



FIGHTING FOR AMERICA

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House Republican
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Here's the first installment of information summarizing some of the most important overall points for your use at home. Included in this packet you will find information on:

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We will continue to email and post key updates in the coming weeks.

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COMMITMENT TO AMERICA

Restore Our Way of Life.

We will defeat the virus and keep America healthy by:

- ✓ Tripling rapid COVID testing and developing a vaccine that is safe, effective, and available this year
- ✓ Investing in therapeutics and cures, slashing drug prices, and ending surprise medical billing
- ✓ Protecting individuals with pre-existing conditions and expanding access to affordable telemedicine, mental health services, and opioid treatment
- ✓ Strengthening and modernizing our medical stockpile to prepare for future pandemics

We will ensure the safety and security of all communities by:

- ✓ Opposing efforts to defund the police while increasing funding by \$1.75 billion for better police training, community policing, and equipment, including 500,000 more body cameras
- ✓ Continuing to rebuild our military, support our troops, secure our border, and enforce our immigration laws

We will preserve our freedoms under the Constitution by:

- ✓ Upholding free speech, protecting religious liberty, defending the unborn, and safeguarding the Second Amendment

Rebuild the Greatest Economy in History.

We will get Americans working and add 10 million new good-paying jobs by:

- ✓ Supporting millions of local businesses and their workers with \$200 billion in forgivable loans through the Paycheck Protection Program
- ✓ Extending the \$2,000 child tax credit for families and Opportunity Zone credits that generate \$10 billion each year in distressed communities
- ✓ Continuing proven pro-growth tax policies that increase take-home pay and encourage innovation

We will end our dependence on China and enhance our economic security by:

- ✓ Implementing the China Task Force recommendations to move our supply chain for medicine, protective medical equipment, and technology out of China, increase U.S. manufacturing, and reach more free and fair trade deals

We will upgrade and modernize America's infrastructure by:

- ✓ Bringing high-speed internet to every household in the United States, launching a five-year plan to fix our roads, bridges, and airports, while cutting the permitting process time in half

Renew the American Dream.

We will make sure that every child in every neighborhood can attend an excellent school by:

- ✓ Allowing students to go to the school that parents believe is best for them
- ✓ Investing millions in high-quality science, technology, engineering, and math education

We will honor our veterans' service to America and hire our heroes by:

- ✓ Fully funding the VA Choice healthcare program that trusts veterans to choose their own doctor, while expanding GI education benefits so every veteran who wants a job can find one

We will support our citizens' success, now and in the future, by:

- ✓ Promoting opportunities for career and technical education, workforce development, and lifelong learning so more Americans can earn a promotion or pursue a meaningful new career
- ✓ Reaching bipartisan consensus to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and reduce our debt

The Democrat Agenda

DEFUND.

Our police, immigration enforcement, and military:

- ✘ Democrats support defunding the police, which would devastate our communities, allow criminals to roam free, and encourage more violent rioting and looting
- ✘ Democrats support defunding our immigration enforcement and border patrol, which would pave the way for completely open borders
- ✘ Democrats support defunding our military, which would jeopardize America's national security and the safety of our servicemen and women

*"The fight to defund policing continues."
—Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez*

DESTROY.

Our jobs, innovation, and influence in the world:

- ✘ Democrats support raising trillions in taxes on families and local businesses to pass their radical agenda, which would destroy our economy
- ✘ Democrats support destroying private healthcare plans through a government takeover of healthcare while advocating free benefits for illegal immigrants
- ✘ Democrats have failed to hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for stealing our jobs and intellectual property, which destroys our ability to compete on the world stage

*"First thing I would do as President is eliminate the President's tax cut."
—Former Vice President Joe Biden*

DISMANTLE.

Our rights, freedoms, and the Constitution:

- ✘ Democrats voted to impeach President Trump to dismantle the voice of the American people and undo an election outcome they didn't agree with
- ✘ Democrats support dismantling our freedoms in favor of socialist policies and more government control over our daily lives
- ✘ Democrats support dismantling the Constitution by curbing our right to free speech, ending our Second Amendment, and failing to protect the lives of the unborn

*"It's been going on for 22 months—two and a half years, actually."
—Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Democrat impeachment efforts*

President Trump's Historic Coronavirus Response

“My Administration will stop at nothing to save lives and shield the vulnerable.” - President Donald J. Trump

Key Takeaways:

- *Took early action to cut off travel from China*
- *Built the world's leading testing system from nothing*
- *Enacted mitigation measures to slow the spread*
- *Mobilized public and private sectors to secure needed supplies*
- *Took action to protect vulnerable Americans*
- *Launched effort to deliver a vaccine and therapeutics in record time*
- *Provided support to workers and businesses*
- *Paved way for reopening to get America working again*
- *Surged resources to hot spots as they arose*
- *Confronted China as origin of the virus while Democrats and media covered*

At the outset, President Trump took action to stop travel from China to stem the spread to the United States as long as possible.

- While Democrats were focused on their impeachment sham, President Trump took swift and decisive action to stop travel from China in January and enhanced airport screenings to help stop cases from coming into the United States as long as possible.
- In his February 4th State of the Union address, President Trump pledged to “take all necessary steps to safeguard our citizens from the virus,” while the Democrats’ response made not a single mention of the virus or even the threat of China.

President Trump built the world’s leading testing system from nothing, based on a virus we have never faced before.

- In order to accurately trace and combat this virus, President Trump set out to build the world’s best testing system, and that’s exactly what he did.
- We have already conducted more than 100 million tests, far outpacing any other country.

As soon as cases began to rise, President Trump released guidance to slow the spread.

- President Trump released guidance recommending mitigation measures critical to slowing the spread of the virus, and the American people stepped up to do their part.
- Dr. Fauci and Dr. Birx have attested to the fact that President Trump took action as soon as the data was presented to him.

In order to secure the supplies needed to confront the surge in coronavirus we faced, President Trump led the largest mobilization of public and private sector resources since WWII.

- The President directed his Administration to secure and distribute needed medical supplies to states in need – resulting in billions of PPE delivered so far.
- At the President’s urging, private companies shifted production to supplying masks, ventilators, hand sanitizer, testing supplies, and more.
- President Trump has acted under the Defense Production Act more than 30 times to ensure we have the supplies we need.
- When we faced a potentially catastrophic shortage of ventilators, President Trump took action to produce 100,000 ventilators and ensure no patient who needs one goes without a ventilator.

President Trump moved swiftly to protect vulnerable communities.

- The Administration quickly established guidelines for nursing homes and expanded telehealth opportunities to protect our vulnerable seniors.



- The President took action to ensure that uninsured Americans are able to get the COVID-19 care and testing they need.
- President Trump directed Secretary Carson to focus the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council on underserved communities impacted by COVID-19.
- The Administration is investing approximately \$2 billion in community health centers, helping their 28 million patients in medically underserved areas receive the care and testing they need.

Early in the fight against the virus, President Trump launched a historic effort to develop a vaccine and therapeutics in record time.

- President Trump understood early on that in order to defeat this virus once and for all and protect Americans, we need a vaccine and therapeutics.
- President Trump revolutionized the clinical trial process to ensure Americans get a safe vaccine as quickly as possible, by providing unprecedented investments in leading vaccine candidates to simultaneously produce them as they are tested and developed.
- Thanks to President Trump's efforts, coronavirus vaccine trials have progressed at record speeds, with multiple candidates already in or near the final stage of clinical trials.

President Trump responded to the devastating toll the virus took on our businesses and workers and secured unprecedented financial support.

- The President negotiated and launched the Paycheck Protection Program – helping save 51 million American jobs.
- President Trump secured direct payments to help the countless Americans who are hurting due to the pandemic.
- President Trump took executive action to give tax relief to workers, ensure unemployment benefits for those out of work, prevent families from losing their homes to eviction or foreclosure, and provide student debt relief for Americans already hurting due to the virus.

Understanding the harmful toll a never-ending shutdown would have on our Nation, President Trump provided support to help states safely reopen as soon as they were able.

- As we built out our critical medical supplies, flattened the curve, and rapidly expanded testing, states across the country were able to safely move towards reopening.
- President Trump ensured they had the data and resources to reopen on the correct timeframe.

As hot spots have emerged, President Trump has surged resources to impacted areas while enabling us to prevent another nationwide shutdown.

- The President has provided support to states facing new emergencies of the virus, including surging testing sites, deploying medical personnel, and advising on mitigation strategies.

While the media and Democrats refuse to do so, President Trump has called out China for its actions to ensure we prevent a similar threat from arising again.

- President Trump has rightly called out China's handling of the virus for refusing to be transparent and failing to contain the virus before it spread.
- The President held the WHO accountable for its egregious bias towards China that jeopardizes the safety of Americans.



Monthly Breakdown: House Democrats Have Failed America

January 2019: Speaker Pelosi [calls border security](#), "an immorality," and [led the longest government shutdown](#) in history (35 days) over a refusal to provide funding that would secure the border.

February 2019: Instead of holding one of her members accountable for hateful anti-Semitic remarks, [Speaker Pelosi refused to remove Rep. Omar from the House Foreign Affairs Committee](#) after her appalling comments, enabling this offensive behavior.

March 2019: After [repeatedly professing to "show me values, show me your budget,"](#) Democrats refuse to even [draft or propose a budget](#) showing that they are not serious about governing. Speaker Pelosi also [claims in an interview](#) that she would not support impeaching the President unless the case was, "so compelling and overwhelming and bipartisan."

April 2019: Democrats [refuse to allow a floor vote](#) on the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, putting their allegiance to their pro-abortion base over a duty to end infanticide.

May 2019: Democrats [passed a partisan prescription drug bill that](#) would undermine our efforts to develop cures, therapeutics, and vaccines, instead of working in a bipartisan fashion to help the American people.

June 2019: More than 50 days [after](#) President Trump requested emergency funding to address the "humanitarian and security crisis" on the southern border, Speaker Pelosi [finally caved](#) and passed legislation providing these resources [after threatening to block the bill](#) in the House despite it passing the Senate [84-8](#).

July 2019: After [claiming](#) that "the Squad" made up of socialists does "not have any following," Speaker Pelosi spends the remainder of the Congress giving into their demands by [impeaching the President](#) and pursuing far-left policies that would devastate the nation.

August 2019: Refusing to give President Trump a political victory, [Democrats delay passing the USMCA](#) trade agreement despite the clear boost it would provide our economy and benefits it would offer workers. The trade deal was ultimately approved in December.

