

The Economic Anger

Postcards about the Economy to a Presidential Candidate

Dear Candidate for President,



Group 1: Orlando, college women ages 45-60, likely voters, HH income \$50K+, FL 24

1. We need help in controlling government spending, gas prices, housing costs, health care. What are your aspirations for moving our country forward with these issues. Bipartisan – bring the parties and the people together. We are a great country, and will support a hard working individual who makes his/her promises and want to keep them.
2. Together mortgage lending practices, promote incentives to companies willing to develop alternative fuels to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Address health care costs to try to make system fairer for all. Restructure tax system so corporations close loopholes. Help middle class.
3. We need to bring back our middle class and have better income equality. Work to bring our healthcare system more affordable. Please work for the people not the “party”! Get us out of the war but don’t leave without setting up stability.
4. Lower taxes, get better healthcare for all and everyone should work together to make a better America. Find a better way to get gas at a cheaper price.
5. Please bring us back together as a country. Work together with both parties to come up with realistic ideas to promote the economy. Try to find alternative fuels and other resources. Work on the mortgage industry and interest rates.
6. Please take political risks and have courage.



7. I would like to see health costs controlled along with oil prices. We need more job stability by keeping jobs in this country. We also need to control interest rates and cut taxes for the middle class.
8. Please start looking out for the middle class more in terms of taxes. We make so little and have to spend so much. Also look into alternate sources of fuel found inside the U.S. We need to lessen our reliance on Arab countries, which will give us more power and not have to cave in to their uncivilized policies. Fuel efficient cars? Yes! Fees for pollution? Yes!
9. Stabilize the gas prices along with rising costs in healthcare, education and products. Help the poor who are becoming poorer in every aspect. Medicare is going to run out by the time I'm old enough for it. Get us out of Iraq and help the veterans from all the wars, not just this second Iraq one. We need a fairer tax system – again, the richer and the poorer. DON'T LIE!
10. I think we need to balance the national budget. Strengthen the middle class. Help people pay for quality health care. Help the elderly, social security. Find other alternatives for fuel supply. Make plans to leave Iraq. Help working poor. Help New Orleans. Help economy. If a person is here illegally, they should not have access to services that legal citizens play for.

Group 2: Orlando, college men, ages 30-45, likely voters, HH income \$50K+, FL24

1. Lower my taxes, Fix the credit crunch, specifically mortgage availability, Lower the cost of oil, be it a refining or supply problem – drill in the U.S. if you have to! Eliminate pork barrel spending – no more Alaska bridges on my tax money!, Eliminate social program spending – welfare, WIC, etc.
2. Take it easy on us entrepreneurs. We are the backbone of this country. Be firm but Fair! Fix the damn fuel crisis and make our Healthcare more affordable, especially for a small business owner!
3. Listen to your constituents!!! I feel the general public is tired of low wages and higher expenses. There has to be a way to do this.
4. Majority not minority. Lower cost of living, refocus money to temporarily reduce oil prices while alternative sources of energy is found.
5. Keep us safe and secure. Help moderate the cost of living. Act unselfishly with absolute resolve to improve quality of life for citizens. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Remember to respect citizens and unless they are harming others leave them alone.
6. I need you to control my health care cost, and please secure our border. Please help us get rid of our dependence on foreign oil.
7. I think you should focus on the bring back the middle class. I believe unions are a good thing. Go green is a good thing. Solar and wind power, more should be done. Get rid of the IRS.



8. We the middle class need a candidate that can identify with the inflation/ cost of living issues we are dealing with. Single income families should get an additional tax break. I would also like to see an end to the war in Iraq and someone who can rebuild our relationships with other foreign countries.
9. As a concerned citizen. I'd like to say that a boost to American economy is greatly needed. I believe that major steps could be taken to curb our reliance on oil companies. (i.e. gas free automobiles etc.) Also there is great concern about the rising cost of Healthcare.

