Mending the Wealth and Income Gap

TAX JUSTICE

No tax policy change should exacerbate the income gap, especially the racial/ethnic and gender wealth gaps.

More than 4 million people of color and 6 million women in the United States would benefit from expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit to include childless workers.¹

Hillary Clinton recognizes that a critical piece of putting more dollars in the pockets of Americans includes a plan to “close corporate tax loopholes and make the most fortunate pay their fair share.” She also supports tax relief for that will allow families to “increase their take-home pay as they face rising costs from child care, health care, and sending their kids to college.”²

Donald Trump proposes eliminating income tax for almost 50% of current filers. “All other Americans will get a simpler tax code…providing the lowest tax rate since before World War II.” He claims “the Trump tax plan is revenue neutral” due to a combination of cuts to corporate loopholes and simplification of the tax code.³

¹https://www.cbpp.org/research/strengthening-the-etc-for-childless-workers-would-promote-work-and-reduce-poverty
³https://www.donaldtrump.com/positions/tax-reform

LIVING WAGES

National legislation should move from adjusting a minimum wage to creating a living wage.

The federal minimum wage is $7.25 an hour and has not been increased since 2009. The tipped minimum wage is $2.13 an hour and has not been raised since 1991.¹

Hillary Clinton believes we must raise the minimum wage. “She has supported raising the federal minimum wage to $12, and believes that we should go further than the federal minimum through state and local efforts, and workers organizing and bargaining for higher wages.” She supports administration efforts to fix overtime.²

Donald Trump does not support raising the minimum wage. He believes that, if we raise the minimum wage, “we’re not going to be able to compete against the world…We have to leave it where it is. People have to go out and work really hard and get into that upper stratum.”³

¹https://www.epi.org/publication/minimum-wage-tracker/
³https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/trump-hints-at-middle-ground-on-minimum-wage/article/2591752

FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORKPLACES

The needs of women and families should be integrated into federal workplace policies.

Almost 51% of working parents in the United States are ineligible to take unpaid, job protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act.¹

Hillary Clinton believes that we shouldn’t ask anyone to make the “impossible choice” of “staying home to take care of a sick child or an aging parent [and] losing a paycheck—or worse, even losing a job.” She supports a guarantee of up to 12 weeks of job protected, paid family and medical leave.²

Donald Trump is weary of paid leave. He told Fox News, “we have to keep our country very competitive, so you have to be careful of it.”³

¹https://www.diversitydatakids.org/data/map/
²https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/paid-leave/
³http://fusion.net/story/219017/trump-would-shut-down-mosques-lower-salaries/
**DEMOCRACY**

No individual or community of color should be disenfranchised by federal policy.

*Approximately 5.85 million citizens of the United States are disenfranchised from voting, including more than 2.2 million people of color.*

**HEALTHCARE**

Racial and economic disparities in healthcare should be eliminated.

*2.9 million individuals remain uninsured as of 2016 because 19 states have refused Medicaid expansion. 45% of uninsured individuals are white, 23% are Latino, and 28% are black.*

**CITIZENSHIP**

Immigrants should be welcomed into the country.

*The United States would gain $2.2 billion in tax revenue from currently undocumented immigrants if comprehensive immigration reform is passed.*

**HOUSING**

Everyone should have access to safe, affordable housing.

*There are at least 564,708 people who are homeless in the United States. 40% of people experiencing homelessness are white, 10% are Latino, and 41% are black.*

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**Hillary Clinton** has said “what has happened is a sweeping effort to disempower and disenfranchise people of color, poor people, and young people... we should do everything we can to make it easier for every citizen to vote.” She supports the restoration of the Voting Rights Act, automatic voter registration for eligible 18-year-olds, and early voting 20 days or more before an election.

**Donald Trump** has hinged his campaign “based on empowering voters, not sideling them.” However, his stance on voting rights is focused on reducing voter fraud rather than the millions of citizens currently unable to vote due to restrictive laws. He believes “you have places where people just walk in and vote.”

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[12] https://www.nlhb.org/library/HP