September 2019: Speaker Pelosi [claimed she "knew what was on the call"](#) when it came to President Trump's phone conversation with President Zelensky prior to the transcript being released. Following that, she, in partnership with Adam Schiff, [unilaterally initiated an impeachment inquiry before even trying to learn the facts](#).

October 2019: The Speaker opts to use the House Intel Committee under the leadership of Chairman Schiff to investigate President Trump as part of their political impeachment efforts, [instead of allowing the committee to focus on real threats facing the nation](#).

November 2019: Weeks after conducting a partisan and deeply biased investigation of the President [in secret and behind closed doors](#), the House [voted](#) to authorize an impeachment inquiry on a partisan basis for the first time in history.

December 2019: Instead of focusing on the challenges facing the nation, Democrats spend all month wasting the country's time by holding impeachment hearings. These hearings did not yield [any direct evidence](#) for their claims, but Democrats still decide to make good on [what they promised to do even before the President was sworn into office](#) and vote to impeach him.

January 2020: The Speaker [refuses to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate](#), even though Democrats claimed impeachment was “urgent” and needed to be done to defend national security. Then, despite claiming the process to be “solemn,” the Speaker hosted [an elaborate ceremony](#) to sign the articles, [distributing commemorative pens and posing for pictures to mark the occasion](#).

February 2020: Speaker Pelosi [tore up President Trump’s “State of the Union” address](#) that [honored a number of American heroes](#) and emphasized the greatness of our country. Then, despite later criticizing President Trump’s response to the spread of coronavirus, Speaker Pelosi makes a point of [encouraging her constituents to go to Chinatown in San Francisco](#) and [called](#) the fear around the virus was “unwarranted.”

March 2020: As COVID-19 spreads across the country, Rep. Jim Clyburn [called](#) the pandemic an “opportunity” to pass far-left policies, and the Speaker introduced [a 1,000-page partisan bill](#) that proposed [adopting Green New Deal-style policies in the midst of the pandemic](#) before agreeing to pass the CARES Act.

April 2020: Days after [laughing on late night television while eating ice cream](#), Speaker Pelosi [blocks](#) critical PPP money from reaching small businesses [two full weeks after adding more funding for this critical program was initially proposed](#).

May 2020: Without bipartisan buy-in, Speaker Pelosi unilaterally [changes the rules of the House and instituted proxy voting](#), allowing members to collect their paychecks while not showing up to vote. She also [proposed a \\$3.4T bill](#) with provisions that had nothing to do with responding to COVID-19. [More than a dozen](#) of her own members opposed her [“partisan wishlist”](#) on the floor.

June 2020: Democrats [refuse to work](#) with Sen. Tim Scott on police reform legislation that could actually become law, and instead [embrace](#) the reckless and irresponsible [“defund police” movement](#) that would jeopardize the safety of American communities and threaten the well-being of our brave law enforcement officials.

July 2020: Speaker Pelosi [condones violent riots](#) taking place across the country that are destroying property and America’s history by saying “people will do what they do.” She also [continued to push](#) her \$3.4T partisan wishlist, even though it had no chance of becoming law and addressed things that had nothing to do with combatting COVID-19.

August 2020: The Speaker [labeled](#) Republicans as “enemies of the state,” and, after breaking mandates put in place by the city of San Francisco and [visiting a salon without a mask](#), she [demanded](#) that the small business owner apologize to her. She also [brought the House back into an emergency session](#) not to pass common sense COVID-19 relief, but to pass legislation about [a completely manufactured crisis over the USPS](#).

September 2020: After [receiving criticism from her own members](#) for blocking a COVID-19 relief deal, and forcing Senate Democrats to [block](#) a targeted, common sense proposal, the Speaker [encourages her members to not sign](#) a Republican discharge petition that would expand the PPP for small businesses that need it. She also proposed new legislation full of far-left priorities to address COVID-19, acknowledging that she wasted the last five months on an unserious bill, even though her newest piece of legislation is also a nonstarter and will do nothing to get relief to Americans that need it.

President Trump's America First Healthcare Plan

What President Trump Is Doing For You:

- *We Are Saving And Improving Your Healthcare While The Democrats Are Trying To Take Away Your Healthcare*
- *We Are Making Healthcare Higher Quality And Lower Cost*
- *We Are Guaranteeing Protection For People With Pre-existing Conditions, And Always Will*
- *We Are Stopping Surprise Medical Bills And Making Prices Transparent—So That You Know What It Costs Before You Buy It*
- *We Are Making Americans Healthier, Finding Cures To Diseases, And Developing Therapeutics And Vaccines*
- *We Are Giving You Control Over Your Healthcare Dollars*
- *We Are Taking Action To Lower Drug Prices And Approved Record Number Of Generics—Democrats Are Blocking Historic Price Reductions*
- *We Are Fighting The Lobbyists And Special Interests; We Are Serving Only You*
- *We Are Supporting Families With Paid Family Leave And High Quality Childcare*
- *We Are Defending Your Ability To Keep The Doctor And Plan Of Your Choice*

MORE CHOICE FOR PATIENTS:

Control Over Your Healthcare Dollars:

- President Trump has repealed the individual mandate and given millions of Americans access to more direct control over their healthcare spending, through Health Savings Accounts and Health Reimbursement Arrangements.
- **President Trump commits to give financial assistance to people, not insurance companies, and ensure patients are in charge of decisions about their coverage and care.**

Affordable Health Plans:

- President Trump has expanded access to affordable alternatives for small businesses and individuals priced out of health coverage by Obamacare.
- **President Trump commits to give access to health coverage tailored to your individual needs, not a one-size fits all option determined by government bureaucrats in Washington.**

Expand Telehealth For Millions:

- During the pandemic, President Trump took emergency action to expand access to telehealth to millions of Medicare beneficiaries.
- **President Trump commits to give Medicare beneficiaries access to telehealth regardless of where they live.**

Expand State Flexibilities:

- President Trump granted States waivers from Obamacare that have reduced health insurance premiums by 11% (WI), 18% (CO), 20% (MN), and 30% (MD).
- **President Trump commits to give States the flexibility to lower premiums while still protecting pre-existing conditions.**

LOWER COSTS FOR PATIENTS:

Lower Prescription Drug Prices:

- President Trump has lowered drug prices for the first time in 50 years through record setting generic drug approvals, lowering the cost of insulin for seniors, and paving the way for lower cost medicine alternatives to be imported from Canada for the first time.



- **President Trump commits to guarantee American patients and American seniors get the best drug prices in the world.**

Transparent Pricing:

- President Trump took the most aggressive action in history to ensure that patients have access to real price information before they go to the hospital.
- **President Trump commits to make sure Americans can shop based on price before they receive care.**

End Surprise Billing:

- President Trump eliminated surprise bills for COVID-19 related care.
- **President Trump commits to prohibit surprise medical bills that patients had no meaningful ability to plan for in advance.**

Cut Waste, Fraud, And Abuse:

- President Trump took on special interests and lobbyists. He strengthened the ability for Medicare to stop fraud before it happens so more dollars are spent on patients.
- **President Trump commits to ensure Medicare patients are not arbitrarily up-charged for receiving care at one doctor's office or hospital rather than another.**

BETTER CARE FOR PATIENTS:

Protect People With Pre-Existing Conditions:

- President Trump has taken unprecedented action to provide better access and care for those with a variety of pre-existing health conditions, including: covering testing and treatment for COVID-19, helping those with substance use disorder, improving kidney care, and ending HIV/AIDS.
- **President Trump commits to always ensure patients with pre-existing conditions have access to the care they need.**

Innovations In Treatment For Complex And Common Medical Conditions:

- President Trump has dedicated unprecedented resources for COVID-19 therapeutics and vaccines, substance use disorder, HIV/AIDS, pediatric cancer, kidney disease, Sickle Cell Disease, Alzheimer's disease, and has given terminally ill patients the right to try.
- **President Trump commits to dedicate the resources necessary to treat and research medical conditions Americans face, including cancer, heart disease, severe mental illness, and any new infectious disease threats to the American people that emerge.**

Easy Control Over Your Medical Records:

- President Trump took action to give patients back control over their own health data.
- **President Trump commits to cutting red tape to ensure patients and doctors have access to their health information in a secure and timely manner.**

Access To Doctors You Trust When And Where You Need Them:

- President Trump has created new ways for Medicare to pay doctors and hospitals, especially in rural areas, to ensure Americans will have access to the care they need.
- **President Trump commits to improve access to innovative arrangements like direct primary care, and stop the radical agenda to end access to your doctor through government takeovers that lead to socialized medicine.**





Republicans Support Protections for Patients with Pre-Existing Conditions

Republicans stand with patients who have pre-existing conditions and have fought for legislation to protect them. Every single Democrat has voted against Republican measures designed to help patients.

Key Points:

- **No American** should fear being unable to access health insurance because of a pre-existing condition.
- Republicans support a health insurance system that **protects Americans with pre-existing conditions**, increases transparency and choice, and lowers costs.
- Protections for those with pre-existing conditions are in place today and **will remain the law of the land**, even during legal challenges. Whatever happens, **Republicans will secure those protections**.
- **Democrats should stop playing politics** and affirm pre-existing condition protections into law right now, but they would rather score political points than admit the ACA's foundation was unconstitutional and pass actual legislation to protect patients.

Republicans Have Fought for Protections for Patients with Pre-Existing Conditions

Republicans are fighting to protect patients with pre-existing conditions. Democrats are rejecting these moves:

- As our first act this Congress, House Republicans forced a vote to protect vulnerable Americans and ensure that their coverage would not be caught up in questions of constitutionality before the Court.
- Then, Democrats twice rejected H. Res. 280, introduced by E&C Republican Leader Walden and W&M Republican Leader Brady, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that no American should lose protections for pre-existing conditions due to the enactment of an unconstitutional law, and that Congress should enact bipartisan legislation to guarantee affordable health insurance coverage if the Supreme Court decides Obamacare is unconstitutional.
- Further legislation, like Republican Leader Walden's H.R. 692, the Pre-existing Conditions Protection Act of 2019, have been offered by Congressional Republicans to achieve this goal.

Republicans are on record protecting those with pre-existing conditions:

- House Republicans originally championed these protections for the vast majority of the privately insured in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- During debate on the American Health Care Act (AHCA), and since, House Republicans reiterated their strong support for protections for those with pre-existing health conditions.
- House Republicans support crucial patient protections – including a ban on lifetime limits, allowing 26-year-olds to stay on parents' plans, a guarantee of being able to get insurance with a pre-existing condition, and no "hidden" exclusions that prevent those with pre-existing conditions from getting benefits – while giving Americans the choice to purchase health care coverage that best fits their needs.

