

PARTY PHANTOM PLATFORM '26

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ACT I: DOMESTIC POLICY



Affordable Economy

Social Security

The Social Security program is one of the most significant institutions in the United States today, shaping and determining the quality of life for millions of Americans. For decades, it has served as a foundational part of financial security for retired workers, the disabled, and survivors. However, the rise of life expectancy, increased beneficiaries, and lack of legislation to increase funding create a rapidly widening disparity between what American people need and what the program can provide. Today's Social Security is unable to sustain its growing demand, placing millions of needy citizens at risk.

In order to ensure Americans have access to essential welfare funding, Party Phantom proposes the “Fair Access” Act, where we will reorganize the federal budget for Social Security and the OASDI, allowing the program to have greater reserve funds. **Through progressive taxation, reduced barriers to enrollment, and increased efficiency, we aim to create a stronger Social Security program Americans can depend on.**

- I. Party Phantom will implement a revised progressive tax rate on wealthy Americans that currently earn above the payroll cap, \$176,100. We will eliminate the taxable maximum for the wealthy's incomes, collecting an additional expected \$234 billion annually in revenue for the Social Security Administration. This will allow additional benefits for enrolled citizens and allow for decreases in barriers to apply for OASDI and Social Security.

All revenue gained from the program will be directly reallocated to the OASDI trust fund. With the funding gained from the “Fair Access” Act, the Social Security Administration and OASDI program will function at greater efficiency. Processing times for disability insurance will shorten and staff shortages will decrease. We will require the administration to expand their employment pool and update their technology.

- II. Party Phantom will allow increased access to the OASDI program. We will remove barriers by decreasing the minimum required age to enroll from 62 to 60.

The program will expand federal recognition of disability to include mental health and chronic conditions. To reduce stress on beneficiaries, the federal tax rate on Social Security benefits will be decreased.



College Affordability

In the last several decades, the growing cost of higher education has turned public opportunity into a financial struggle for many American families. Once seen as a step to social and economic mobility, higher education today acts as a major barrier for many Americans trying to secure a stable future. While federal and state programs are available for financial aid, their complexity and inefficiency makes many families uncertain and leave them in debt.

To combat this, Party Phantom will adopt a three-part policy to improve college accessibility for all Americans. **The “Pay for Results, Not Promises” Plan will use federal authority and increased state oversight to strengthen accountability, increase affordability, and make sure colleges deliver a clear financial value in exchange for access to federal student aid and loan programs.** This act prioritizes economic and national strength.

- I. Party Phantom will extend deadlines for student loan repayment by a minimum of fifteen years to support sustainable careers in the state economy. This restructuring will reduce repayment burdens on new graduates so they can enter the workforce without immediate financial strain. High impact sectors like healthcare, STEM, business, and national security majors will be given priority for subsidies and aid. Programs scoring well on economic measures will receive more federal funding and grants, keeping tuition affordable for the degrees with the largest return on investment.
- II. To maintain eligibility for funding, colleges must comply with regulations promoting campus stability and safety. Funding decisions will be based on controlling disruptions like civil unrest and protests that become violent. Universities will retain the right to allow protests and/or social demonstrations, provided that these activities do not become violent, ensuring that campuses remain safe while respecting free speech.

A new DOE program will conduct reports on educational institutions and communicate the information with state governments. Institutions consistently aiding activities that contradict guidelines may face funding reductions or loss of federal aid. This balances educational resource allocation and political stability.

- III. This act requires colleges to file reports on tuition, aid, net prices, and graduate outcomes which will be publicized so families can compare schools by actual cost, borrowing, and graduate earnings. Programs with poor outcomes will face funding reductions and limits on loan eligibility.



Transportation Infrastructure

Transportation and infrastructure are key parts of our everyday lives. Society requires infrastructure that is not only safe, but also economically efficient and equitable. In recent years, however, the federal government has failed to fairly distribute funding to communities and address their true needs. Billions of dollars have been spent on projects driven more by political gain than by the actual problems faced by local communities. Communities see more delays in road construction, repairs in transit systems, and suffer the consequences of environmental impacts caused by the construction of projects from federal transportation earmarks.

Party Phantom will propose a set of policies that will eliminate congressional earmarks, increase fiscal accountability, and expand sustainable public transit options for Americans. This policy will allow for increased local control of transportation funding in order to ensure individual communities have their needs met. Under the “Local Roads, Local Voices” Act, the federal government will support the expansion of improved transportation systems.

- I. Party Phantom will end federal transportation earmarks, which are direct federal funding given by members of Congress toward specific projects without competitive review. Members of Congress will no longer be able to fund specific projects using federal money.

All spending must go through grant applications reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Oversight will be carried out by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Department of Transportation (DOT). Any attempt to insert an earmark will result in public disclosure, deletion from the bill, and a \$50,000 reduction from the member’s administrative budget.

- II. Party Phantom will replace earmarks with flexible block grants, shifting funding power to state and local governments. The DOT will distribute annual block grants based on population, road mileage, transit use, and infrastructure needs. States and local governments will control allocation of these funds, with the requirement of submitting an annual report on the usage of these funds. At least 25% of funds must be spent on maintenance. States misusing funds will have the next year’s funding reduced by 10 percent.
- III. Party Phantom will reinstate environmental review requirements. Federally funded transportation projects must comply with NEPA and DOT requirements, with projects over one million dollars being required to



complete an Environmental Assessment and projects near environmentally sensitive areas required to complete an Environmental Impact Statement.

The public must have a minimum 30-day comment period. The EPA, DOT's Office of Environmental Analysis, and state agencies will enforce this policy. Projects failing NEPA review will lose block grant funds and must submit a corrective action plan.

- IV. To combat carbon dioxide emissions from cars, Party Phantom will support states in building and expanding subways through yearly grants. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will continue to oversee subways and rapid transit systems. The FTA will determine grant size based on state size and population, with a minimum of \$10 million per state. To continue receiving grants, states must demonstrate environmental and operational stability in an annual report. Construction will be managed by the FTA.
- V. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the federal government will support Amtrak expansion. This will decrease car and plane use for long-distance travel. The Federal Transit Administration and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will oversee and provide yearly grants to states, railroad companies, and Amtrak to expand routes and stops, following the same system of the subway grants.

