from state governments, we would slash college tuition in the United States by more than half.** Many of my colleagues in Washington would look at that number - \$58 billion a year - and tell you that we can't afford to make that kind of investment in our nation's young people. To put it simply, they are wrong. **Obama requested \$561 billion for the Department of Defense-** \$38 billion over budget caps that are currently in place. Invest that money in educational opportunities for today's college students, and we could cut tuition by 55%.

"Ask yourselves, where should our priorities lie?"

"Education is not the means of showing people how to get what they want. Education is an exercise by means of which enough men, it is hoped, will learn to want what is worth having."

-Ronald Reagan

"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation."

-John F. Kennedy

"Knowledge—that is, education in its true sense—is our best protection against unreasoning prejudice and panic-making fear, whether engendered by special interest, illiberal minorities, or panic-stricken leaders."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

Investing in Our Future

Fifty years ago, great schools like the University of California and The City University of New York – as well as many state colleges – were **tuition free**.

Today college is unaffordable for many working class families.

For the sake of our economy and millions of Americans, we must make higher education more affordable.

– Sen. Sanders (I-VT)



“The federal government makes billions of dollars in profits off of student loans

\$127 billion over 10 years, according to the Congressional Budget Office. That is extremely regressive public policy. It also makes no sense that students and their parents are forced to pay much higher interest rates for higher education loans than they pay for car loans or housing mortgages.

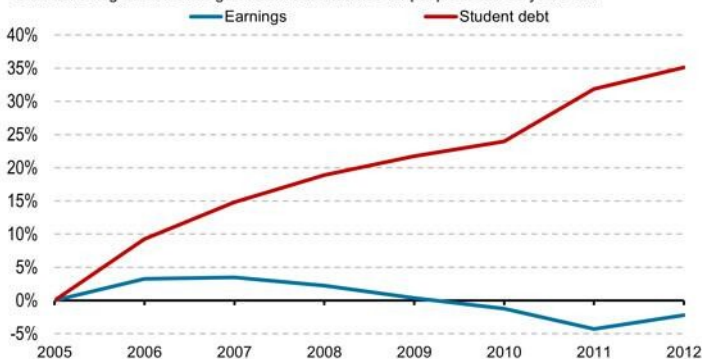
“We once led the world in the percentage of our people with a college degree, now we are in 12th place. Countries like Germany, Denmark, Sweden and many more are providing free or inexpensive higher education for their young people. They understand how important it is to be investing in their youth. We should be doing the same”

“If our economy is to be strong, we need the best educated work force in the world. That will not happen if every year hundreds of thousands of bright young people cannot afford to go to college and if millions more leave school deeply in debt.”

Under Bernie Sanders proposal, \$70 billion a year in assistance - two-thirds from the federal government and one-third from states - would replace what public colleges and universities now charge in tuition and fees. The federal share of the cost would be offset by imposing a tax on Wall Street transactions by investment houses, hedge funds and other speculators.

What Young People Make and What They Owe

Percent change from 2005 in median annual earnings of people 25-34 years old holding just a bachelor's degree and average student loan balance for people under 30 years old.



Source: National Center for Education Statistics (earnings); NY Fed (student debt) | WSJ.com

Women's Rights

The average woman still only makes 78 cents for every dollar the average man makes.

Vermont has one of the smallest wage gaps in the nation, but the gap still exists at every level of education and every stage of a career! Sen. Sanders was a strong supporter of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which amended the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to ensure that a woman who has suffered discriminatory pay can sue any time she gets a new paycheck. He has also consistently sponsored and voted for the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would require employers to prove that pay discrepancies



Family Values Matter

Tens of millions of women use birth control, and there is no valid reason to restrict a woman's access to safe, widely-used preventative services simply because her employer does not approve of what should be her private medical decisions. Sen. Sanders and 18 fellow Senators urged the Supreme Court not to undermine Congress in providing women with access to preventative health care in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*.

Additionally, **Sanders called for 12 weeks of paid leave if an employer has a child, is diagnosed with cancer or any other serious medical condition.** Simply stated, "it is an outrage that millions of women in this country give birth and then are forced back to work because they don't have the income to stay home with their newborn babies."

