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What's at stake in this election? Everything.

The first election of Donald J. Trump shook the world. In one swift movement, leftist power vacated the White House, and the Trump administration moved in to take care of business. It was arguably the sharpest turn of events the nation has ever seen. Heading into 2020, the stakes in his reelection are even higher. The Trump administration has made great strides for the American people. If Trump is not reelected in 2020, there is a great risk that these strides go along the wayside.

In 2017, few could fathom what the future held without Hillary Clinton as president. Democratic voters bemoaned the Right's support for this brash, unpredictable politician, fearing for America's economy, environment, and many other areas of concern.

However, now three years into Trump's presidency, the facts are adding up. Within this bonus material, you will find evidence of the Trump administration's accomplishments that have benefited:

- International affairs and foreign policy
- Military and veteran affairs
- Law and justice
- Border control
- Energy and the environment
- The economy
- Religious liberty
- Social issues
- Health care

This content will not only increase your understanding of how Trump is making America great again, but it will also arm you with facts when in the face of opposition. If you enter a conversation with an anti-Trump person, don't resort to a feelings-based opinion. Prove your point with facts and spread the word of how the Trump administration is truly making America great again.

TRUMP'S FOREIGN POLICY

“So let this be our mission, and let this be our message to the world: We will fight together, sacrifice together, and stand together for peace, for freedom, for justice, for family, for humanity, and for the almighty God who made us all.”

—President Donald J. Trump
Speech to the United Nations 2017

Donald Trump ran his first campaign for president on an America-first, foreign policy promise. Today, three years after taking office, he has kept this promise and continues to take a unique approach to foreign policy. Many critics will not acknowledge the headway Trump and his administration have had in his time in office.

However, the facts don't lie.

THE MIDDLE EAST

Since taking the presidency, Trump has:

- Moved the US embassy in Jerusalem, becoming the first head of state to acknowledge the city as the capital of Israel
- Waged **a successful war against ISIS** with ongoing defeats against terrorists
- Aimed a campaign against ISIS that has recovered **more than 90 percent of the occupied land** from Iraq and Syria
- Called for Pakistan to do more within its borders to fight terrorism
- Signed an executive order reinstating various sanctions on Iraq
- Refocused America's strategy in Afghanistan by outlining a “conditions-based” strategy for peace

IRAN

Withdrawing from the **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action**, also known as the Iran nuclear deal, Trump declined to certify that what Iran gave up in the deal was suitable. He imposed sanctions against **ninety-three entities and individuals** related to Iran in an effort to counter Iran's nonnuclear destabilizing behavior.

NORTH KOREA

In his signature unconventional approach to foreign policy Trump has:

- Become the first US president to meet a North Korean head of state in a historic meeting held in Singapore
- Pressured North Korea to **end its weapons of mass destruction** and missile programs
- Becomes first sitting US president to step foot on North Korean soil

CHINA

Trump proposed adding **25 percent tariffs** on certain products that are supported by China's unfair industrial policy. The US Trade Representative also challenged China's discriminating technology licensing practices through a World Trade Organization dispute.

RUSSIA

Trump has confronted Russian activities that threaten national security. In March 2018 he expelled **sixty Russian intelligence officers** from America and closed the Russian consulate in Seattle. He ordered the expulsion of **twelve Russian intelligence officers** from the Russian mission to the United Nations in New York after they abused their privilege of residence. The Trump administration is pressuring Russia back into compliance with the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty so that it does not gain any advantages.

BUT WAIT. THERE'S MORE. Trump also:

- Contributed to negotiating the return of seventeen Americans held captive overseas
- Visited the historic homelands of the world's three great world religions
- Announced plans to withdraw from the ineffective United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Traveled to Europe and reenergized the NATO alliance by attending meetings of the G7 and G20
- Conducted a twelve-day tour through Asia and attended three regional summits to promote America
- Imposed tariffs on foreign-made steel and aluminum
- Imposed sanctions on Venezuela's socialist dictatorship
- Empowered the CIA with authority to conduct drone strikes against suspected terrorists

TRUMP GIVES BACK TO THOSE WHO SERVE

The Trump administration values the men and women who have made and are currently making great sacrifices to protect America. Because of this, the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) is committed to ensuring stability and a higher quality of life for military veterans. Since becoming president, Trump has mobilized his team and their resources to fulfill this commitment.

