

Issue # 5: Education

Though education is primarily a state issue, the national government, much at the behest of its people, has taken a strong interest in it. Most will agree that the majority of the youth of the United States has not been performing well enough academically, especially in comparison to those in other developed countries such as Singapore, Japan, and France.

Educators, citizens, and Americans of all types have drawn arguments. There are those who think that the only solution to the education problem is to privatize education (in other words, institute a voucher system), while there are also those who think that a possible solution can come out of a reform of our existing system. What is your opinion?

1. We should completely overhaul our existing educational system, but not privatize it in the least sense. Vouchers are bad for our youth.
2. I think the federal government should inject large sums of money into states so that those states can take care of the problem on a more local level. Money is usually the solution to these types of problems.
3. I think we should somewhat reform the current system, but we don't have the money to start any major funding. We should work on other methods of reform, like evaluations and such.
4. I believe that a school voucher system would benefit those parents who want to send their children to private institutions would be best for the situation at hand.
5. I think we should eliminate public education altogether and create large voucher packages for the sake of our future. Public education does not work—we need to privatize it!

Issue # 6: Welfare

The homeless population has grown nearly 1000% within the last fifteen to seventeen years. Along with that, unemployment rates have risen, and the demand for social services (including welfare) has risen drastically. More and more people everyday fall below the poverty line.

Although most would agree that something needs to be done about this problem, many question whether sinking more money into programs is the only solution. Opinions range from drastic increase of funding for social programs to a cut on spending on the said.

1. Americans can afford to pay a bit more in tax money. We should raise taxes to induce a major increase in revenue and then siphon off that money to social programs.
 2. We should aid those in need, but before we touch our pocketbooks, let's review the way it's being run now. If we are to use money, we shouldn't use too much.
 3. I support some social services for those in need, but I am not willing to pay any more than I am now to support these services.
 4. I think we should turn all welfare into work-aid programs. No man gets money without working. I don't support any increase in government spending on these programs.
 5. We should scale back social spending altogether. These people are needy because they deserved it. Let them deal with it themselves while we take care of our other national problems.
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