Republicans believe in lasting protection for those with pre-existing conditions:

- Democrats want to rob states of the authority to address the unique health needs of their own communities, in pursuit of a one-size-fits-all government takeover through Medicare for All.

- We should instead focus on lowering the costs of health care by fixing surprise billing, making prescription drugs more affordable, and empowering patients with transparency and choice.

About the Latest Lawsuit Arising from Democrats' Reckless Passage of Obamacare

Twenty states, led by Texas, are arguing Obamacare's individual mandate is unconstitutional. A District Court judge in Texas agreed. The defendants filed an appeal in the Fifth Circuit, whose judges found that the Obamacare's individual mandate is unconstitutional. They sent the question of what happens to the rest of the law's provisions back to the District Court. Now, the Supreme Court is scheduled to weigh in on the case this fall.

CHINA TASK FORCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Generational Threat of the Chinese Communist Party

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China (PRC) more than 40 years ago, the United States has sought to draw the PRC into the community of nations as a responsible stakeholder. U.S. leaders pursued a strategy of engagement based on the assumption that expanding the bilateral economic relationship with the PRC would advance the U.S. national interest and lead the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to change. This engagement strategy often turned a blind eye to the CCP's human rights violations, economic malfeasance, expansionist aggression, and empty promises, as well as the CCP's deep commitment to a hostile Communist ideology that drives this malign behavior. This strategy has, simply put, failed.

In just the past year alone, the CCP has violated an international treaty and dismantled Hong Kong's civil liberties; continued its oppression of ethnic minorities, including Uyghurs and Tibetans; increased its military buildup, conducted increasingly belligerent provocations, and violated other nations' sovereignty at sea; engaged in fatal skirmishes to conduct a land-grab on the Indian border; and asserted new territorial claims over Bhutan. Moreover, by silencing doctors and suppressing medical information from the world, the CCP allowed a local outbreak of a virus to turn into a global pandemic, killing almost one million people to date and devastating the global economy. This pandemic exposed various U.S. supply chain vulnerabilities, the dangers of U.S. overreliance on the PRC, and the need for a more robust domestic medical and technological manufacturing capacity.

This series of wakeup calls has revealed how CCP ideology is undermining the core principles of the international system and putting Americans' safety and prosperity at risk. Leniency and accommodation of the CCP and its oppressive agenda is no longer an option. To preserve democracy and freedom around the world, the U.S. must act decisively with our allies to regain the initiative. Addressing such malign conduct can no longer be one of many priorities for our respective governments, but rather the organizing principle of the free world.

Assessing the Chinese Communist Party Threat

Recognizing the urgency and magnitude of the CCP's threat to American values and interests, Republican leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives set out to develop a policy action plan for Congress and the Administration to better combat this multifaceted challenge. Despite numerous and repeated invitations over a series of months, House Democrats refused to join or contribute to this vital effort. The GOP had no choice but to move forward independently due to the exigency of the threat.

Fifteen Members representing 11 Committees addressed the U.S. strategic competition with the CCP by focusing on: Ideological Competition, Supply Chain Security, National Security, Technology, Economics and Energy, and Competitiveness. The CTF conducted briefings with current and former administration officials on both sides of the aisle, business executives, Ambassadors, and various outside experts. In total, the CTF engaged with more than 130 leaders to provide insights and solutions for its comprehensive action plan.

Results of the Review

After months of virtual and socially distanced, in-person classified and unclassified briefings, the CTF drafted this report with 82 key findings and more than 400 forward leaning recommendations. The CTF prioritized recommendations that have bipartisan support and have already moved forward in the legislative process. As a result, well over half of the legislative recommendations are bipartisan and more than one-third have passed either the House or the Senate. This report is the blueprint for bipartisan actions Congress and the Administration can take now to address the greatest national and economic security challenge of this generation.

Key CTF Recommendations Include:

Ideological Competition

- Evaluating whether the CCP's crimes against Uyghurs amount to genocide, fully implementing sanctions laws enacted in response to the CCP's Hong Kong crackdown, and taking further specific actions to respond to the full range of CCP human rights violations, from religious freedom violations to forced organ harvesting.
- Coordinating a whole-of-government offensive information statecraft campaign to counter the CCP's propaganda machine by using truth and our values to undermine CCP's lies and malign ideology.
- Ensuring our citizens are aware when they are watching or listening to CCP sponsored and censored media and entertainment content.
- Countering the CCP's global malign influence by requiring transparency and accountability within the United Nations system, including at the World Health Organization.
- Funding technologies and the distribution of devices that help democracy fighters maintain digital security, ensure mobile access, and reconstitute websites after a cyberattack.
- Highlighting the CCP's rampant environmental destruction, including its status as the world's largest carbon emitter.

Supply Chain Security

Better securing our medical and national security supply chains by:

- Providing aggressive, smart, and targeted tax incentives to accelerate our research and development (R&D) and production of crucial medicines, medical supplies, ingredients, tests, and vaccines;
- Creating a grant program necessary to catalyze domestic production of important technologies and designing tax incentives to secure U.S. supply of advanced semiconductors; and
- Overhauling the federal permitting process for mineral development and prioritizing advancements in mineral refining so neither industry nor the Defense Industrial Base are reliant on the CCP.

National Security

- Working with the DoD to modernize force structure, posture, operational concepts, and acquisitions in order to deter CCP aggression in the Indo-Pacific and around the world.
- Ensuring modernization of all three legs of the nuclear triad as well as development and fielding of conventional capabilities critical to counter the PLA in the Indo-Pacific, including ground-launched cruise and ballistic missiles.
- Underscoring the need for a minimum three to five percent real growth in the defense budget per year in order to deter and defeat the PLA and other key adversaries.
- Increasing focus on how the U.S. military protects space capabilities and carrying out space exploration goals by leveraging private sector investments.
- Cutting off material support of CCP military industrial base companies, including divestment from companies with ties to the CCP's military.
- Safeguarding the U.S. electoral process and the integrity of our elections with various measures, including the identification of foreign malign actors and ensuring any individuals who engage in interference are inadmissible for entry to the U.S. or deportable if already present.
- Providing more resources for investigations, criminal prosecutions, and other actions against CCP sponsored IP theft in addition to closing loopholes the CCP has exploited in our visa system.
- Enhancing federal counterintelligence capabilities and bolstering Mandarin language capacity.

Technology

- Taking a whole-of-government approach to assess the security risks posed by the PRC in 5G networks and increasing cooperation between the U.S. and its allies and partners in identifying and countering them.
- Supporting the formation of a new D-10 group of leading democracies to develop and deploy 5G and subsequent generations and establishing a reimbursement program for companies to remove equipment from their communications networks that poses a national security risk.

- Securing international leadership in the technologies of tomorrow, including AI, quantum, 5G, and autonomous vehicles.
- Sanctioning PRC telecommunications companies engaged in economic or industrial espionage and any PRC entity that tries to hack COVID-19 researchers working on a vaccine.

Economics and Energy

- Ensuring no U.S. taxpayer dollars support any PRC state-owned enterprises.
- Harmonizing export control policies with our partners and allies to keep critical technologies, including semiconductor manufacturing equipment and R&D, from our adversaries.
- Applying heightened scrutiny for investments in U.S. companies or operations from the PRC.
- Strengthening trade relationships with our allies to establish U.S. standards and counter the PRC's influence.
- Pursuing trade policies that deter and protect against the PRC's theft of IP.
- Enforcing reciprocal treatment of PRC investment into the U.S. to restore symmetry in bilateral investment rules.
- Ensuring PRC companies are held to the same financial disclosure standards as American companies when listing on U.S. stock exchanges.
- Working to deepen our trade ties with Taiwan and resolving specific outstanding trade issues so the Administration can take steps to launch trade agreement negotiations once those issues are addressed.
- Strengthening the Development Finance Corporation, Export Import Bank, and other government efforts to more robustly counter the CCP's Belt and Road Initiative and debt trap diplomacy.
- Continuing to advance U.S. energy security in order to be a global counter against the PRC, particularly on the nuclear energy front.

Competitiveness

- Doubling the funding of basic science and technology research over the next 10 years.
- Increasing coordination and funding for STEM education to create a more capable, skilled workforce.
- Strengthening the protection of sensitive research at America's colleges and universities and leading research institutions which includes restricting all federal employees and contractors from participating in foreign talent programs.
- Requiring colleges and universities to annually report all donations from the PRC.

TAXES, FRACKING, COURT PACKING, AND MORE

The policy agenda outlined in the Vice-Presidential debate presented two starkly different visions for America. On many key issues, whether it was taxes, fracking, court packing, or others, Vice President Pence argued why the Trump Administration's approach would be better for the country, while Senator Kamala Harris frequently, and unsuccessfully, tried to dodge the radical proposals that she and Vice President Biden have embraced. See the rundown below for more on the policies that were discussed last night:

- **Taxes:** Senator Harris reiterated that she and Joe Biden would repeal the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act on their first day in office. As [Republicans on the House Ways & Means Committee have detailed](#), the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act has led to more jobs and investments, fairer taxes, and bigger paychecks. The promise from Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to raise taxes by \$4 trillion and force 82% of families to pay more after they received [nearly a \\$1,300 tax cut](#) because of the TCJA would hurt our economic recovery efforts.
- **Fracking:** Despite [repeated claims](#) from both [Joe Biden](#) and [Kamala Harris](#) that they want to ban fracking, Senator Harris tried to walk away from that position. Banning fracking would eliminate 19 million jobs and reduce America's GDP by \$7.1 trillion over five years, [according to one study](#). On top of that, as Vice President Pence pointed out, Senator Harris [was the first Senator to co-sponsor the Green New Deal](#) and promised to [eliminate the filibuster](#) to pass it.
- **Court Packing:** Once again, the Democratic ticket refused to answer a straightforward question about whether or not they would pack the Supreme Court. Late last month, Joe Biden [did not](#) take a position on it and has continued to ignore questions on this topic, while Senator Harris [dodged the question entirely](#) when it was posed to her by Vice President Pence. The reason Biden and Harris won't answer, as the VP explained, is because they will attempt to pack the Court if they win and ignore 150+ years of historical norms to help them achieve their disastrous policy agenda.
- **More:** On COVID-19, Vice President Pence outlined the Administration's historic response efforts, stressed how close we are to a vaccine [despite Senator Harris's attempts to sow doubts about its potential effectiveness](#), and highlighted the importance of holding China accountable, [something a Biden-Harris Administration would not do](#). He also talked about the importance of supporting law enforcement and [questioned](#) why his opponent refused to condemn the rioting, looting, and violence taking place in America's cities. Finally, he [emphasized](#) the decisive action President Trump has taken to eliminate terrorists from battlefield, destroy the ISIS caliphate, and rebuild our military, all accomplishments that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris would undermine.