Railroad companies may decide whether to allow Amtrak access and those that do not participate will not be eligible for grants. Amtrak and states will determine new routes and stops.



Affordable Housing

As wages in the United States are failing to meet the cost of living, the issue of affordable housing and homelessness has become one of the most pressing challenges facing Americans today. Rising housing costs and regressive government policy have made homeownership an impossible dream for working class families, and homelessness continues to affect communities across the nation. Today's housing system fails in providing equitable and sustainable solutions for the average American.

Party Phantom aims to reduce the rate of homelessness and improve housing affordability in the United States by taking part in the taxation of excessive home ownership and in encouraging the construction of new accessible housing. The policies will be known as “The New Property Taxation and Zoning” Act.

- I. Party Phantom will tax wealthy individuals and corporations who own multiple properties to limit excessive ownership of the housing market. Each property will be subject to the normal tax rate multiplied by the position in the order they were purchased (e.g. the first property is taxed the normal rate, the second twice the normal rate, etc.). These taxes will be allocated to funding new homeless shelters.
- II. Party Phantom will incentivize developers to build more affordable housing units by awarding tax credits through the Low Income Housing Tax-Credit program. Developers can use these to finance affordable rental properties, reducing the need to take out large loans. These tax credits reduce the total amount of tax debt developers would need to pay, allowing them to keep more of their profits or to reallocate their funds to other projects and keep rental costs low.
- III. Party Phantom will implement inclusionary zoning reform to address the affordability crisis by instituting required affordable housing units to certain income brackets. The majority of these units will be reserved for individuals and families making equal to the median or below the median income. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will regulate these new requirements, with 40% of units required to serve households who earn 50% or less than the area median income and 30% for those earning 50-80% of the median income.



Equality

LGBTQ+ Issues

LGBTQ+ issues have been some of the most prevalent issues in the United States. With the banning of certain school conversations on LGBTQ+ awareness/support, the rise in state bans on gender affirming care, and the general increase of harassment and violence towards LGBTQ+ identifying people, today's coverage and support towards LGBTQ+ identifying persons is not sustainable to their fundamental rights.

Party Phantom will propose the "Don't Ghost Gender Affirming Care" Act to improve individual freedoms, create united responsibility, and promote the removal of systematic barriers. This policy will promote health and well-being among transgender people by providing affordable healthcare, specifically gender affirming care.

- I. Party Phantom will incorporate gender affirming care into the Affordable Care Act, reinstate gender affirming care's status as an essential health benefit under HHS mandates, and restore its complete protection under the Act. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will increase the budget to allocate funding into gender affirming care and mandate coverage.
- II. Party Phantom will also repeal state bans on gender affirming care that restricted medical treatments such as hormone replacement therapy, chest masculinization surgery, chest feminization therapy, phalloplasty, and vaginoplasty. Medicaid will be required to cover gender affirming care, making it accessible to low income individuals. Congress will establish federal antidiscrimination protections on the basis of gender identity under the Equality Act to protect access to healthcare and services.



Workplace DEI

For centuries, minorities in the United States have faced systemic disadvantages in economic, social, and legal opportunities. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives have become some of the most popular and influential ways to expand opportunities for these groups and promote a more equitable nation. However, inconsistent regulation, shifting standards, and recent administrations scaling back these programs have left DEI weaker than ever. The reduction of these policies limits opportunities for historically marginalized communities and threatens progress toward inclusion and equality.

Party Phantom seeks to cultivate equitable workplaces, combat systemic discrimination, and to foster a culture where workplace communities are held accountable in the United States. Party Phantom will introduce the “Phantom Accountability and Evaluation” Act.

- I. Party Phantom will institute a state mandated survey that all company employees must complete to prove that they are aware of non-discrimination standards and the importance of inclusion. This will be required for all new hires to ensure each employee fosters a supportive workplace.
- II. Party Phantom will also address the lack of implementation, training, and awareness of DEI by implementing reputable DEI programs modelled off of The Institute for Diversity Certification into work agendas under the authority of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Corporations will be subject to fines of up to \$3 million if they do not have DEI training seminars every two months. On the other hand, corporations who have DEI training already implemented and have 40% minority hiring within the company are subject to grants or subsidies of up to \$1.2 million.

These subsidies can only be given to one corporate store in the state every 5 years. This money will come from fines given to non corporate companies who have not implemented DEI training.



Healthcare

Abortion

In 2022, the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* ended decades of constitutional protection for abortion rights, creating widespread uncertainty and concern across the United States. With the increase in total abortion bans, unsafe abortion methods, and the general concern of women's rights, these conditions threaten the bodily rights of women and people seeking abortion care every day.

Party Phantom aims to construct a set of policies that safeguards the access to abortion with less demanding steps, while certifying the decision to maintain abortion at a legal status. Expanding access to health clinics and educational resources is also essential in assisting individuals to make informed choices about their reproductive health. With that, Party Phantom introduces the "Silent Guardian" Plan:

- I. Party Phantom will guarantee access to abortion up until viability at 24 weeks. The Department of Health and Human Services will create new guidelines and regulations regarding staff training and safe medical practices. Abortion care providers must have certification and credentials of existing HHS requirements: mandatory competency assessments, recertification every 2 years, and minimum training hours.
- II. Party Phantom will maintain 24/7 OBGYN emergency services, and a guarantee of miscarriage care and treatment under the authority of Congress. The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for managing 24/7 care, including the hiring of additional medical staff. Annual training for pregnancy care is required, and every 5 years, the Department of Health and Human Services will conduct compliance audits, tracking maternal mortality. Federal funding will be suspended for clinics with poor results.
- III. Party Phantom will expand access to reproductive health services nationwide. This includes increasing the number of reproductive health clinics in underserved areas, funded through federal appropriations and targeted grants to states. The standard number of clinics to people will be one clinic per 100,000 people.
- IV. Party Phantom will institute reproductive education as a distinct curriculum in existing health courses in high school education, funded by the Department of Education. The State Department of Education Committees will construct the curriculum with assistance from the Education department on the topics covered.