Consistent Voting Record

Protect reproductive rights of women (*Jan 1993*)
Rated 100% by NARAL, indicating a pro-choice voting record. (*Dec 2003*)
Emergency contraception for rape victims at all hospitals. (*Sept. 2006*)
Provide emergency contraception at military facilities (*Apr 2007*)
Ensure access to and funding for contraception. (*Feb 2007*)
Focus on preventing pregnancy, plus emergency contraception. (*Jan 2009*)
Ban discriminatory compensation, allow 2 years to sue. (*Jan 2009*)
Stronger enforcement against gender-based pay discriminations. (*Jan 2009*)
Require pharmacies to fulfill contraceptive prescriptions. (*July 2011*)
Ban anti-abortion limitations on abortion services. (*Nov 2013*)
Endorsed as "preferred" by The Feminist Majority indicating pro-women's rights. (*Aug 2012*)
Enforce against wage discrimination based on gender. (*Jan 2013*)
Voted YES on reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act. (*Feb 2013*)

Respect Our Elders

"There are those in Washington who want to balance the budget on the backs of the elderly, veterans, children, the sick and the poor. At a time when corporate loop-holes enable many large corporations to pay nothing in federal taxes, and the gap between the very rich and everyone else is growing wider, **There are fairer ways to do deficit reduction than cutting programs for some of the most vulnerable people in our country.**"

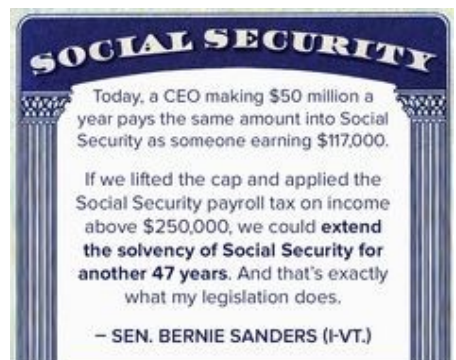
"It is beyond my understanding why the Democratic Party has not focused on the needs of seniors much more than they have-- and you better believe I plan to,"

"Social Security is the most successful government program in our nation's history. Through good times and bad, Social Security has paid out every benefit owed to every eligible American."

Sanders scores 100% by the Alliance for Retired Americans on senior issues.

Seniors Depend on Social Security

"More than half of the American people have less than \$10,000 in savings-- **It would be a disaster to cut Social Security benefits by raising the retirement age.** It is unacceptable to ask construction workers, truck drivers, nurses and other working-class Americans to work until they are 67-70 years old before qualifying for full benefits."



Consistent on Conservation

- Signed the Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act Requiring labeling genetically engineered food.
- **Co-sponsored a bill that would lower the cost of solar power** and put the United States on track to install 10 million solar systems on homes and businesses by 2020.
- Sanders co-sponsored prohibiting commercial logging on Federal public lands
- **Voted against Keystone XL pipeline**
- **Voted YES on increasing AMTRAK funding by adding \$214M to \$900M.**
- Voted NO on prohibiting eminent domain for use as parks or grazing land.
- Voted YES on protecting ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems.
- **Bernie Sanders has a 95% lifetime rating by the League of conservation voters**
- Rated 100% by HSLF, indicating a pro-animal welfare voting record.

"Unlike people in the U.K., Germany, France, Italy, Ireland, Australia, South Korea, Japan, Brazil, China, Russia, New Zealand and other countries where labels are required, Americans don't know if the food they eat has been genetically modified. People have a right to know what they're eating."

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT)



Subsidies for the oil, gas and coal industries are projected to cost taxpayers more than \$135 billion in the coming decade. At a time when scientists tell us we need to reduce carbon pollution to prevent catastrophic climate change, it is absurd to provide massive subsidies that pad fossil-fuel companies' already enormous profits.

– Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.)



Bernie Sanders wants a political revolution.

He's **genuinely** disgusted with the abject greed of the billionaire class, banks and legislators.

Our country has more income and wealth inequality than any other major country on earth, and the gap between the very rich and everyone is wider than at any time since the 1920s. Millions of Americans work longer hours for lower wages and our country has the highest rate of childhood poverty of any major country on earth.

It is unsustainable. This type of rigged economy is not what America is supposed to be about.

His campaign is about creating an economy that works for all, and not just the one percent.

He wants millions of working families to come together, to revitalize American democracy, and end the collapse of the middle class and to make certain that **our children** are able to enjoy a quality of life that brings them **health, prosperity, security and joy.**

His campaign is about the needs of the regular people, and the ideas and proposals that effectively address those needs.

He will fight to protect the working families and build a movement of millions of Americans who are prepared to stand up and fight back



The 2016 campaign to win the Democratic presidential nomination has been the greatest political effort in our lifetime, on behalf of we, the working class.

Why? Because we recognize so strongly in our hearts that Vermont senator **Bernie Sanders** is sincerely a man of the people, that we made campaign finance history by garnering over **2.5 million individual donations** from middle and low class citizens such as you, your neighbors and loved ones. Bernie Sanders is a man who cannot be bought out by corruption, turning down any and all Super PAC donations in favor of modest donations from **more work unions than any other candidate.**

Please explore Bernie's progressive goals for a sustainable and thriving future in America, his honest and noble voting record, as well as his proactive and tireless efforts throughout his career.

With help from **you and your community**, we have a real opportunity to represent American hearts & minds in the capital, **And secure a prosperous future for our children!**