Trump has helped those now in the military by the following accomplishments:

- Appointed generals to crucial posts in the administration, such as appointing General James Mattis to the post of Secretary of Defense
- Received **\$21 billion** in Department of Defense funds
- Ordered a nuclear review to ensure America's nuclear forces are current
- Ordered **\$367 million** in missile defense investments for 2017 as well as **\$4 billion** for 2018 against the ongoing threat of North Korean missiles
- Gave new strength to the National Space Council
- Elevated the US Cyber Command into a major war-fighting command to advance US efforts in cyberspace
- Vowed to win the war in Afghanistan by increasing the number of troops stationed there and called on NATO allies to do the same

The Trump administration has greenlit multiple bills to improve the quality of life for those who have served the country. Specifically the president has:

- Signed a **\$52 billion Veterans Affairs bill** to overhaul medical options for VA
- Signed an executive order on **Supporting Our Veterans During Their Transition from Uniformed Service to Civilian Life**, which:
 - Focuses on the first year of separation from military service
 - Gives access to suicide prevention and mental health resources
- Signed the **Veterans Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act**, which allows:
 - VA senior officials to discipline or fire underperforming employees
 - Establish safeguards to protect VA employees who expose corruption
- Signed the **Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act** to streamline the process of benefits claims
- Created the **White House VA Hotline**, which is staffed by agents who can:
 - Document concerns about VA care, benefits, and services
 - Expedite the resolution of these concerns

David Shulkin, former US Secretary of Veteran Affairs, unveiled the **Anywhere to Anywhere VA Health Care Initiative**, which provides "telehealth" technology to serve veterans regardless of where they or their providers are located.

LAW AND ORDER

President Trump has made great strides to ensure safer communities and to lower crime levels. His administration seeks to restore law and order by partnering with state and local law enforcements and strategically tackling gang- and drug-related violence.

Since the election, the Trump administration has:

- Appointed Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch and more than **seventy-five other constitutionally sound federal judges**, thirty of which are serving
- Appointed conservative judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court
- Announced that the Department of Justice (DOJ) would grant **more than \$98 million** through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services COPS Hiring Program, hiring **802 additional full-time law officers**
- Signed **Executive Order 13809** to restore to the state and local police access to surplus equipment that the Defense Department no longer uses
- Returned to the long-standing DOJ charging policy for federal prosecutors
- Directed the DOJ to focus on taking illegal guns off the streets
- Issued an order that killed two federal regulations for every new one. (In actuality, sixteen were cut for every new one in Trump's first year, saving billions.)
- Supported students whose free speech rights have been under attack on university campuses
- **Cracked down on sex trafficking** by signing a law that allowed states to move against sex-ad internet sites

Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the creation of the new **National Public Safety Partnership**, a cooperative initiative with cities to reduce violent crimes.

The DOJ also secured a forty-nine-year prison sentence to the first person prosecuted under the **Hate Crimes Prevention Act** involving a victim who was targeted because of gender identity.

SECURE OUR BORDERS

The Trump administration seeks to develop an immigration system that protects American workers in support of the following goals:

- End chain migration
- Eliminate the visa lottery
- Move the country to a merit-based entry system
- Build a wall

Since the election through the end of FY 2017, the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), under the Trump administration, made the following achievements:

- 110,568 arrests of illegal aliens (over 92 percent were ICE fugitives, illegal reentrants, or had criminal convictions or pending criminal charges)
- 37 percent increase of removals that resulted from arrests
- 17 percent decrease in border removals, showing the deterrent effect of enforcement
- 2,798 criminal gang members removed
- More than 10 percent increase in funding obtained

In June 2017 Trump rescinded the Obama-era **Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents** (DAPA), which kept undocumented parents of US-born children from deportation.

In September 2017 the Trump administration declared plans to end the **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals** (DACA) program, which keeps immigrant youth from deportation despite having been illegally brought to the US. Trump allowed a six-month delay to give Congress time to consider alternative legislative solutions.