The debate could not have presented a clearer contrast about the choice in this election and proved that despite Joe Biden and Kamala Harris's best efforts to dodge the truth, they cannot escape from the devastating, far-left agenda that they have embraced. See more takeaways from last night below:

- [The Washington Examiner \(Editorial\)](#): Kamala Harris doesn't want to talk about her ticket's liberal policy agenda
- [The Wall Street Journal \(Editorial\)](#): "Mike Pence's Re-Election Case"
- [Fox News \(Bossie\)](#): "At VP debate, Pence's steady hand vs. the uncertainty of Harris was on full display"
- [The Washington Post \(Thiessen\)](#): "Mike Pence's debate master class"

SCOTUS POINTS

216: Judges Nominated By President Trump & Confirmed By The Senate

~25%: Percentage Of Active Judges On The U.S. Courts Of Appeals That President Trump Has Appointed

2,600: Combined Years The Federal Judges Appointed By President Trump Are Expected To Serve The Nation

2: Supreme Court Justices Nominated By President Trump & Confirmed By The Senate

29: Supreme Court Vacancies During An Election Year

19: Times The President's Party Has Controlled The Senate During A SCOTUS Vacancy In an Election Year

17: Times A SCOTUS Nominee For Those 19 Vacancies Were Confirmed

10: Times The President's Party Did Not Control The Senate During A SCOTUS Vacancy In an Election Year

1: Time A SCOTUS Nominee For Those 10 Vacancies Was Confirmed

- *As Leader McConnell has said, these judicial confirmations are not a partisan victory. They are a victory for the Constitution because the President has sent the Senate impressive, qualified men and women who understand the radical notion that the job of a judge is to actually follow the law.*
- *The President and the Senate both have an obligation to the Constitution. The President has a duty to nominate an individual to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court and the Senate provides advise and consent for the nomination.*
- *The historical precedent for filling this Supreme Court vacancy is on the Republicans' side. In the last 60 years, 8 Supreme Court nominees have had their confirmation hearings begin within 15 days of their nomination, and Justices Stevens and O'Connor were both confirmed to the Court in 19 and 33 days respectively.*
- *Judge Amy Coney Barrett is an excellent choice to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. She is exceptionally qualified, and her record demonstrates an unwavering fidelity to the Constitution.*
- *Her nomination has received widespread praise, and even liberals acknowledge her brilliant legal mind and qualifications for the Supreme Court.*
- *She will serve the American people with honor and distinction on the Supreme Court, brings a wealth of experience from her time in private practice, academia, and public service, and has received numerous awards as a result of her excellence as a legal scholar and professor.*
- *Despite the fact that the President is carrying out his Constitutional duty and has nominated a Judge with impeccable credentials and qualifications, Democrats have launched baseless and offensive attacks against her, and even refused to meet with her.*

Judge Amy Coney Barrett’s Exceptional Legal Experience, Expertise, and Judicial Record Make Her the Right Choice to Serve on the Supreme Court

“Apart from matters of war and peace, the nomination of a Supreme Court justice is the most important decision an American President can make.” - President Donald J. Trump

THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR THE COURT: Judge Amy Coney Barrett will serve the American people with honor and distinction on the Supreme Court.

- Judge Barrett’s extensive experience as a professor and litigator, record of academic success, and outstanding judicial record make her an excellent choice to serve on the Supreme Court.
 - Judge Barrett is currently serving the American people on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Judge Barrett has demonstrated a steadfast dedication to upholding the Constitution as written, and not legislating from the bench.
 - Judge Barrett’s excellent judicial record shows she will protect the rights of Americans and defend the rule of law.
- Judge Barrett’s character and work ethic have earned her awards and bipartisan praise from the legal community.
 - Judge Barrett’s colleagues at Notre Dame Law School signed a letter supporting her 2017 nomination, calling her “a model of the fair, impartial and sympathetic judge.”
 - In 2017, a bipartisan group of law professors – including professors from Harvard and Stanford and other law schools around the country – urged the Senate Judiciary Committee to confirm Judge Barrett to the Seventh Circuit, describing her work as “rigorous, fair-minded, respectful, and constructive.”
 - The American Bar Association rated Judge Barrett as “well qualified” in 2017.

EXCEPTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: Judge Amy Coney Barrett brings a wealth of experience from her time in private practice, academia, and public service.

- Since 2017, Judge Barrett has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit after she was nominated by President Trump and confirmed on a bipartisan vote.
- Judge Barrett was appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts to sit on the Advisory Committee on Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, where she served from 2010 to 2016.
- After graduating from law school, Judge Barrett clerked for D.C. Circuit Judge Laurence Silberman and for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.
- Judge Barrett practiced both trial and appellate litigation in Washington, D.C. at Miller, Cassidy, Larroca, & Lewin, and at Baker Botts.
- Judge Barrett worked for more than 15 years in academia, shaping the next generation of legal minds and supporting the professional development of her students.

PROVEN RECORD OF SUCCESS: Judge Amy Coney Barrett has received numerous awards as a result of her excellence as a legal scholar and professor.

- Judge Barrett graduated *summa cum laude* from Notre Dame Law School and received the Hoynes Prize for achieving the best record in scholarship, department, and achievement.
 - At Rhodes College, Judge Barrett graduated with multiple highly respected honors, including induction into *Phi Beta Kappa*.
- At Notre Dame Law School, she received the John M. Olin Fellowship for aspiring academics and earned a tenure-track faculty position.
 - Judge Barrett was later awarded the Diane & M.O. Miller, II Research Chair in Law.
- Three graduating classes at Notre Dame Law have selected Judge Barrett as the “Distinguished Professor of the Year.”
- Judge Barrett served as a Visiting Associate Professor of Law at the University of Virginia Law School.
- Judge Barrett’s scholarly work has been published in several prominent journals, including the *Columbia Law Review*, *Virginia Law Review*, and *Texas Law Review*.



OPERATION WARP SPEED (OWS) COVID-19 VACCINES AND TREATMENTS

SHARED BY THE GOP DOCTORS CAUCUS



Key Messaging Ideas

- We are in the process of developing safe, effective vaccines & treatments faster than ever before thanks to American ingenuity
- Operation Warp Speed is safe and sound – due to modern efficiency, technology, and old fashion determination of effort.
- A safe, effective vaccine is the key to restoring our normal way of life
- Vaccines save lives. Vaccines prevent illness. Vaccines prevent the spread disease.
- Vaccines have rendered deadly diseases like polio obsolete. (Share specific, personal examples of how vaccines have helped you, your loved ones, or society)
- In some ways, COVID-19 is like many other flu-like viruses, yet, in many ways, it is unlike any other.
- COVID-19 is new, a never seen before virus. It is different, it is “novel.”
- Like previous influenza-type viruses, certain individuals are more at risk than others, and greater preventive measures must be taken.
- Symptoms from COVID-19 may vary: none, fever, loss of taste and smell, cold-like, flu-like, breathing difficulties, death.

WHAT IS OPERATION WARP SPEED?

Operation Warp Speed is America’s common-sense path forward, in a historic effort, to safely bring COVID-19 testing, treatments, and vaccines to the American people in record time.

Goal:

Develop 300 million doses of a safe, effective COVID-19 vaccine by January 2021, as part of a broader strategy to accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics (collectively known as countermeasures).

The Federal government is coordinating with private vaccine researchers in order to draw from the best that each has to offer so that we accelerate the development and production of a safe and effective vaccine treatment.

Current Status of OWS Vaccine Development

Dozens of potential vaccines are already in clinical development testing phases. As of early August, at least three promising vaccine candidates began Phase III trials - the final stage of clinical trials.

These potential vaccines will be tested on thousands of volunteers and evaluated for effectiveness and safety. While there are no guarantees of success with trials, if Phase III trials are successful, we may be only months away from a safe, effective coronavirus vaccine.

The testing standards are the same as any other vaccine developed domestically, however, the speed has been accelerated as the magnitude of the process has been enhanced. There is a path forward and we have reasons to be hopeful. Part of the path forward includes treatments have safely developed.

OWS Treatments

Our medical community continues to develop innovative therapeutics to treat COVID-19 that can improve outcomes and help patients recover faster. Since February, we have made great advances in treating symptomatic COVID patients and we have decreased the mortality rate 40 percent. Best practices are being refined determining when someone should be treated, and how, for best outcomes.

It is better to treat a patient sooner, rather than later. It is better to treat a patient before they are in need of more extensive care.

Through OWS, existing treatments (such as anti-viral, convalescent plasma, and steroids) are showing positive results. Many care regions are showing a smaller percentage of COVID positive patients needing hospitalization and a smaller number of patients needing intensive care.

What is Convalescent Plasma?

Patients who have recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies against the virus in a part of their blood called plasma. Through simple blood donations, antibodies from a patient that has had, and recovered from, COVID-19, can be given to patients to assist in their recovery and help save a life.

Many of the more than two million Americans who've recovered from COVID-19 are eligible to donate and should consider doing so. President Trump has recently launched a nation-wide call to action, encouraging plasma donation.

Why a vaccine?

Vaccines are prevention. It is common sense to aspire to prevent a disease from ever taking hold. While treatments fight disease and the symptoms of disease, vaccines, once administered, are used to block disease.

