

Election 2016: Jobs and Education – A Snapshot

The American presidential election is fast approaching. Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump have endured one of the most embattled campaigns in recent history. The only way to weed through all of the craziness is to get down to the basics.

We have broken down their presidential plans into a couple of simple categories close to home that will shed light on their overall strategies for improving the state of our nation.

Green shows trends over President Obama's presidency from 2009 until now.

Red shows what Trump wants to do to improve it.

Blue shows what Clinton wants to do to improve it.

Both Trump's and Clinton's plans come directly from their campaign websites: donaldjtrump.com and hillaryclinton.com

Jobs

As reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in the specific category of "Discouragement over job prospects (those not in labor force and who believe no job is available)," from 2009-2016 the level rose from 477,000 to 1,059,000 (in 2012) and rests now at 623,000.

Donald Trump proposes to cut taxes on all businesses - small, medium, and large - to provide incentives for businesses to expand and hire more people. Trump also plans to ease regulations imposed on businesses which will free up capital to create more jobs and expand those businesses affected by strict legislation.

Hillary Clinton proposes to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour, over time, and work with unions to restore collective bargaining rights for those unions. Clinton plans to propose a tax credit for businesses of \$1500 for every apprentice they hire, hoping to encourage businesses to hire young people specifically.

Education

Currently, according to the Department of Education, the United States rates among the top 24 countries in the world in math, down from the top ten in 2007. Common core testing shows that roughly half of the students in the US are proficient in English skills. And less are proficient in math skills.

Donald Trump proposes school choice to help American students achieve greater success in elementary, middle, and high schools. He states school choice will allow lower income and minority children to enroll in better schools which give them more opportunity for success. Trump also vows to eliminate the federal common core mandate and return the governing of school programs to the individual states.

Hillary Clinton proposes to increase funding for computer science in all schools across the country to ensure all graduating seniors exhibit the proficiency needed in most workplaces around the world. She also plans to modernize the profession of teaching and increase funding for social and emotional support systems in schools.

Both Trump and Clinton have comprehensive plans to change many political systems in the United States. These are two categories that specifically affect our Revolutionary Kids. These plans highlight the fundamental differences between the candidates. Trump's plans tend to put the power to change in the hands of the local and state leaders. Clinton's plans ordain further federal laws to regulate the inadequacies in our current government structure.

States' rights vs. central government. This is an argument that has plagued American politics since the beginning. And it appears that it still does.