Federal Healthcare

Millions of Americans rely on Medicaid for essential healthcare, including physician care, hospital services, mental health support, and long-term care. These services are critical for maintaining a healthy population, particularly for vulnerable individuals such as those with disabilities or chronic illnesses. The Affordable Care Act expanded Medicaid access to individuals beyond the federal poverty level, but recent challenges to this expansion threaten to limit coverage and reduce access to care for millions of Americans. Access to healthcare should never be severed simply because families or individuals cannot afford it.

Party Phantom will propose a policy that ensures that Medicaid becomes increasingly accessible and will relieve states of their budget strains. This policy is called “The Expansion Healthcare” Act and is made up of 3 initiatives:

- I. Party Phantom will enforce a spending ratio between the government and the states of 80% and 20% respectively. States must agree to establish a Medicaid Expansion program, or will be subject to paying up to 30% of Medicaid costs. If states have a Medicaid enrollment rate of 40% or higher within their state, they can opt out of establishing the program. Compliance of states will be strictly monitored by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and states not complying with their federal match funds will be cut by 10%. This cut will continuously be made every four months if states do not make use of their expansion programs.
- II. States adopting Medicaid Expansion programs must offer insurance to individuals earning up to 150% of the current federal poverty level (FPL). The HHS will be in charge of determining the adjusted FPL for Medicaid eligibility each year. If states lie about their federal match funds, they receive a 20% funding reduction each year.
- III. Party Phantom will provide subsidies to small businesses to help offer health insurance to their employees. We will offer small businesses annual subsidies of \$5,000 to \$15,000 to pay for health insurance to their employees.



Mental Health

Mental health has become an increasingly urgent issue in society, as each generation faces heightened anxiety, self-consciousness, and stress. Since the 1950s, the incarceration of individuals with severe mental illness has risen dramatically, with many lacking access to necessary care. Public perception often frames this population as disorderly, and policies that criminalize homelessness and mental illness continue to funnel vulnerable individuals into the justice system.

Party Phantom proposes numerous initiatives in order to make therapy and counseling more accessible to the public. These initiatives, with the goal to control accessibility of therapy in educational, workplace, and judicial environments, will ensure that everyone has access to mental health support, especially when most necessary, with little to no economic barriers. This policy is called “The Mental Health Coordination” Act.

- I. Party Phantom will ensure that students in grades 6-12 are given equitable access to therapy and mental health education. School counselors would hold a mental health presentation with every class once a quarter. Schools that implement this mental health curriculum into their health classes will receive a subsidy to their state education systems.
- II. Party Phantom will stimulate the mental health industry by increasing minimum wage for mental health professionals to \$17 per hour. This minimum wage applies to any mental health specialists with psychology, social work, or counseling minor degrees and above. To account for the higher wages, the government would also instate a license fee for therapists at a flat \$150 per year to work in their field.
- III. Party Phantom will also enforce businesses to assess their employees’ mental health state through surveys and check-ins. This information will be sent to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration quarterly throughout the year. Penalties starting at 10% increased tax on revenue, with a penalty of an extra 5% per quarter (capping at a 25% revenue tax penalty), will be placed on refusal or insufficient submission of employee information to the SAMHSA.
- IV. If persons with serious mental illness are convicted of a crime, they will be redirected into mental health courts to receive proper care by professionals that specifically work with mental illness through resources like Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs).



- V. Party Phantom will incentivize non-profit agencies such as NAMI and private organizations to create care facilities, allowing more access to mental health services on a national level. The program will also provide funding to the implementation of contractual psychiatry agencies through discretionary grants. These agencies will operate on a voluntary basis and will be the sources for mental health courts and similar agencies that aid the diversion process. This program will be implemented in every state with the goal of at least five facilities in each of the greatest-need states: Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.



Environmental Policy

Environmental Protections

The United States economy relies heavily on manufacturing, agriculture, and natural resource extraction which all depend on healthy ecosystems and stable environmental conditions. Strengthening the enforcement of environmental regulations is essential to maintaining our country's stability. Expanding oversight and guiding industrial practices toward sustainability can protect the environment, support economic growth, and ensure a healthier, more resilient future for generations to come.

To promote environmental and societal health, participation, and checks on the private sector, Party Phantom will propose a policy on environmental protections to reduce centralized and influenceable enforcement while holding industries accountable for pollution. Environmental protection will be enforced by the people while lowering the Gini coefficient and decreasing income inequality. This policy is named "Omitting Pollution & Enforcing Regulatory Action" (O.P.E.R.A.).

- I. This plan will create ten districts across the fifty U.S. states, with one district including the territories to enforce Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, addressing the uneven enforcement and federal backlog that currently restricts the EPA. These districts will be established based on regional similarities and funded by Congress. Each district will hire new staffing and be led by an advisory council of twelve chairs per district with oversight from the EPA.

The twelve council chairs will be elected from the Environmental District worker base, hired by the Department of Labor. These districts will promote environmental protection oversight by enforcing the regulations as underlined by the EPA and promoting public awareness. Primary enforcement will be led by district offices, who will conduct EPA inspections, issue penalties, and deal with criminal violations alongside the Department of Justice.

Offloading the enforcement process of the EPA to the decentralized districts will open up more time and effort for the EPA towards conducting environmental scientific research, with an upwards of \$1.2 billion dollars being added to the EPA's research capacity.

- II. Party Phantom will increase taxes on petroleum spillage to fund district staffing. The per-unit petroleum spillage tax from the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 will increase by 50%, coming to \$0.401 per barrel after adjusting for



inflation. Revenue generated from the tax will be dedicated toward funding the re-districting of the EPA and towards the EPA's research capacity as stated before. Nondisclosure of petroleum pollution will incur a \$250,000 fine, with repeat violations within a five-year period triggering escalated penalties as seen fit.



Clean Energy

Energy and environmental policy in the United States is at a major turning point. As the country's demand for power keeps growing, the effects of climate change like extreme heat, intensified storms, rising sea levels, and long-term ecosystem damage, are becoming harder to ignore. Although the federal government has implemented regulations to limit emissions, progress has been slow. Across the nation, states are now more inclined to take matters into their own hands and make improvements, creating a messy and disorganized system.