OWS Vaccines will be safe

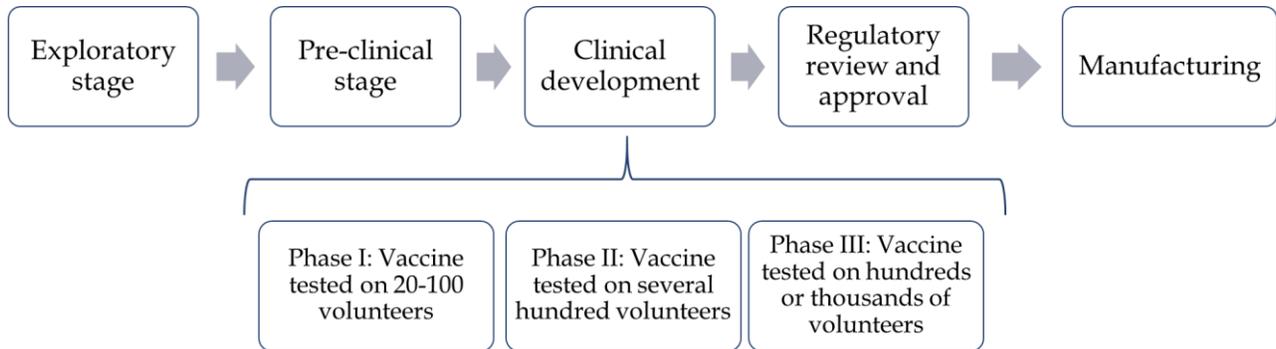
It makes medical and scientific sense, as well as common sense, that COVID -19 vaccines are to go through the same, if not more, rigorous testing as previous vaccines to ensure that they are safe and effective.

Vaccines have helped our society defeat diseases like polio and measles.

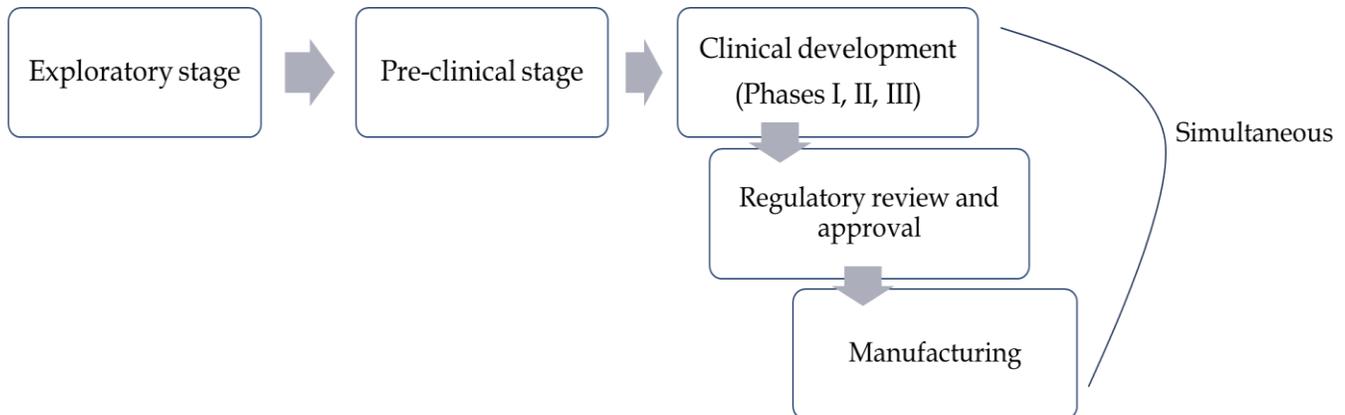
How is OWS different from the typical process?

Typical vaccine development takes 10 to 15 years, and each step occurs one at a time. Under OWS, vaccine testing, regulatory approval, and manufacturing occur simultaneously. This means a possible vaccine could be developed in mere months.

Typical Vaccine Development Process (10 to 15 years)



Operation Warp Speed Process (Less than 12 months)



Our vaccines are showing clear signs of positive results. We will not proceed until proven effective and safe for patient use. Mass production capabilities are already being arranged for the moment that all phases of vaccine development are thoroughly proven to be safe and effective.

DEVELOPING BEST PRACTICES

Operation Warp Speed (OWS) is working with world-leading scientists to develop and inform about best practices in relation to testing, monitoring, and treating COVID-19.

Test, Monitor, Treat

1. **Testing** 6-7 day wait / Point of Contact – no wait

The federal government is working to expand testing capacity and reduce the current wait times and get results faster. This includes funding to develop more accessible point of contact testing so there is no wait for results.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) launched the [Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics \(RADx\)](#) initiative to speed innovation in the development, commercialization, and implementation of technologies for COVID-19 testing. Accurate, fast, easy-to-use, and widely accessible testing will help us restore our normal way of life.

2. **Monitoring**

- Thermometer to measure temperature.
- Pulse Oximeter to measure O₂ in blood.
 - *Indicates breathing function*
 - *If trending downward with home monitoring, treat sooner rather than later*
- Other physician led monitoring:
 - *CT scan of lungs (infiltrates indicate disease)*
 - *Blood work: inflammatory markers (i.e, IL-6)*

Americans can monitor their health at home, including thermometers to take their temperature and pulse oximeters to measure blood oxygen levels, which indicates breathing function. If either of these vital signs are trending outside normal ranges, they should consult with their doctor and seek treatment sooner rather than later.

If someone is exhibiting symptoms, believes they have COVID-19, and/or is awaiting test results, they should self-isolate and quarantine until they are confident they are not sick and cannot transmit the virus to others.

Additional diagnostic tools your doctor may utilize include a CT scan of the lungs to measure COVID-19 indicators and blood work to measure inflammatory markers, like IL-6.

3. Treatments

We know a lot more about how to treat COVID-19 than we did in March, and Operation Warp Speed is adding to our understanding of how to best treat patients to keep them out of the hospital and recover faster. Treatments that are showing potential include:

- Isolation / quarantine
- Anti-viral medications
- Autoimmune disease treatment
 - *Hydroxychloroquine*
- Antibiotic treatment
 - Azithromycin
 - *(to help prevent secondary bacterial lung infection)*
- Convalescent plasma / hyperimmune globulin
 - *(antibodies from those previously infected)*
- Steroid treatments
 - *(to reduce inflammatory reaction to virus)*
- Monoclonal antibodies

The U.S. Government and Operation Warp Speed are working to both conduct trials and distribute effective treatments as safely and quickly as possible. These efforts include:

- **Remdesivir, an anti-viral drug**, which has been shown to decrease mortality and speed up recovery time.
 - HHS has secured more than 500,000 treatment courses of the drug for American hospitals through September. ([HHS](#))
- **Convalescent plasma & hyperimmune globulin** - antibodies that combat the virus.
 - The plasma of individuals who have recovered from an infection like COVID-19 may contain antibodies made by the immune system that can combat the virus.
 - HHS is promoting a PSA campaign to encourage recovered Americans to donate plasma. ([HHS](#))
- **Steroid treatments - to reduce inflammatory reaction caused by virus.**
- **Hydroxychloroquine / Azithromycin**
 - Hydroxychloroquine is an FDA approved drug for malaria and autoimmune diseases. Hydroxychloroquine, in combination with FDA approved antibiotic azithromycin, *by some preliminary reports*, may benefit COVID-19 patients. Numerous clinical trials are underway, including with NIH. ([NIH](#))
- **Monoclonal antibodies** are manufactured antibodies that can help fight COVID-19.
 - The NIH is studying the investigational monoclonal antibody “LY-CoV555,” which was identified in a blood sample from a recovered COVID-19 patient, through their ACTIV-3 Study as part of OWS. ([NIH](#))

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Additional National Top Lines Messaging

- **THREE KEY WORDS/PHRASES TO USE IN EVERY INTERVIEW:**
 - **PATH FORWARD**—The President is leading the country out of this pandemic
 - **SAFE**—everything we are working on: school reopening, vaccines, treatments, etc. are all about keeping your family SAFE.
 - **COMMON SENSE**—People should exercise caution, everyone can follow common sense guidelines to keep their families, neighbors, and safe.
- **THE WHY:** COVID-19 is an unprecedented global challenge; a pandemic that no one has faced in our lifetimes. As we work together to combat this terrible virus, the Trump Administration is heightening its engagement with 25 cities that are the top “areas of concern” for increasing COVID cases. Under President Trump’s direction, we are calling because we believe if everyone is in this together, **we can prevent your city from becoming the next hot spot.**
- **STILL A GLOBAL CHALLENGE:** New outbreaks continue throughout the world, even for countries who previously through the virus was behind them. COVID-19 is spreads equally in areas. **President Trump urges everyone to be cautious.**
- **UNPRECEDENTED VACCINE AND TREATMENT DEVELOPMENT:** The Trump Administration continues an unprecedented, groundbreaking effort to deliver safe and effective vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics at historic speed for Americans. Operation Warp Speed (OWS) has a mandate to begin the delivery of 300 million doses of safe and effective vaccines by early 2021. OWS will consider partnering with any company that can deliver safe and effective vaccines and therapeutics and rapidly scale up manufacturing to meet delivery throughout the United States and its territories. The advancements in vaccine and therapeutic research made through OWS means we are in a better position than ever before to combat the coronavirus, keep Americans safe, and protect vulnerable communities.
- **WHAT DO WE DO?:** It’s time for every individual to re-commit to mitigation efforts that President Trump continues to emphasize: **(1) if you feel sick, stay home, (2) practice social distancing, (3) wear a mask when you cannot social distance, (4) wash your hands frequently and practice good hygiene. (5) Americans should be extra careful in closed or indoor spaces,** like bars and restaurants.
 - **Don’t forget the 3 W’s:**
 - **Wash Your Hands**
 - **Wear a Mask**
 - **Watch Your Distance**
- **WHO TO PROTECT:** President Trump wants to protect all Americans, including our most vulnerable—the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.

- **IT'S NOT TOO LATE:** By acting now, we can contain and manage the spread so that fewer people get seriously sick and the economy stays open.
- **PATH FORWARD:** (1) **We know much more now than we did in March.** We know that if individuals use common sense and are vigilant, we can safely keep the economy open. (2) **Treatments work!** Due to the power of American ingenuity and innovation, we now have therapeutics to better treat COVID, and help more people recover. Also, **Vaccines are progressing** at an incredible, historic pace. (3) **Our medical system is now much more prepared** to handle capacity and testing has increased exponentially, enabling our death rate from COVID to decrease significantly.



WAYS AND MEANS

REPUBLICANS | KEVIN BRADY, REPUBLICAN LEADER

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, championed by President Trump and congressional Republicans, spurred a boom in economic growth that took Americans off the sidelines and got them back to work. Thanks to these reforms, our economy doesn't have to strain under a tax code from 1986, but will recover with a modern, dynamic tax code that promotes growth.

MORE JOBS AND INVESTMENT

What TCJA Did:

- Created a historic tax cut for Main Street businesses.
- Lowered tax rates for job creators of all sizes.
- Made it easier for companies to bring jobs and investments back to the U.S.