In December 2017 Trump withdrew the US from participating in the **Global Compact on Migration** after the plan was deemed inconsistent with the Trump administration's immigration principles.

In June 2018 the Supreme Court upheld the Trump administration's third travel ban, which **suspends the entry of foreign nationals** from countries that fail to meet immigration screening and vetting requirements. A fact sheet from the Department of Homeland Security noted that the government:

- Maintained, modified, or eased restrictions on five of six countries initially designated by the 2017 Executive Order 13780: Iran, Syria, Libya, Yemen, and Somalia
- Lifted restrictions on Sudan

- Added restrictions and vetting on Chad, North Korea, and Venezuela. (Chad was removed from the list on April 13, 2018.)

Trump created the **Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement (VOICE) Office** to support the victims and families affected by illegal alien crime.

On August 21, 2018 ICE deported to Germany Jakiw Palij, a former Nazi SS labor camp guard. He was the last-known Nazi collaborator living in the US.

MAKING AMERICA GREEN AGAIN

“We’re ending intrusive EPA regulations that kill jobs...and raise the price of energy so quickly and so substantially.”

—President Donald J. Trump

In order to facilitate innovation and prosperity, the Trump administration aims to maintain a healthy balance between economic growth and environmental protection.

In December 2017 Trump signed an executive order to **reduce America’s dependence on foreign imports of critical minerals**. Although these minerals are essential to prosperity, relying on foreign sources creates a national vulnerability, especially in the face of natural disaster and adverse foreign action. According to a press release from the US Department of the Interior, the order aims to identify new sources of minerals, ensure miners and producers have access to the best data, and streamline the leasing and permitting process to expedite production.

In April 2017 Trump signed an executive order to **expand offshore drilling for oil and gas**. This five-year plan is projected to make more than 90 percent of the outer continental shelf open for leasing, which will help facilitate job growth, reduce the cost of energy, and make America more energy independent.

In June 2017 the US Department of Energy approved two long-term applications to **export additional liquefied natural gas (LNG)** from the Lake Charles LNG Liquefaction Project in Lake Charles, Louisiana, to markets in Eastern Europe and Asia. Not only will this provide more jobs, but it will strengthen the country’s ties with foreign nations.

According to an analysis of government records by *The Daily Signal*, the Trump administration’s Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has cleaned up more polluted or contaminated waste sites faster than the Obama administration did in 2015–16. A press release from July 2018 shows how the EPA has made progress in carrying out recommendations in their 2017 **Superfund Task Force Report**, highlighting the following accomplishments:

- **Achieved key milestones at sites on the Administrator’s Emphasis List (AEL).** The 2017 AEL included twenty-one National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund sites requiring immediate attention. The EPA has detailed how they have made substantial progress at each of the AEL sites.
- **Moved more sites toward deletion or partial deletion.** Seven sites have been deleted and two have been partially deleted. Ten more have been proposed for partial or full deletion.

- **Improved information on Human Exposure Status.** The EPA published human exposure status for all NPL sites online. In FY 2017 it also added 24 sites to the total 1,493 sites as having human exposure to contamination under control.
- **Promoted redevelopment and community revitalization at targeted sites.** The EPA redevelopment efforts include the Libby Asbestos site in Libby, Montana, and the Peoples National Gas site in Dubuque, Iowa. It created a new mapping tool that provides site-specific details of the 31 NPL sites in the Redevelopment Focus List, and also responded to over 120 redevelopment-related prospective purchaser inquiries.
- **Developed tools and a process to encourage third-party investment.** A national team of redevelopment experts led by the DOJ and the EPA was created to address liability concerns of third-party entities and developers.
- **Engaged with partners and stakeholders.** The EPA held or participated in over 1,370 public meetings and 3,190 in-person meetings or interviews with those living near Superfund sites. It also met with environmental justice groups, state and tribal organizations, as well as other federal agencies to gain feedback on Task Force work. Online “listening sessions” were also hosted by the EPA to receive public feedback.