Party Phantom proposes incentive-based policies to lower emissions, make clean energy affordable, and help vulnerable sectors adapt to climate change. Instead of strict federal mandates, the plan uses voluntary participation, financial incentives, and competitive grants. Party Phantom will focus on lowering costs, expanding access to clean technology, and helping communities transition at their own pace. These policies are known as the "Power Tomorrow, Protect Today" Plan.

- I. Party Phantom will incentivize the energy industry to commit to a reduction of emissions by at least 8% over five years. If they meet this goal, they become eligible for federal matching grants to upgrade to cleaner technologies.

Federal matching grants apply to large facility improvements such as replacing turbines, installing carbon-reducing equipment, or transitioning to renewable-powered systems. The federal government would cover up to 80% of upgrade costs, capped at \$60 million per company.

Companies making additional clean-energy investments outside large upgrades may receive a 50% federal tax write-off for installing rooftop solar, geothermal heating, battery storage, or cleaner equipment. Rural communities may apply for community-level grants between \$250,000 and \$500,000 to build solar fields, micro-wind farms, or shared battery banks. Participating companies must publicly report emissions data annually.

- II. Party Phantom will provide farmers financial assistance to adopt resilient energy systems. Farmers may receive subsidies covering up to 70% of installation costs for renewable upgrades such as solar-powered irrigation, wind-powered wells, electric tractors, or clean heating systems. Small and mid-sized farms may receive up to \$50,000, and large farms up to \$100,000.

A Federal Resilience Fund rewards farmers who adopt soil-carbon storage, cover cropping, compost systems, or reduced-emission fertilizer practices.



Payments range from \$20–\$50 per acre per year, capped at \$50,000 annually. These methods strengthen soil health and reduce emissions.

States may apply for \$8–\$15 million resilience grants to build cooling centers, upgrade irrigation systems, and improve drought and wildfire prevention infrastructure.

- III. Party Phantom will promote environmental research through competition for federal funding. States, universities, and private companies may compete for grants lasting three to five years to expand renewable energy, update power grids, reduce emissions, or improve local industries.

The program provides \$1.5 billion annually, with awards between \$50 million and \$150 million. Projects may include transmission upgrades, battery manufacturing hubs, or university-led research centers. Competitive funding encourages efficiency and creativity across regions.



Governmental Reforms

Barriers to Immigration

The path to citizenship in the United States today is long and complicated. Many immigrants must navigate a combination of pardons, visas, and green cards, sometimes facing penalties that require extended periods outside the country. As a result, the process of naturalization can take years or even decades, imposing significant financial burdens through application fees, legal costs, and related expenses. High demand and limited processing capacity further slow the system, making the path to citizenship an impossible one for many.

Party Phantom recognizes the barriers to legal immigration in the United States and is committed to alleviating these challenges by creating accessible avenues for transportation, reducing fees, and streamlining the process. These policies will eliminate the obstacles that prevent qualified citizens from pursuing citizenship and will transform the process to be one that reflects America's values of opportunity and inclusion. This plan will be known as "The Immigration Opportunity and Access" Plan.

- I. This plan will establish the Citizenship Carrier Directorate (CCD) to provide transportation from an applicant's home to interviews, oath ceremonies, and attorney meetings as needed. This will be managed by the USCIS, who will hire 10,000 new people and purchase the same number of operator vehicles from Ford as the providers of this service. All citizenship applications moving forward will have a clause that allows applicants to sign up for this service.
- II. Party Phantom will eliminate the \$710 and \$760 application fees for the form N-400. Effective immediately, all applicants will be notified in the application. The department budget will be increased to accommodate for the eliminated income.
- III. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will oversee the hiring of 53,000 USCIS employees, increasing employment from 22,000 to 75,000. This cuts processing times by over 60%.
- IV. To simplify the citizenship process, the requirement of lawful permanent residence for 5 years will be eliminated for immediate family members of U.S. citizens. USCIS will also remove the annual cap for siblings petitioning and allow applications regardless of prior criminal history. This will be enacted through executive orders.



- V. Undocumented persons will be permitted to enlist in the military. After one year of honorable service, any member may be granted automatic citizenship. The military must comply with USCIS citizenship requirements for admitting undocumented members. The Chief of Staff of each military branch will manage recruitment offices to support undocumented persons interested in enlisting.



Centralized Asylum

The United States has long claimed to be a nation for those fleeing violence, instability, or persecution, and furthermore claims to be a nation of liberty and justice for all. However, the current system of asylum functions at an undeniable deficit, affecting our citizens and the economy alike. Characterized by extensive backlogs, inconsistent enforcement, and limited integration methods, the way our policies function now leaves gaps where we should have stability. These issues affect not only our economic performance, but the wellbeing of our country overall.

To restore our nation's economic strength and eliminate inefficiencies, Party Phantom proposes the "National Efficiency and Prosperity" Act. The central premise is simple yet thorough: the United States cannot maintain global competitiveness and economic efficiency without fully utilizing potential talented workers, consumers, taxpayers, and economic contributors. This act establishes a unified and centralized system of asylum while expanding legal infrastructure at a historic scale and welcoming private firms as partners in our nation's economic advancement. Through three measures, we will restructure the existing asylum system to prioritize order, speed, and economic productivity.

- I. Party Phantom will consolidate asylum governance under one single command structure. We will create the "Department of Asylum" which will include the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, and the Department of Health and Human Services, ensuring all aspects of asylum governance are consistent. The Secretary of Asylum, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, will lead enforcement of new asylum measures and processing to ensure compliance within all agencies. The federal government will authorize firms to partner directly with the Department of Asylum to provide employment pathways for approved asylum seekers, including certification and mentorship.
- II. Party Phantom will expand the nation's legal system by hiring 4,400 new asylum judges and 9,000 additional legal personnel, including attorneys, researchers, and other staff. This personnel effectively eliminates the backlog of cases, increasing tax revenue and expediting the asylum process to integrate asylum seekers into the workforce. This new infrastructure will allow faster adjudication measures, which will eliminate the asylum case backlog within three years, reducing reliance on federally funding subsistence programs and increasing tax contributions. This would unlock billions in tax revenue and rapidly increase the entry of approved asylum seekers into the workforce.