How the Economy Responded:

- **Main Street Optimism Reached An All-Time High.** In the third quarter of 2018, small businesses recorded their highest level of optimism to date.
- **Opportunities For All Americans Flourished.** The unemployment rate reached a generational low, with record low unemployment for women, people of color, and workers without high school degrees.
- **Jobs Added to the Economy.** Since the enactment of TCJA, the economy gained nearly 5 million jobs before the pandemic.
- **TCJA Brought a Record Amount of Job Openings.** Under TCJA, job openings were at a record high of 7.5 million jobs.
- **Businesses Started to Reinvest Again.** Core investments in equipment and other business necessities reversed its Obama-era five-year downward trend and shot back up to near historic highs making businesses and workers more productive, while boosting workers' wages.
- **Business Applications At Record Levels.** TCJA encouraged business creation as the amount of business applications reached its highest level ever of over 880,000.

FAIRER TAXES

What TCJA Did:

- Simplified that tax filing process for millions of workers.
- Eliminated the Alternative Minimum Tax for most taxpayers.
- Expanded popular savings tools, like 529 accounts.

How the Economy Responded:

- **Millions of Hours Saved.** Nearly nine out of 10 Americans took the standard deduction in 2019, no longer needing to go through the complicated process of itemizing.
- **Revenues Soared.** Breaking dire predictions from experts, federal revenues reached an all-time high, due to more Americans working, bigger paychecks, and businesses expanding.

BIGGER PAYCHECKS

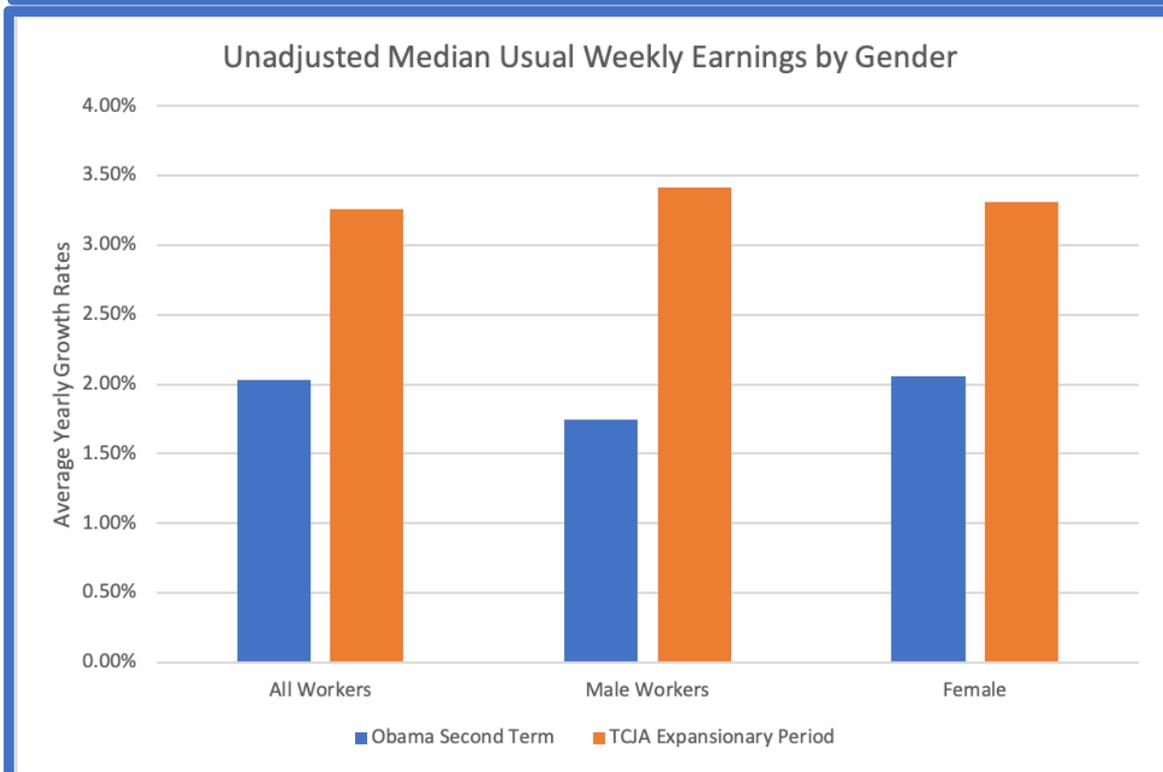
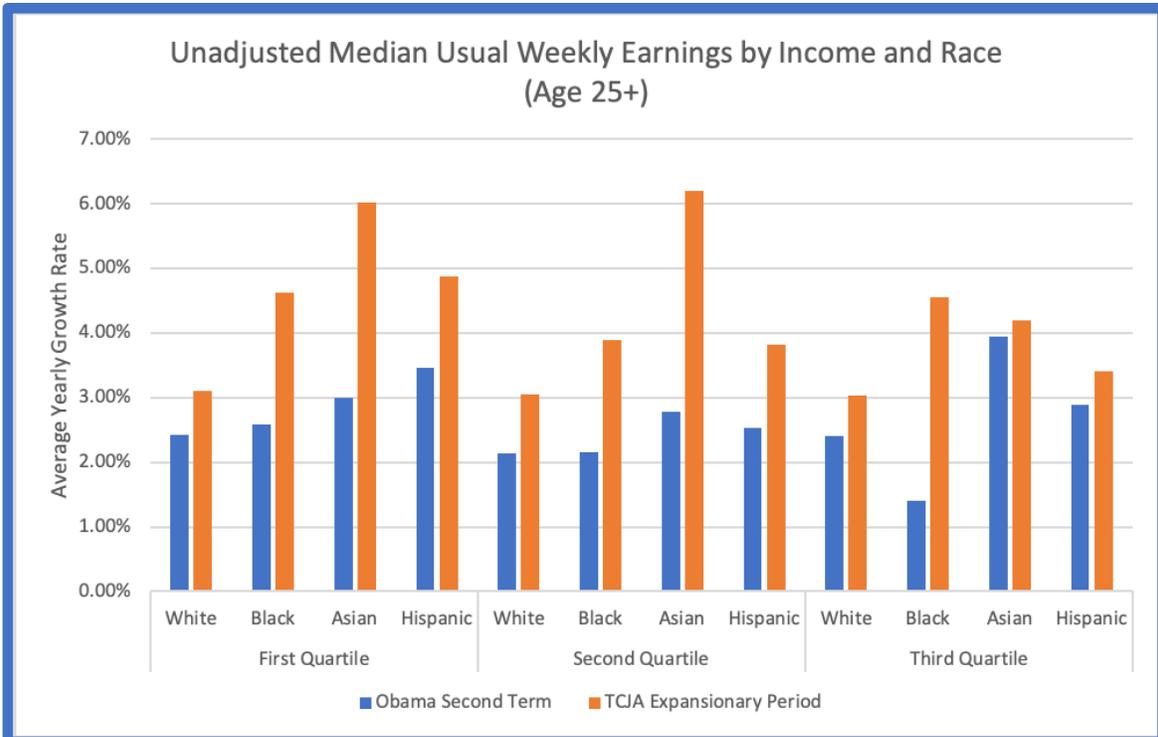
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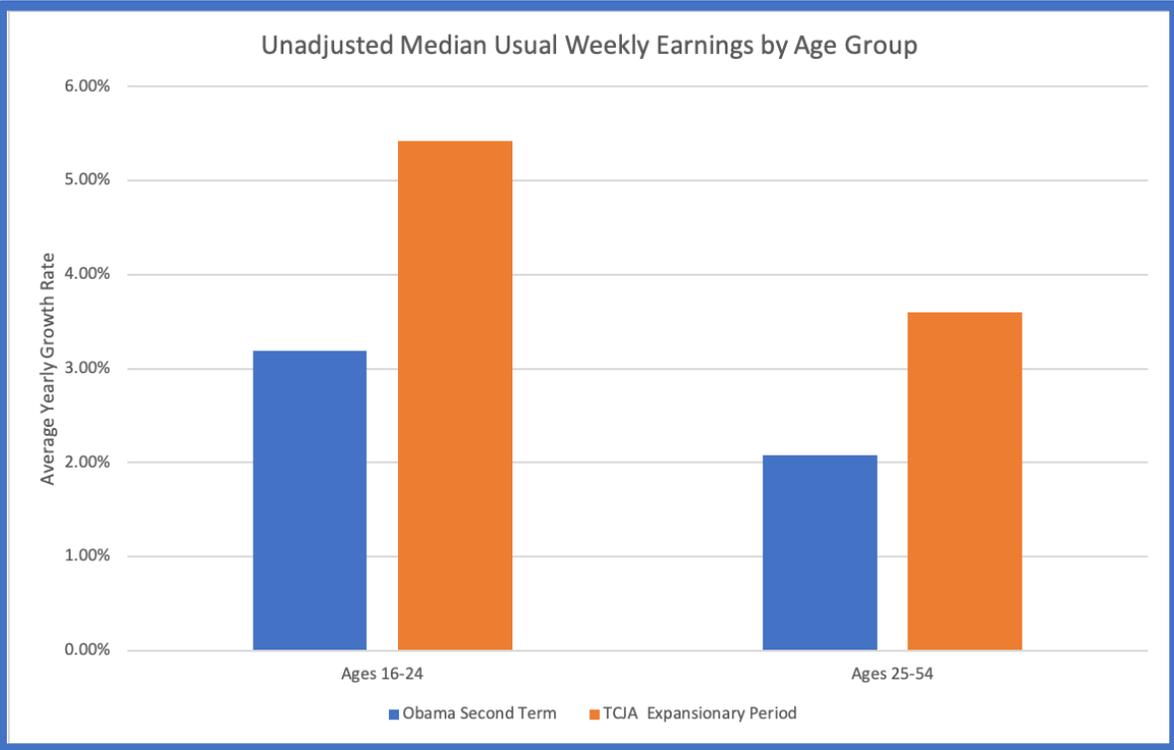
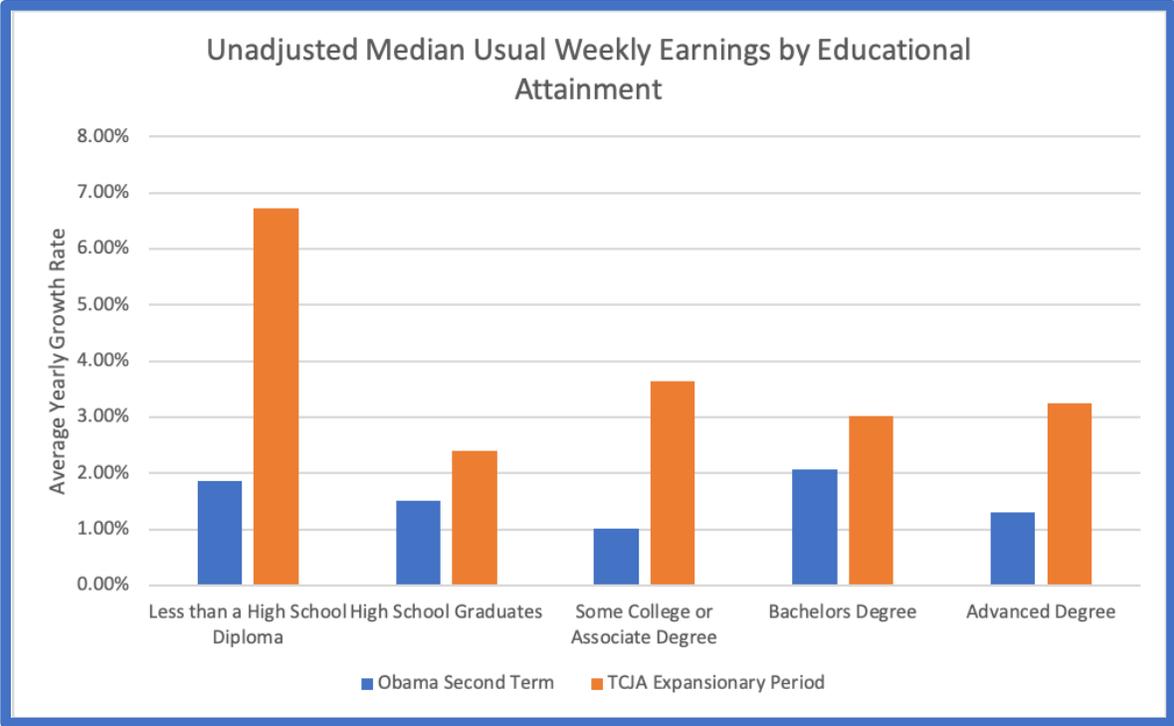
- Cut income tax rates across the board.
- Nearly doubled the standard deduction.
- Doubled the Child Tax Credit.

