



FINDING COMMON GROUND ON THE NEW ECONOMY

SEGMENT 1: JOBS & GROWTH IN THE COVID ECONOMY — WHAT IS THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT?

ECONOMIC AND JOB OPPORTUNITY

ON THE LEFT:

Enact a major jobs and infrastructure plan, including transportation, schools, water systems and more

Penalize companies that move jobs overseas

Raise corporate tax rate

Raise taxes on wealthy individuals

COMMON GROUND:

America needs to upgrade its infrastructure. While not everyone agrees that this should include things like schools and water systems, it should include roads, bridges, and tunnels.

ON THE RIGHT:

Don't add to the national debt

Cut or privatize federal programs, or create public-private partnerships

Leave the corporate tax rate alone

Don't raise taxes on the wealthy

STUDENT DEBT

ON THE LEFT:

Forgive federal student debt for all borrowers

Forgive federal debt for some borrowers, depending on income

COMMON GROUND:

Any debt relief should be targeted to low-income borrowers

Income-based repayment plans are a fair approach

Put federal loan payments on pause during the pandemic

ON THE RIGHT:

Focus on approaches like income-sharing agreements and refinancing

Get the federal government out of the student loan business

Consider education vouchers for college or vocational school

SEGMENT 2: THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S PUSH TOWARD A GREEN ECONOMY

GREEN ECONOMY

ON THE LEFT:

Build green energy infrastructure like power lines equipped for renewable energy and car charging stations

Cap oil and gas wells

Shift to 100% clean electricity and net-zero emissions

New green jobs should be union jobs that pay good wages

COMMON GROUND:

The workforce of the future needs training for a green economy

Evidence-based retraining for coal and natural gas workers is critical

The U.S. needs to ramp up investment in green tech R&D

ON THE RIGHT:

Cut regulations to bring green tech to market more quickly

Protect U.S. green tech intellectual property

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SEGMENT 3: THE SHIFTING WORKFORCE

WORKFORCE

ON THE LEFT:

Institute UBI to offset unemployment from automation

Institute a VAT on tech companies to fund relief for displaced workers

Companies that automate jobs should share profits with displaced workers or include workers on their boards.

Fund free college and trade school to prepare workers for the future

COMMON GROUND:

We need to expand and improve worker training and streamline federal training programs

Apprenticeships are a wise investment

Students need to learn basic digital skills in K-12

Instead of UBI, focus government aid on targeted spending that helps the poor

ON THE RIGHT:

Incentivize business- and community-led job training

Allow states to accredit new kinds of educational and training programs

Avoid aid that disincentivizes people from working