- III. Party Phantom will authorize private firms to partner directly with the Department of Asylum to provide mentorship, certification, and employment pathways for approved asylum seekers. Participation will be voluntary and targeted toward sectors facing persistent labor shortages, including manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, and service industries.



Criminal Justice

The criminal justice system in the United States is intended to ensure justice for all. Yet corruption, bias, and loopholes within legislation and jury processes have eroded public trust, allowing wrongful convictions and unequal treatment to persist. At the same time, many federal prisons face overcrowding, neglect, and inadequate rehabilitation programs, creating unsafe conditions for both inmates and staff. The ongoing failures in both the legal and correctional systems have serious consequences for public safety, social equity, and the fundamental integrity of justice.

Party Phantom will implement a series of policies that improve prison conditions across all U.S. federal penitentiaries. These policies will expand the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA) which is a law that was passed in 1980 that gives the Department of Justice the right to investigate neglect, abuse, and treatment issues in prisons. These policies will be known as the “Equal Rights Behind Bars” Act.

- I. Party Phantom will ensure all state and federal U.S. penitentiaries maintain a minimum standard of living, including food meeting USDA nutritional guidelines, clean cells/sleeping areas, and comprehensive health care. This policy will also limit the use of solitary confinement to cases of emergencies, like inmate-initiated violence, and will implement a 72 hour time limit with a supervised visit from a healthcare professional to protect inmates from long-term mental health consequences.
- II. We will expand the availability of voluntary rehabilitation programs in prisons, including instituting requirements for all prisons to maintain education programs and job training for all inmates. Labor in federal penitentiaries will be completely optional to inmates serving time, and professional training will be provided. Working conditions for inmates will be subject to the same regulations as those outside of prisons per OSHA. Job training shall be administered by instructors who are employed by the federal penitentiary with oversight from the Office of Prison Review to regulate the safety and labor standards. These services will be optional to all the inmates, unless determined necessary by a correctional officer, based on factors like a history of repeated offenses, persistent disruptive behavior, substance abuse, or present mental health issues.
- III. In cases with the possibility of capital punishment, judges shall be left with the sole decision. This will minimize error due to inexperience within the jury system resulting in the conviction of less innocent people on average.



Political Corruption

Unchecked political power in the United States has created opportunities for corruption across various levels of government. In the past, officials have misused presidential pardons, attempted to subvert election results, and made decisions with clear conflicts of interests. The system of checks and balances outlined in the Constitution has weakened while branches expand their power, resulting in corruption that is difficult to prevent or punish.

Party Phantom will propose a set of policies that keep the American people in mind while holding politicians accountable. This will ensure that elected officials do not have the ability to disrupt any investigations, and will require transparency acts to be voted upon by the people rather than the administration in power. These series of acts will be known as the “Masked Man” Acts.

- I. Party Phantom will appoint new Inspector Generals (IGs) that will be appointed by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), who require Congressional approval before being placed into power. Priority change under a new administration shall no longer be sufficient rationale for withholding funding from CIGIE and IGs.
- II. All members of the central Integrity Committee (IC) within the CIGIE will have an biannual audit from an independent Inspector General in measuring productivity and compliance with strict regulation. Congress will set a direct appropriation onto the CIGIE that will vary in amounts during the voting of each national budget to reduce the lack of funding that the CIGIE and IC suffers from.
- III. Party Phantom will limit presidential influence over congressional voting from members of their own party. Policies that fall under the guidelines of a “transparency” act shall no longer be proposed and voted on by Congress, but through direct citizen action of voting on ballot measures/propositions during each election cycle.



Economic Corruption

Economic corruption poses a fundamental threat to democracy and transparency in the United States. Government officials who accept bribes or engage in embezzlement undermine the principle that the government works to serve people fairly. These practices allow for wealth and corporate influence to seep into legislation, reducing the sway that ordinary Americans have on the decisions that affect their lives.

Party Phantom intends to eliminate corruption within government and corporate organizations by holding politicians and companies accountable for dishonest practices. Sentencing of corrupt government officials will be handled by an independent body unaffected by political influence or financial manipulation. This policy will be known as “The Corruption Regulation and Accountability” Plan.

- I. Party Phantom will create an administration within the DOJ that houses specialized Inspector Generals (IGs) that are elected by and officiated by the CIGIE with the goal of supervising Congress. This DOJ will be dedicated to investigating suspicious economic activity from politicians and the organizations associated with them. The Supreme Court will be the sole decider for the definition of a “corrupt institution” and the line between bribery and lobbying.

In order to limit lobbying, embezzlement and bribery by corporations, a biannual audit of the origins of a random member of Congress’ money will be conducted by newly appointed DOJ IGs. This will disincentivise dishonest monetary practices.



Regulation

Firearms

Over the last decade, firearm violence has increased significantly in the U.S., claiming ten of thousands of lives each year and leaving countless families and communities affected. Though protected under the Second Amendment to the Constitution, the ownership of firearms has varying restrictions on purchase and use in each state. Inconsistent background checks and limited government oversight have created disparities in the safety of firearm usage across America, making public safety increasingly uncertain.

Party Phantom will be implementing several policies that will ensure the safe and legal overground purchasing of firearms, decreasing the number of illegal sales and trafficking of guns within the United States. The three step policy will be titled “Curtain Call on Gun Violence.”

- I. Party Phantom will enforce background checks at all firearm sales, closing the “Private Sale” loophole which allows bypassing federal checks if not buying from a licensed dealer. After one year, dealers without a Federal Firearms License (FFL) will be fined \$20,000 monthly until compliant. We will require all buyers to undergo a NICS background check enforced by the FBI, including criminal history, drug use, mental health, and immigration status. The goal is to expand background checks as an extension of the Brandy Handgun Violence Prevention Act.

Firearm safety training shall be required before the sale of a firearm to a first-time owner. Only those completing federal certification—a safety course, written exam, and proof of secure storage—can possess a firearm. Training is run by State police using a federal curriculum. This ensures buyers are educated on safe handling and storage for responsible gun use.