In August 2018 the EPA proposed the **Affordable Clean Energy (ACE)** rule which guides states in developing plans to address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from coal-fired power plants. It would replace Obama’s 2015 Clean Power Plan (CPP), which surpassed the EPA’s authority. The ACE rule would:

- Determine the most effective system for reducing GHG emissions
- Provide states with a list of “candidate technologies” to help establish standards of performance
- Update the EPA’s **New Source Review Permitting** program to motivate power plants to seek efficiency improvements
- Implement new regulations under **Clean Air Act Section 111(d)** so that states have enough time and flexibility to develop their plans
- Replace the CPP with the ACE rule which could result in **\$3.4 billion in net benefits**, including **\$400 million** annually

TRUMPONOMICS

“The evidence is clear: America is back.”

—Vice President Mike Pence

What’s Happened So Far

For the first time in history, the number of job openings exceeds the number of individuals seeking a job. During Trump’s presidency, employment rates have skyrocketed. Nearly **6.3 million new jobs** have been created since January 2017, and the unemployment rate fell to **3.5 percent**. In early 2019, the labor participation reached a 6 year high.

Statistics include the following:

- Over 300,000 jobs created by the manufacturing industry
- 337,000 construction jobs created—its highest level since 2008
- 51,000 more jobs in professional and business services
- 34,000 more jobs in the health-care sector
- 26,000 more jobs in the food service and drinking industry
- In the second quarter of 2019 the number of individuals receiving food stamps reached a 10 year low
- 6.6 million job openings
- In 2019 weekly wages grew at a greater rate than inflation

Trump also signed the **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017**, which was the first major tax reform signed in thirty years. Statistics show how this move brought about the following positive results for the economy:

- Over 500 companies announced bonuses, new investments, and wage increases
- \$214 billion record surplus for federal revenues in April 2018
- Over 4.8 million workers received increased wages or bonuses
- \$482 billion businesses have invested in new American projects and employees
- \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts to individuals
- \$3.2 trillion in gross tax cuts
- 20 percent deduction for small business income, meaning a \$415 billion tax cut

The Trump administration has devoted itself to raising a stronger American workforce. The president recently signed an executive order that expands apprenticeships for those not seeking four-year college degrees.

Trump’s administration also helped secure reauthorization for the **Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act** (Perkins CTE), which authorizes over **\$1 billion** each year to states

for funding vocational and career-focused education programs. **Eleven million students** are estimated to benefit from Perkins CTE programs.

Also because of Trump's presidency, the unemployment rate for those without a high school diploma has hit **5.1 percent**, which is the lowest recorded since 1992.

In addition to these changes, over **2.8 million** people stopped participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), otherwise known as food stamps.

Women have benefited from Trump economics, as their unemployment rate is at its lowest in sixty-five years.

- 3.7 percent unemployment rate for adult women
- \$500 million more than last year in capital was lent to women-owned businesses by the Small Business Administration

Racial minorities have also benefited from Trump economics, as the statistics show:

- 5.5 percent unemployment rate for black Americans—the lowest recorded level since 1972
- 2.5 percent unemployment rate for Asians
- 3.9 percent unemployment rate for Hispanics—a record low as of October 2018

The Trump administration has demonstrated a meticulous approach to enriching America's economy by creating jobs, increasing wealth, and overall reviving the population's work ethic.

“Every day, we are lifting our forgotten Americans off the sidelines, out of the margins, and back into the workforce.”

—President Donald J. Trump

What's to Come

In August 2018, Washington and Mexico City agreed to revise the **North American Free Trade Agreement** (NAFTA), which originally hurt American workers and businesses vis-à-vis closed factories, exported jobs, and broken political promises. So the Trump administration secured a preliminary **US-Mexico Trade Agreement** to modernize and rebalance the trade relationship to reflect modern standards, new technologies, and the twenty-first-century global economy.

By creating more reciprocal trade, the new agreement will support higher-paying jobs for American workers, protect American intellectual property, and overall grow the economy. The agreement specifically:

- Enforces stronger labor standards
- Incentivizes billions a year in the production of automobile parts in the US by creating new “rules of origin” requirements
- Commits to reduce trade-distorting policies for agricultural goods
- Makes improvements that enable food and agriculture to trade more fairly
- More effectively protects intellectual property

This is the first time a modern US trade agreement has been renegotiated. The US-Mexico City Trade Agreement is a major step toward changing NAFTA to better improve the American economy.