How the Economy Responded:

- **Workers' net worth soared.** Low- and middle-class families saw the largest gains in wealth growth in 2018 and 2019, according to the Federal Reserve. Low-income families saw their net worth increase 37%. Middle-class families saw their net worth increase 40%.
- **Household Income Reached New Highs.** Real median U.S. household income in 2019 rose nearly 50% more than during the eight years of Barack Obama's Presidency. Median household incomes increased 7.1% for Hispanics, 7.9% for Blacks, 10.6% for Asian Americans and 8.5% for foreign-born workers.
- **Wages for Minorities Grew at a Faster Pace.** Compared to Obama's second term, wage growth, as a measure of median usual weekly earnings, grew 24% faster for Hispanics, 79% faster for Blacks, and 95% faster for Asian Americans.
- **Wages for Women Grew at a Faster Pace.** Compared to Obama's second term, wage growth, as a measure of median usual weekly earnings, grew 60% faster for women.
- **Wages for Youths (Ages 16-24) Grew at a Faster Pace.** Compared to Obama's second term, wage growth, as a measure of median usual weekly earnings, grew 70% faster for women.

- Wages for All Levels of Educational Attainment Grew at a Faster Pace.** Compared to Obama’s second term, wage growth, as a measure of median usual weekly earnings, more than doubled for those with less than a high school diploma and those with either some college or have an associate degree.





Economic Accomplishments of the Trump Administration

Job Creation

- The U.S. economy added 661,000 jobs in September (market expectations were for a gain of 875,000).
 - EVERY private sector industry reported gains in employment in September with the largest gains in leisure and hospitality (+318,000), retail trade (+142,000), professional and business services (+89,000), transportation and warehousing (+74,000), and manufacturing (+66,000). The construction industry also added 26,000 jobs.
 - Employment in July and August was revised upward by a combined 145,000.
 - Private employment across all industries – excluding government – performed better, increasing 877,000 in September.
- In just five months since the recovery began, the United States has gained 11.4 million jobs, recovering nearly 52% of the jobs lost in March and April as a result of the pandemic.
- 68 percent of jobs gains over the past 5 months occurred in relatively low-wage sectors including retail, leisure & hospitality, and education & health services.
 - Black American employment has increased 1.3 million in the past 5 months. This represents the recovery of roughly 4 in 10 Black American jobs lost in the pandemic.
 - Hispanic American employment has increased 3.3 million in the past 5 months. This represents the recovery of roughly 5 in 10 Hispanic American jobs lost in the pandemic.
 - Asian American employment has increased 1.1 million in the past 4 months. Roughly 6 in 10 Asian American jobs lost in the pandemic have been regained in the past 4 months.
- In just 5 months, we've regained 716,000 manufacturing jobs, or 52.5% of the manufacturing jobs lost as a result of the pandemic in March and April.

Pre-COVID

- There were 2.2 million more people working at some point in 2019 compared with 2018, and 1.2 million more people working full-time year-round.
 - The full 1.2 million increase in full-time year-round workers was attributable to women.
- Prior to COVID-19, more than 500,000 manufacturing jobs were created since the 2016 election.
 - Under President Trump, the economy added over half a million manufacturing jobs, prior to the pandemic. In comparison, 15,000 manufacturing jobs were lost in the final 12 months prior to the election of President Trump.
 - Comparatively, 20,000 manufacturing jobs were lost in the 12 months prior to the 2016 election.
- Prior to COVID-19, the economy added jobs every month since the election of President Trump.
- Between the time President Trump took office and February 2020, African American employment increased by 1.3 million

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Economic Accomplishments of the Trump Administration

- The rate of job growth per month for African Americans under Trump has been 20 percent higher than the monthly average under the previous Administration, adding more than 35,000 new jobs for African Americans per month
- Prior to COVID-19, since the President's election, the economy added over 7 million jobs.
 - This is more than the populations of Massachusetts in 2018.
 - This is 5.1 million more jobs than the Congressional Budget Office projected in its final forecast before the 2016 election.
- Through the White House's Pledge to America's Workers, more than 300 employers and organizations across our nation have committed to delivering over 14 million enhanced-career and training opportunities, such as apprenticeships and on-the-job training, to American students and workers.

Unemployment

- The unemployment rate continued to fall in September, decreasing 0.5 percentage point (p.p.) to 7.9%. Since the April peak, the unemployment rate has now fallen 6.8 p.p. in just 5 months.
 - Under the Great Recession recovery, it took nearly 3 years (35 months) for the unemployment rate to fall from the October 2009 peak to below 7.9%.
 - This summer, every forecaster expected this year would end with an unemployment rate far above 7.9%. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projected in July an unemployment rate of 10.5% at the end of 2020, the Federal Open Markets Committee (FOMC) projected a rate of 9.3%, while the Blue Chip consensus forecast in August was also for a year-ending rate of 9.3%.
- The unemployment rate fell for Hispanics (-0.2 p.p.), Asians (-1.8 p.p.), Black Americans (-0.9 p.p.), those without a high school diploma (-2.0 p.p.), and those with only a high school diploma (-0.8 p.p.).
 - The decline in the Asian American unemployment rate matches the largest 1-month decline on record since the series began in 2003.
- The number of permanent job losers increased in September. However, the increase in the number of permanent job losers so far from the start of the pandemic (February 2020) is half the increase experienced during the 2008-09 recession.
 - Permanent job losers as a share of total unemployed in September (30%) is still far below the peak reached in the 2008-09 recession (45%).
 - Since the April peak, the number of workers on temporary layoff has declined by nearly 75%, or 13.4 million people.

Pre-COVID

- The unemployment rate for African Americans reached a record low of 5.4 percent in August 2019
 - The unemployment rate for African American women reached its series low in August 2019.
 - This is 2.6 percentage points below the rate in November 2016.
- As of March 6, 2020, Initial Unemployment Insurance claims remained at or below 300,000 for 261 consecutive weeks.
 - This was the longest such streak since at least 1967, despite the labor force more than doubling in size.
- The labor force participation rate for prime-age adults (ages 25-54) was 83.0 percent in February 2020, 1.7 percentage points above the rate in November 2016.
 - Under the Obama Administration's expansion period, the prime-age labor force shrank by 1.5 million, while so far under the current Administration it has expanded by 2.2 million (prior to the pandemic).

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Economic Accomplishments of the Trump Administration

- The gap between prime-age male and female labor force participation rates has decreased 1.7 percentage points under the Trump Administration and set a record low of 12.3 percentage points in February 2020

Income and Poverty

- In 2019, real median household income increased by \$4,379, reaching an all-time high of \$68,700.
 - This represents a 6.8 percent one-year increase, which is the largest one-year increase in median income on record.
 - As income grew by \$4,379 in 2019 alone, this represents more than the entire median income gains during the entire eight years of the previous administration by over \$1,300.
- Since 2016, real median household income has increased by 9.7 percent (after adjusting for a Census survey redesign in 2017).
- Income gains in 2019 were largest for minority groups. Real median income grew by 7.9 percent for Black Americans, 7.1 percent for Hispanic Americans, and 10.6 percent for Asian Americans.
 - These one-year increases were all record highs, and the new income levels reached in 2019 were record highs as well.
 - The income gains for Black Americans in 2019 was over twice as much as the entire gains for Black Americans over the eight years of the previous administration.
- As incomes grew, income inequality fell for the second consecutive year. Between 2017 and 2019, the share of income held by the top 20 percent fell by 0.4 percentage points after remaining constant between 2016 and 2017. In addition, the Gini index of income inequality fell from 0.489 to 0.484 between 2017 and 2019.
- Poverty hit a record low in 2019. The official poverty rate fell to an all-time record low of 10.5 percent, and over 4 million people were lifted out of poverty between 2018 and 2019 for a 1.3 percentage point decrease. This was the largest reduction in poverty in over 50 years.
- Minority groups led the way in poverty alleviation in 2019. Compared to the overall poverty rate reduction of 1.3 percentage points, black poverty fell by 2.0 percentage points, Hispanic poverty fell by 1.8 percentage points, and Asian poverty fell by 2.8 percentage points.
 - The poverty rate fell to an all-time record low for every race and ethnic group in 2019.
- The Black poverty rate fell below 20 percent for the first time in history.
- Children fared better than the overall population in 2019. Child poverty fell to a near 50-year low, falling by 1.8 percentage points to 14.4 percent. Since 2016, 2.8 million children have been lifted out of poverty, including over 1 million Hispanic children.
- Between 2016 and 2019, 6.6 million people were lifted out of poverty. Between 1962 and 1965, 5.4 million people were lifted out of poverty, over a million short of the 6.6 million person reduction during the first 3 years of the Trump Administration.
 - The 1.2 million Black Americans lifted out of poverty since 2016 is also the largest reduction on record for the first 3 years of a U.S. president's administration.