- II. Police officers will be stationed at gun dealers and shows to supervise background checks and maintain order. Unsupervised sales are illegal, with fines of \$2,500 and a 7-year-to-life prohibition for both buyer and seller, aligning with the Gun Control Act of 1968. Local stations must assign 2–4 trained officers daily to these locations. Gun owners must bring any firearms to a registered dealer site to confirm continued ownership every 7 years.
- III. Party Phantom will mandate that online firearm parts dealers be licensed and undergo rigorous background checks. All parts require serial numbers and



must be shipped to physical dealers for verification. Violations carry a \$5,000 fine, sales prohibition, and up to 25 years in prison. The ATF will administer serial numbers and monitor online sales, with a new ATF division focusing on illegal online parts and platforms distributing untraceable components.



Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been one of the significant technological developments of the past thirty years, with recent innovations allowing AI to become profitable in corporate markets. As AI usage rates continue to increase, the negative impacts of unregulated AI usage are becoming increasingly apparent. Currently, there is a lack of oversight and governmental standardization when it comes to corporate AI usage.

Party Phantom will propose policies to address rising labor costs by promoting AI adoption and business growth through tax credits and grants without replacing American jobs. While businesses benefit from competitive tax credits, lowered costs, and increased revenue, the U.S. gains a developmental advantage and an economic advantage from AI research and workforce development. These policies are known as the “AI for U.S.” Plan.

- I. Party Phantom will incentivize companies to integrate AI by offering a 12% business income tax credit for automating at least 25% of core workflows, with an additional 8% credit for AI research and development. Companies must maintain records of AI implementation, calculated as workforce reduction percentage. After three years, integration credits reduce to 6%. Credits are available for up to 10 years. By doing so, employees are allowed to focus on more difficult responsibilities that AI is still not capable of, freeing up the workforce to develop future-focused skills.
- II. Party Phantom will create the Federal AI Cloud System Act (FASCA) to strengthen federal oversight by creating a government-run cloud service required for AI tool access. Companies pay a subscription fee based on size, determined by the Department of Commerce. Compliance is enforced through online audits and in-person inspections.
- III. This policy will support small and medium businesses by providing \$10,000 grants to implement AI in their operations. Grants are administered by the Economic Development Administration, available for 10 years to revenue-generating businesses, with a total fund limit of \$150 billion.



Gambling

Gambling and sports betting has exploded across the United States in the last decade, transforming a limited pastime into a rapidly growing and exploitative industry. This growth, primarily fueled by aggressive advertising, easy mobile access, and extremist culture, has severe consequences. As this largely unregulated industry continues to expand, families and communities are at risk of economic devastation and severe addiction.

To create a safer environment for Americans and prevent exploitation by malicious practices, Party Phantom will reform gambling regulations, focusing on the growing online gambling economy. These policies are organized as the “All in for Offline Regulation” Plan.

- I. Party Phantom will restrict online sports betting to states with established gambling regulations such as Nevada. This will be achieved by rolling back *Murphy v. National Collegiate Athletic Association* and reinstating the Professional and Amateur Sport Protection Act (PASPA), limiting states’ ability to regulate sports betting if not previously regulated under PASPA. States have five years to apply for exemptions, targeted at historically gambling-friendly states, allowing them to maintain existing regulations. Other states will be restricted. In person gambling will remain legal.
- II. Party Phantom will provide partial reimbursements to online sports betting businesses relocating to in person sports betting centers (SBCs). Methods may include ATM-like kiosks, account cards, or location-based app access restricted to SBC premises. Reimbursements will equal 45% of projected revenue for the first quarter of 2030, allowing businesses to adapt before the ban.



Substance Abuse

Over 100,000 Americans die from substance abuse each year, affecting millions across all different demographics and geographic communities. The current approach of criminalizing drug users has failed to reduce addiction rates and has simultaneously created barriers that prevent individuals from seeking support. However, the rampant illegal drug trade runs freely as the United States has little regulation on distributors themselves. This perpetuates a cycle where drug users are failed by the system while distributors are able to reap the benefits instead.

Party Phantom will establish a rehabilitation-centered drug prevention system while also strengthening criminal penalties for drug distribution; these policies aim to break the cycle of substance abuse in the United States while also targeting the root of the drug epidemic by severely punishing distributors. Party Phantom proposes the “Substance Abuse Support” Act.

- I. Party Phantom will treat drug addiction as a medical issue rather than a criminal one by decriminalizing the personal use and possession for all drugs, removing barriers that prevent victims and families from seeking treatment and avoiding overdoses. Police officers will be trained on the new legislation before it comes into effect. Categorical grants will be provided to states to implement this plan, with required reporting on fund usage and progress.
- II. Party Phantom will guarantee that individuals caught using illegal substances will first be redirected to the nearest available certified rehabilitation center or medical institution with costs fully paid for. However, after three instances of illegal drug use, the perpetrator will be prosecuted in accordance with existing laws.
- III. Party Phantom will increase the minimum sentence for distribution of any illegal substances to ten years in prison to reduce participation in the predatory domestic drug trade.



ACT II: FOREIGN POLICY



International Conflicts

Israel/Palestine

In the last three years, the conflict between Israel and Palestine has escalated significantly. Views on the issue are extremely polarized, contributing to a prolonging of peaceful resolution. Both Israelis and Palestinians believe that they are subject to the ruling of their own ethnic nation state, as a result of historical connections to the land which has resulted in centuries of conflict. However, Party Phantom believes it has come too far. Capitalism has blinded leaders in their pursuit of committing ethnic cleansing and the conflict has become blatant genocide.

Party Phantom plans on proposing policies that prioritize humanitarian aid and reconstruction for the Palestinian people. As one, these plans together are to be called “The Overture to Unmasking Aid” Plan:

- I. Party Phantom aims to immediately de-escalate the current violence against Palestinians by cutting off all military funds sent to Israel by the U.S. This action will be pushed by an executive order and legislative authorization. \$3.8 billion will be reallocated from current military spending to reconstruction during the implementation of a two state solution.
- II. Party Phantom proposes a two state solution to peacefully resolve the conflict. Self-determination will be obtained as boundaries return to the UN’s 1947 plan, with Jerusalem as a self-governed state. Israeli settlement expansion will be halted, and citizens will relocate to their respective nations. This will cost roughly \$2.3 billion of the \$3.8 billion reallocated.