On July 19, 2018, Trump issued an executive order to establish the **National Council for the American Worker**. Made up of senior administration officials, the Council will develop strategies to train American students and workers for the emerging industries of the country’s future, and to ensure that all have access to affordable, innovative education. The executive branch will work with educational institutions, private employers, labor unions, local governments, and nonprofit organizations in order to customize education and job training processes to the needs of American students, workers, and businesses.

July 2018 marks a high for the National Federation of Independent Businesses Small Business Optimism Index—**107.9** signifies its second-highest level in the survey’s forty-five-year history. Business owners noted they were able to increase prices and set records in job creation and hiring.

Because companies continue to compete in attracting and retaining qualified workers:

- 58 percent of employers intend to provide raises by the end of 2018

The Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index increased to **127.4** in July 2018, as:

- 38 percent said business conditions are “good”
- 43.1 percent claimed jobs were “plentiful”
- 23.1 percent anticipate business conditions to improve over the next six months
- 22.5 percent expect more jobs in the months ahead
- 20.8 percent expect improvements in short-term income prospects

The Trump administration looks forward to empowering future entrepreneurs and seeing the wealth of the country increase.

“When we invest in our workers, we are investing in our people, we are investing in our communities, and we are investing in the American Dream.”

—President Donald J. Trump

TRUMP ON RELIGION'S SIDE

“Religious liberty is the foundation. Without religious liberty, you don’t have liberty.”

—President Donald J. Trump

Trump has prioritized religious liberty by putting in place faith leaders and structures that aim to guide the Trump administration in protecting freedoms. Since Trump was elected, **twenty principles of religious liberty** have been issued to guide the administration’s litigation strategy.

The DOJ added a new section to the US Attorney’s Manual entitled “**Associate Attorney General’s Approval and Notice Requirements for Issues Implicating Religious Liberty**,” arming the manual with language that will:

- Alert the Office of the Associate Attorney General if a suit filed against the US may concern religious liberty
- Coordinate decisions in religious liberty cases with the Office of the Associate Attorney General regarding merits arguments and significant litigation strategy questions
- Gain approval from the Office of the Associate Attorney General concerning any suit that impinges on rights established under the Free Exercise Clause, Religious Freedom Restoration Act, or the Establishment Clause

On the National Day of Prayer in May 2018, Trump signed an executive order that established the **White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative**, which aims to support faith-based businesses by:

- Ensuring equal opportunities for grants, programs, contracts, and other forms of federal funding
- Reducing burdens on the exercise of religion
- Recommending programs and policies through which organizations can partner to help reduce poverty
- Providing recommendations on the Trump administration’s policy agenda that directly affects faith-based programs
- Alerting the administration if the executive branch fails to protect religious liberty

Also under the Trump administration, the **Conscience and Religious Freedom Division** was created to enable health-care workers to refuse to provide birth control, sterilizations, assisted suicide, and abortions because of religious conscience.

- **Twenty-five conscience protections** were proposed to be enforced for the benefit of Americans involved in Health and Human Services–funded programs.

Trump also permitted houses of worship to access funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to rebuild property that has been damaged from natural disasters. (Until recently, faith groups have requested this shift for decades without success.)

Trump's centering of religious liberty in his campaign is arguably the reason he garnered the largest evangelical vote in American history. **Fifty-eight percent of self-identified Protestant Christians** voted for Trump, presumably because of his alignment with conservative Christian values such as traditional marriage, sanctity of life, and religious freedom.

Now with Trump's presidency in full swing, the administration endeavors to continue protecting religious groups and faith-based organizations in the country.

"Faith breathes life and hope into our world. We must diligently guard, preserve, and cherish this unalienable right."

—President Donald J. Trump

SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE TRUMP ERA

THE OPIOID CRISIS

“We will liberate our country from this crisis. And we will raise a drug-free generation of children.”

—President Donald J. Trump

Since 2000, over 300,000 Americans have died from overdoses involving opioid-related substances. Trump has declared opioid abuse a nationwide Public Health Emergency and is mobilizing his administration to end the crisis.