GDP and Taxes

- The United States had the smallest economic contraction of any major Western economy in the first half of the year.
 - The Euro Area's economic contraction (-15.1 percent) was 1.5 times as severe as the United States' (-10.2 percent)
- In its final pre-2016 election forecast, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projected that real GDP would grow at only a 2.0 percent annual rate from the election (2016:Q4) to present (2019:Q4).
 - Real GDP grew at a 2.5 percent pace over that period. Over the expansion period of President Obama's full term (2009:Q3 through 2016:Q4), real GDP grew at only a 2.2 percent annual rate.
- Lowest wage earners saw the fastest nominal wage growth (8.9 percent) since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was signed.
- Wages for manufacturing production and nonsupervisory employees grew over 1.6 times faster on average under President Trump's expansion period (2.8%) vs. President Obama's expansion period (1.7%).
- Retail sales in the United States –now at an all-time high—is 1.7 percent above pre-COVID levels relative to the Euro Area where retail sales remain -0.9 percent below its pre-COVID level.
- As of August, the United States had the highest reading among any Western economy on the OECD's business confidence index.
- The Dow Jones has risen over 50 percent from the pandemic-low, far exceeding the growth experienced in the other major international stock market indices.
- The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) included a new Opportunity Zones incentive designed to bring investment to struggling communities across the country.
 - As of the end of 2019, Opportunity Zones have driven \$75 billion in new investments which would not have occurred without the incentive.
 - From the second quarter of 2018 to the fourth quarter of 2019, private equity investments into Opportunity Zone businesses grew 29 percent relative to a comparable set of businesses not in Opportunity Zones.
 - These new investments will lift approximately one million Americans from poverty.
- In the first ten quarters after tax cuts, over \$1.4 trillion poured back into the United States from overseas.
- President Trump's tax cuts provided \$5.5 trillion in gross tax cuts, representing the largest tax cuts and reforms in history.

Deregulation

- The Trump Administration’s deregulatory actions across a vast array of American industries are the most significant in U.S. history.
- After they go into full effect, the President’s regulatory reforms are estimated to increase annual household incomes by \$3,100.
- Once fully in effect, 20 major deregulatory actions undertaken by the Administration are expected to save American consumers and businesses over \$220 billion per year.
- Under President Trump, 16 regulations in industries including education, mining, and retirement accounts were overturned under the Congressional Review Act.
 - These are expected to result in a \$40 billion increase in annual real incomes.
- President Trump’s Executive Order 13771, which requires Federal departments and agencies to: (1) eliminate two regulatory actions for each new regulatory action; and (2) not exceed a regulatory cost allowance, is the cornerstone of the Administration’s deregulatory success.
 - Under President Trump, Federal agencies took 393 deregulatory actions and only 52 new significant regulatory actions under EO 13771, far exceeding the 2:1 requirement with a ratio above 7:1 for deregulatory to significant regulatory actions.
- From 2000 to 2016, the Federal Government put out an average of over 100 more significant final regulations than the number finalized in FY 2019, and many of the rules published last year counted as deregulatory actions that did not impose burdens on Americans.
- Taking old regulations off the books has caused the total number of pages published in the Code of Federal Regulations to fall under President Trump.
- While Code of Federal Regulations page counts include many non-regulatory and even deregulatory actions, and therefore offer a simple measure of regulatory burden. An analysis of the restrictive terms such as “shall” and “required” contained in those pages provides a more illustrative view of the burdens imposed by regulatory accumulation.
 - Under President Obama, the number of restrictive terms increased by about 120,000. For President George W. Bush, the increase was about 105,000. Under President Trump, regulatory restrictions have decreased.
- Under President Trump’s Administration, regulatory costs tracked by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs have fallen by \$50 billion, and costs are on track to fall by at least (\$52 billion) as much in Fiscal Year 2020 alone.
- Relative to their incomes, deregulation in two key sectors—prescription drugs and internet access—helped the poorest fifth of households eight times more than the richest fifth.

Energy

- The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that the United States became a net exporter of crude oil and petroleum products in September 2019.
 - EIA also forecasts that the United States will be a net exporter of crude oil and petroleum products for all of 2020.
 - The United States had been an annual net importer of oil and petroleum products since at least 1949.
- As of March 2020, U.S. crude oil production is at historic highs and increased 11 percent in 2019 compared to 2018.
 - U.S. exports of crude oil are also at historic highs and increased 45 percent in 2019 compared to 2018.
 - The United States recently surpassed Saudi Arabia and Russia as the world's No. 1 oil producer.
- As of March 2020, U.S. natural gas production at record levels and increased 10 percent in 2019 compared to 2018.
 - U.S. exports of natural gas are also at historic highs and increased 29 percent in 2019 compared to 2018.
 - Since the 2016 election, the United States has become a net exporter of natural gas for the first time since 1957.
- CEA estimates that the shale revolution reduced the domestic price of natural gas by 63 percent as of 2018 and led to a 45 percent decrease in the wholesale price of electricity. Shale production also reduced the global price of oil by 10 percent as of 2018 relative to what the price of oil would have been if the shale revolution had not occurred.
 - CEA estimates that the shale revolution saves U.S. consumers \$203 billion annually, or \$2,500 for a family of four.
 - Shale-driven savings represent 6.8 percent of income for the poorest fifth of households compared to 1.3 percent for the richest fifth.
- CEA estimates that from 2005 to 2017, the shale revolution lowered energy-related greenhouse gas emissions by 527 million metric tons per year, contributing to a greater decline in GHG emissions relative to the size of the economy in the United States (28 percent) than in the European Union (20 percent) over that period.
 - This decline is larger than what EPA projected its 2012 Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standards would achieve in 2025 (380 million metric tons) and more than double what EPA projected its now-rescinded Clean Power Plan would achieve by 2025 (240 million metric tons).

Healthcare

- Each of the past three years, the FDA has set records for generic drug approvals.
- According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, this past June, prescription drug prices experienced the largest year-over-year decline (2.0 percent) in over 51 years.
 - In the eight years prior to President Trump's inauguration, prescription drug prices increased by an average of 3.6 percent. Today, prescription drug prices have seen year-over-year declines in 9 of the last 14 months.
- The White House Council of Economic Advisers estimates that the opioid crisis cost \$696 billion in 2018, or 3.4 percent of GDP.
 - Preliminary data shows overdose deaths fell nationwide in 2018 for the first time in decades, and predicted monthly overdose deaths are down 4 percent from their peak as of July 2019.
 - From January 2017 through May 2019, the White House Council of Economic Advisers estimates that there were 37,750 fewer opioid overdose deaths—representing an economic cost savings of over \$397 billion—relative to the number of deaths expected from previous trends.
- Since January 2017, the total amount of opioids prescriptions filled in America dropped by about one-third and there has been a nearly 40 percent increase in the number of Americans receiving medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction.
- Association Health Plans will allow many more small businesses to leverage the buying power of a large group to purchase health insurance for the employer-members' employees. Consistent with CBO projections, AHP premium savings appear to be around 30 percent. The Trump Administration has also expanded access to more-affordable insurance plans known as short-term, limited duration health plans by extending the duration and renewability of these plans.
 - The Congressional Budget Office projects that 1.1 million otherwise uninsured people will gain coverage under AHPs and short-term plans.
 - The Council of Economic Advisers estimates that the net economic benefit to Americans of eliminating the individual mandate penalty with the expansion of AHPs and short-term plans will be \$453 billion.
- The Administration reformed Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) regulations to give consumers more freedom to purchase benefits that fit their needs. Roughly 800,000 employers are expected to provide HRAs for more than 10 million employees by 2028.
- Improving Medicare's solvency, contributions to the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund from payroll taxes have increased since Trump took office, and are up almost \$17 billion in real terms over the 2016 calendar year (if we annualize the first 11 months of 2019), due to rising employment.

Trade

- President Trump negotiated a historic U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement to replace NAFTA, which passed the House 385-41 and Senate 89-10.
 - USMCA is projected to generate over \$68 billion in economic activity and create 176,000 new jobs.
 - The new agreement will increase the U.S. and regional content requirements in automobiles and auto parts, incentivize the use of high-wage manufacturing labor, strengthen labor and environmental provisions, allow for fair trade of American dairy and wheat, expand market access for American food and agriculture products, and support a 21st Century economy.
- The United States reached a Phase One deal with China, which has required the United States to impose tariffs on billions of dollars of imports from China in response to Chinese unfair trade practices.
 - China has agreed to structural reforms in areas of intellectual property, technology transfer, agriculture, financial services, and currency and foreign exchange.
 - China will be making substantial purchases of American agricultural products,
- President Trump kept his promise to reform the Universal Postal Union.
 - Under the old rules for how fees were set, it was cheaper to send a package from China to the United States than it was for American businesses to ship one within the United States.
 - The new deal lets the United States set our own postal fees beginning in July.
- The United States secured a new trade deal with Japan. The new deal provides relief to farmers and lowers Japanese tariffs on beef and pork.
 - Japan will open their markets to approximately \$7 billion in American agricultural exports.
 - The new deal will boost the already approximately \$40 billion worth of digital trade between our two countries.
- President Trump announced his intent to work together towards zero tariffs, non-tariff barriers, and subsidies with the European Union and the United Kingdom.
- President Trump signed an agreement to update the Korea-U.S. Trade Agreement (KORUS) that increases access to the Korean market for U.S. automakers and manufacturers. This deal includes:
 - Doubling the cap on imports of U.S. vehicles complying with U.S. safety standards that Korea will accept to 50,000 units per manufacturer per year.
 - Extending the U.S. light truck tariff—which was due to begin to phase out in 2019—until 2041 so it will remain in full effect for a total of 30 years.