While the two state solution is being implemented, the remaining 1.3 billion dollars from the military budget and the 500 million dollars from missile development will be used to fund humanitarian aid in the form of medical equipment, school supplies and food.

- III. Party Phantom will work with UN members to form a peace accord protecting Palestinians, enforcing an agreement between Hamas and Israel to release hostages with the Global Red Cross, and establishing a ceasefire. Palestinian and Israeli officials will sign a peace accord to maintain amity and implement anti-discrimination laws. Compliance will be monitored by the U.S. military to prevent violence. The U.S. will also pressure Iran to restrict financial support of Hamas through diplomatic negotiations and economic sanctions if necessary.



Russia/Ukraine

Beginning with the Russian invasion of eastern Ukraine in 2022, the war in Ukraine has escalated from a regional dispute into a major geopolitical crisis. International involvement, including military support and funding from multiple nations, has intensified the conflict with seemingly no end in sight.

As continued military aid will only serve to escalate conflict in the region, Party Phantom intends to cut all military funding to Ukraine along with providing a series of categorical grants over a 10 year period to support reconstruction. This policy is known as “The Russia/Ukraine Trustfall” Plan. The path to peace lies through diplomatic means and bilateral demilitarization.

- I. Party Phantom will work tirelessly towards a peace plan between Russia and Ukraine, with both parties agreeing to negotiated terms as follows:. The framework for a peace agreement is as follows:
 - A. The region of Donbas will be granted autonomy from the Ukrainian government along with Russian gaining the status of a recognized regional language.
 - B. Both Ukraine and Russia will undergo demilitarization
 - C. U.S. trade sanctions with Russia will be lifted.
 - D. Ukraine will not be initiated into NATO, as membership would drastically exacerbate tensions with Russia.
- II. Party Phantom will allocate \$45 billion to Ukraine’s reconstruction in 5 installment packages over the next decade: first installment of \$5 billion in 2026, and consecutive installments of \$10 billion every two years, with the final transfer in 2034. Appropriation of these funds will require the Ukrainian government to sign agreements with U.S. contracting companies to carry out reconstruction. Further military installments shall be halted, with aid prioritized for reconstruction.
- III. Party Phantom will support a UN-supervised referendum within Crimea to determine whether the region should be incorporated into Russia or returned to Ukraine sovereignty given the region's ethnic makeup and complex history. Party Phantom will allocate \$70 million to the UN to cover costs. If Crimea votes to return to Ukraine, it will be granted regional autonomy as agreed by the Ukrainian government and the Crimean local government.



China/Taiwan

Over the past decade, tensions between China, Taiwan, and the U.S. have increased. China has significantly expanded its economic and military power, and Taiwan has consistently held its position as the leading producer of crucial semiconductors for the world. As global advancement and reliance on advanced technology has accelerated, the political and economic state of the Taiwan Strait has become one of the most unstable issues affecting global stability in the modern day.

Party Phantom will ensure our relations with China and Taiwan remain peaceful. We will continue to recognize the PRC as the official Republic of China and continue our unofficial trade partnership with Taiwan. Party Phantom's plan, named "Phantom Cross-Strait" Plan consists of three steps:

- I. Party Phantom will provide Taiwan with defenses strictly for protection against regional aggression. Any misuse of these defenses will result in immediate suspension of these services. Assistance would comprise 65% naval defense, 30% air defense, and 5% on-land artillery. \$10 billion of defenses will be provided under strict compliance, including defensive-use only regulations and quarterly conflict assessments along the Taiwan Strait.
- II. Party Phantom will establish an investment program to incentivize investment in Taiwanese semiconductor companies via dollar-to-dollar tax deductions in TSMC, UMC, MediaTek, or Silicon Motion. The top 10% of investors receive priority access to advanced chip supply during shortages. This will stimulate Taiwan's semiconductor sector and strengthen global electronics supply chain stability.
- III. Party Phantom will provide a 10-year loan plan for private manufacturers to build two medium fabrication plants (fabs) and one large fab at 5% interest. Annual subsidies of \$1-2.5B cover operations. With ~39% profit margins, medium fabs yield \$4.5B/year and the large fab \$10.5B/year. The government receives 2% of chips produced and \$1.9B annual loan repayments.



International Relations

America's role in the UN

Since its creation in 1945, the United Nations (UN) has served as a primary mechanism for countries across the globe to discuss modern day issues. As globalization has increased in more recent years, the necessity of the UN has only grown further. The United States has been a very large participant in the UN from the beginning, but our participation has been drastically decreasing. Today, the United States has withdrawn from four different special agencies, posing a number of issues for our own economy and our influence abroad.

Increasing participation in the UN is a necessary step. **Not only will this involvement increase U.S. influence abroad, but it will also serve as a method to solve any shortcomings the UN currently has while also acting as a boost to the U.S. economy.** Party Phantom will propose an assortment of policies consisting of two major steps to move towards improving both the United Nations and the U.S. economy, collectively titled the "Phantom of the World Stage."

- I. Within one year, Party Phantom will rejoin the UN programs we withdrew from under the Trump Administration: UNHRC, the WHO, UNESCO, UNRWA. However, despite reentry, the U.S. will not match the entirety of the voluntary funding that had previously been given to these programs. The assessed contributions will be paid in full, as is required by our participation, but the voluntary contributions will be reduced by about 31.7% to decrease the financial strain participation will have on the U.S.
- II. American businesses will be encouraged to engage with the U.S. Commercial Service Liaison Office to the UN to secure contracts. The Department of State's Commercial and International Organizations (CIO) budget will be increased, providing a categorical 5-year grant to expand U.S. Commercial Service Liaison Office events and outreach. Greater awareness will attract more businesses to apply for UN contracts, offsetting participation costs and stimulating the U.S. economy.