Trump established the **President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis**, which will study ways to treat and combat drug abuse, addiction, and the opioid crisis.

\$500 million was provided to states to prevent and treat opioid abuse, and an additional \$500 million has been requested in the 2018 FY Budget for the same purpose. So far, the efforts have recorded the following positive results:

- More than **four hundred people charged** for prescribing unnecessary opioids by the DOJ
- **912,305 pounds** of expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs collected by the Drug Enforcement Administration
- Two Chinese nationals who peddled large quantities of fentanyl and other opiate substances in the US were indicted by the DOJ

Trump also signed an omnibus spending bill that offers **\$3.3 billion** to address the opioid and mental health crisis. Programs include the following:

- \$1.4 billion to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which involves:
 - \$1 billion for a new **State Opioid Response Grant** program
 - \$160 million increase in the **Mental Health Block Grant**
- \$299.5 million added to the DOJ’s anti-opioid grant funding
- \$94 million added to the Food and Drug Administration’s inspection of mail for illicit drugs
- \$350 million to the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** to prevent overdose and improve state programs that monitor drug prescription
- \$415 million to the Health Resources and Services Administration’s efforts, which include improving access to addiction treatment resources in underserved areas
- \$500 million to the National Institutes of Health to further research on opioid addiction

- \$100 million to the Administration for Children and Families to serve children of parents who misuse drugs

Trump also devoted the website **CrisisNextDoor.gov** to educate the public on the dangers of opioid addiction.

“Stigma, silence, and a lack of information prevent us from confronting this crisis as we should.”

—President Donald J. Trump

From implementing intensive enforcement methods to building community among those whose lives have been upended by addiction, Trump’s varied approaches to fighting the opioid crisis demonstrate his commitment to protecting Americans and restoring their everyday quality of life.

EDUCATION

America’s elementary and secondary education systems fall behind the rest of the world. The Trump administration aims to update the student aid system, hold colleges and universities accountable to students and taxpayers, and better prepare students to compete in a global economy.

In September 2017, Trump signed a **presidential memorandum** that expands access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), and Computer Science education to K–12 students. Prioritizing school choice in the FY 2018 budget means:

- \$200 million in grant funds directed toward STEM education
- \$1 billion to **Furthering Options of Children to Unlock Success** grants for public schools
- \$250 million to promote private school choice through the Education Innovation and Research Program
- 35 states and the District of Columbia gained approval for their educational plans under the **Every Student Succeeds Act**

“The Department of Education, therefore, should prioritize helping districts recruit and train teachers capable of providing students with a rigorous education in STEM fields.... This will help equip students with the skills needed to obtain certifications and advanced degrees that ultimately lead to jobs in STEM fields.”

—President Donald J. Trump

Trump also demonstrated his commitment to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) as evidenced below:

- 31 government agencies ordered to submit annual plans to “strengthen the capacity” of HBCUs
- \$80 million in Title III carryover funding protected
- \$20 million additional funding to the **Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program**
- \$400 million added to **TRIO programs**, which support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of college degrees
- \$300 million added to **Federal Work Study**, which assists students with the costs of college or career school

Under Trump’s administration, US Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has sought to annul regulations that could harm education. Her achievements include the following:

- **600 regulations** withdrawn after being deemed unnecessary
- **Nearly 600 guidance documents** deemed outdated and are intended to be rescinded

Secretary DeVos also rescinded the Obama-era’s Dear Colleague Letter on Sexual Violence and the 2014 Questions and Answers on Title IX Sexual Violence on the basis that it failed to ensure fairness in addressing cases of alleged sexual assault. DeVos released a **new interim Q&A** to guide schools on investigating and adjudicating sexual misconduct on campus.

“This interim guidance will help schools as they work to combat sexual misconduct and will treat all students fairly.”

—Education Secretary Betsy DeVos

TRUMPCARE

“We will deliver relief to American workers, families, and small businesses, who right now are being crushed by Obamacare, by increasing freedom, choice, and opportunity for the American people.”