Group 3: Columbus, non-college women, ages 30-45, likely voters, HH income under \$50K, OH 15

1. Please try to initiate a plan that would help provide better healthcare for those that cannot afford it. Also, to prepare for the future, a better educational system should include equal opportunities available to all students, not just ones from richer communities.
2. Work toward leveling soaring interest/finance rates. Work toward more fair/equal pay to types of work performed. Work toward programs to actually help people who need to work provide for families. Also provide more "common sense" solutions to American Problems with healthcare, housing, general housekeeping. Bring America back Home!! Bring our jobs, manufacturing, our soldiers back home. Let America take care of America. If a corporation want to manufacture/work outside the states then send them there.
3. I as a middle class citizen would like to see a better America for all. I would like to see health care cost go down so that the middle class could afford health care. I would like to see the much wasteful spending of our gov. to be less and a even economy for all.
4. I would like things to be more fair/even prices, costs of goods, taxes, health care, job salaries, and for the war to end.
5. I am looking for you, as President, to find some way to provide decent, affordable healthcare to all citizens. Also, I would like to see you regulate excessive spending in all areas of government, especially salaries!
6. Solid ideas for change, not rhetoric. The economy of our country must be our 1st priority. Healthcare must be changed. Social Security. How would you handle the withdrawal of troops from Iraq and the implications of the withdrawal. Dependence on oil.
7. Our country is in dire straits. We need a boost for the economy, we need a person who can stand up for the middle class and take care of business. We need a better education system that is not based upon test scores. We need to bring our troops home in a reasonable amount of time. We need to focus on "US" the United States.
8. As a divorced mother with 2 children in private schools I need you to do two things; Make healthcare affordable so my children and their children can be vaccinated and treated in a decent facility if they are injured or ill. Give me the option for my daughters



to go to public or private school. I currently am paying over \$6,000 for 1 child in 8th grade and 1 in 10th grade.

9. The rate of inflation is rapidly growing, but wages are not keeping up. Living on one full-time income and a part-time income, we struggle to make ends meet. It is difficult to pay rent, rising utility cost, health care, and gas.
10. We need to have tax breaks for middle class America and provide better, more affordable healthcare. Also, to pay attention to global warming and education parents and children of the benefits of going “green”. Also, to make changes to how the war in Iraq is being handled and slowly start bringing our troops home.

Group 4: Columbus, non-college men, ages 45-60, likely voters, HH income under \$50K, OH 15

1. Affordable health care for all. Affordable education based on income. Get us out of Iraq and less dependent on foreign oil. And by the way – Gas has Nothing to do with politics.
2. Please help with health care for children and the old, education should be where the backbone of the country. Pull out of Iraq. Give middle class people a break and help with the mortgage issue.
3. Reduce taxes, cut fuel prices. We need to work on more efficient and alternative fuels. Along with being greener. We need to close our borders to illegal aliens if they want to come they need to pay taxes and health care like the rest of us.
4. Follow thru with what was promised. Find new energy sources. Fund and allow stem cell research. Pull out of Iraq, cut taxes, close the borders, healthcare for all, help fund American college educations.
5. Remember where you come from. Don't outgrow your upbringing. Straight talk with your people that put you there. Get our troops home and don't worry about the East. Promote small business that support our country. Help the middle class people. When you say you are going to cut taxes do it. Keep your word.
6. As far as the economy is, if you legalize Illegal's it will hurt our economy when they go on welfare. Cut taxes and fuel cost, and get alternative fuels. Renewable fuel in mainstream America, cut pork spending and stop lobbying.
7. We need to do something to spark our economy. I would like you to seek other sources of fuel or electric vehicles, hydrogen?
8. Energy, we need a plan. Health care, affordable. Rebuild the infrastructure (highway – air). Make taxes fair, take care of our old people.
9. Bring the jobs back to the USA where they belong and bring our soldiers back home. Let the Middle East fight among themselves. We need to help the USA and get us back on our feet.