—President Donald J. Trump

Trump vows to fully dismantle Obamacare, which proved to have hurt American families, farmers, and small businesses. According to the *Chicago Tribune*, Obamacare failed because it:

- Straitjacketed insurers into providing expensive policies
- Penalized insurance-less individuals at too low of a cost when compared to the skyrocketing cost of coverage
- Disincentivized Americans to buy insurance *before* they got sick, as they did not have to sign up until they were burdened with medical bills

There were many other reasons why Obamacare did not work. The Trump administration endeavors to reverse these effects and reduce barriers to affordable options for Americans and American businesses.

In January 2018, Congress suspended three Obamacare taxes, which adds **more than \$31 billion** to the federal budget deficit.

In February 2018, Trump signed a six-year extension to the **Children’s Health Insurance Program** (CHIP), which funds health care for **9 million children**. Not only is it estimated to save the government \$6 billion over the course of ten years, but maintaining CHIP also means:

- \$7 billion provided to community health centers for over two years
- \$6 billion for new grants and programs to prevent and combat mental health care and opioid addiction
- \$2 billion more for research at the National Institutes of Health
- \$4 billion to improving the Veterans Administration’s hospitals and health clinics

Keeping CHIP also means resolving a Medicare glitch that forces seniors with higher drug costs to pay more money out of pocket.

In March 2018, Trump established the **MyHealthEData** initiative, which empowers patients to be in control of their health-care data. This system will enable patients to take their data from doctor to doctor, or any other health-care providers, so that their history can be tracked.

In May 2018, Trump signed the **Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act of 2017**, which allows terminally ill patients to access certain

unapproved, experimental, and potentially life-saving drugs when all approved treatment options have been exhausted and they are unable to undergo clinical drug trials.

Trump also released the **American Patients First Blueprint to Lower Drug Prices and Reduce Out-of-Pocket Costs**, a forty-four-page document detailing how the administration plans to lower drug prices. Since the blueprint was launched, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as well as Dan Best, senior advisor to HHS Secretary Alex Azar, have reported the following “unprecedented” actions:

- 126 generic drugs were approved in July
- 13 drug companies vowed not to raise prices for the remainder of 2018
- 4 drug companies reported to have cancelled price increases
- 2 drug companies lowered drug prices
- 20 million seniors enrolled in Medicare Advantage are now armed with new negotiation tools

The blueprint also:

- Implemented a process that expedites the development and review of products without market competition
- Pushed proposals to drop payments for certain discounted drugs, discourage pharmacist and private-sector gag clauses, and eliminate drug company Medicaid rebates
- Introduced initiatives such as the Biosimilar Action Plan, which enables biosimilar makers to navigate the approval process as well as other benefits
- Granted a waiver for US states to negotiate pricing contracts with drug makers
- Guided insurers and drug companies to “reach better deals” for patients
- Displayed drug price increases on CMS’s drug pricing dashboard
- Solicited comments on ways to use private-sector competitive acquisition for Medicare Part B drugs

In August 2018, Trump signed a **short-term health insurance rule** intended to benefit young people and working families. HHS Secretary Azar announced that this rule will grant consumers the option for short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans to now cover an initial period of less than twelve months. These plans are expected to:

- Be 50–80 percent cheaper than Obamacare plans
- Increase choices for Americans facing high premiums and create flexible options

Azar described the plans as being for Americans “in the gig economy, who are independent contractors who may not get employer insurance; for those individuals who may have three part-time jobs and not get employer insurance; for those people transitioning between jobs; for the kid who left school and is headed to a job, but doesn’t have insurance; or for the folks in rural America where they may not have access to an affordable Obamacare plan.”

More than **\$1 billion** was granted by the Department of Agriculture to be used in FY 2017 for improving access to health-care services for 2.5 million people based in rural areas.

On August 20, 2018, the US Department of Labor issued **Association Health Plans: ERISA Compliance Assistance**, which addresses states' authority over association health plans (AHPs), Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) enforcement provisions that may apply to AHPs, and voluntary programs to correct employers or associations that make mistakes in operating an AHP.

“The American people deserve a health-care system that takes care of them—not one that taxes and takes advantage of our patients and our consumers and our citizens.”

—President Donald J. Trump