America's role in NATO

Since its creation in 1949, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has sent humanitarian aid, established military bases, and strengthened international trade. As of today, it has grown to include 32 member countries across North America and Europe. Its GDP-based spending benchmarks have historically resulted in heavily skewed contributions from those members with greater domestic production while promising equal protection to all members. This imbalance has placed sustained pressure on the United States, raising concerns about long-term alliance sustainability and the cost of continued disproportionate spending.

Party Phantom will propose a set of policies that reduce U.S. military involvement in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) while driving economic relations between the U.S. and European members. These policies will be known as the “Masque Initiative.”

- I. Although the U.S. is providing about 70% of total NATO spending, Party Phantom will ensure no NATO member country will pay more than 35% of total NATO defence spending by 2036. As other European countries contribute more to NATO, the U.S. will decrease its funding incrementally. The total defense spending goal will remain at \$1.56 trillion. Each year, NATO members will meet to discuss the sharing of defense spending, adjusting goals annually as needed.
- II. Private defense service markets may specialize in logistics, training, non-lethal support, and cyber-defense, funding U.S. troops and technology in NATO while allowing commercial firms to provide capacity. U.S. funding private sector funding will be started with \$1 billion in investments. Government oversight will be implemented in order to see progress every 2 years.
- III. Party Phantom will propose a plan to withdraw 16,000 U.S. troops, and to convert 10 of the bases scattered around U.S. military-concentrated nations such as Germany, Italy, Poland, and the UK into major international training facilities for European soldiers. The renovations for this conversion will include changes in infrastructure, simulation systems, training gear, environmental cleanup, security, and more.
- IV. Party Phantom will establish an international bank, which will allow both member and non-member nations to contribute to NATO. The bank will achieve this through the sale of defense bonds and other investments. The bank’s profits will be channeled directly into filling current defense deficits,



providing a safety net should some members fall short of their benchmark or in the case of unforeseen conflict.

- V. Party Phantom will focus on incentivising NATO members to meet their spending goals. To do this, the United States reserves the right to withhold technology and other U.S.-owned IP from members who do not meet their benchmarks. This does not establish a trade embargo with any allied nation, but rather withholds any IP that would not usually be shared with non-allied nations.



Humanitarian Regional Partnerships

Since 2013, millions of Venezuelans have fled ongoing political and economic instability, with many seeking asylum in neighboring countries such as Colombia and Peru. These host nations often face their own economic crises, limiting their ability to support a sustained influx of displaced populations. As national resources become strained, large numbers of Venezuelans remain vulnerable and without long-term stability. While multilateral organizations such as the UNHCR and the International Organization for Migration provide assistance, their efforts are largely temporary and limited by insufficient funding, leaving the broader crisis unresolved.

To address the lack of reliable sources to basic necessities currently provided by host countries, Party Phantom will directly fund regionally located voluntary organizations to assist in the humanitarian crisis by providing water, electricity, food, and shelter for migrants, known as the "Spectre Shelter" Act.

- I. Party Phantom will advocate for migrant rights, reduce migrant-targeted crimes, and promote socioeconomic integration by funding private initiatives, such as Ayuda en Acción, that expand access to legal and financial services. Using authority under the Foreign Assistance Act and the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), a one-time \$500 million grant will be distributed over five years.
- II. Party Phantom will provide a grant of \$800 million to the Pan-American Developmental Foundation (PADF) to be utilized in initiatives making basic resources accessible to migrants in specific regions. By working with this private organization, we can ensure health services and reliable access to basic necessities are being provided to migrants in host countries.



Iran Nuclear Deal

The Iran Nuclear Deal is a nuclear nonproliferation agreement centered around Iran. Iran's energy crisis had them turning to nuclear energy, as other sources proved too costly. Middle Eastern tensions pushed Iran to use nuclear technology for defense purposes as well. Iran's secret nuclear activities were soon discovered, spurring negotiations with the goal of halting Iran's nuclear proliferation. The negotiations led to the signing of the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action (JCPOA) in 2015 in order to resolve the issue while being beneficial to all parties involved. The U.S. withdrew from this deal in 2018 under the reasoning that the plan was deeply flawed and inadequate.

To mitigate the risk of Iran gaining access to nuclear weaponry and increasing the chance of a third World War, Party Phantom proposes a set of policies known as the "No Nuclear Empowerment" Plan. **This proposed plan provides a reasonable and achievable way for the U.S. to confidently re-enter a revised Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action, by strengthening the former deal and ensuring the threat of nuclear proliferation is extinguished and properly dealt with.**

- I. Party Phantom will reinstate the sanction reliefs originally granted to Iran by the United States under the JCPOA. This policy will be enforced with executive authority and through renewed negotiations with Iran and the world powers involved in the original deal.

In addition, as Iran's history of undeclared nuclear facilities has since been exposed, Party Phantom will ensure that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will be granted full authority to conduct inspections without prior notice, and enforce restrictions to Iranian nuclear activities. All nuclear activities will require supervision to confirm they are aligned with the NNEP with no exceptions.



International Trade

Global Trade/Tariffs

The United States is facing growing tensions with key trading partners Mexico, Canada, and China due to tariffs and trade imbalances. China's dominance in essential sectors like microchip production has led to American importation of Chinese products far surpassing America's exports to China. This trade war has led to negative sentiment between the two countries, increased prices for the American public, and supply chain disruptions. With harsh effects on both countries, the United States must act to protect American interests and economic stability.

Party Phantom will ease trade tensions between China and the United States, as well as prevent future issues and relieve pressure on international trade in order to promote economic prosperity. These policies will facilitate trade for American businesses and farmers and reduce prices on consumer goods. While blanket tariffs will be removed, some technology-sector tariffs will increase. Party Phantom will continue and improve the CHIPS and Science Act. This policy consists of three main implementations, collectively called the "Twilight Tariff Mandate" Plan:

- I. Party Phantom will pursue a bilateral agreement with China to eliminate blanket tariffs in return for reciprocal tariff reductions by China. Currently, the U.S applies a 10% blanket tariff on Chinese imports with an average of a 47% weighted tariff. The removal of these tariffs will reduce prices of consumer goods and allow the U.S to benefit from trade and access China's market for agricultural and manufactured goods.
- II. Party Phantom will also increase tariffs on the electronics sector to redirect focus on domestic production. Beginning at 30%, these tariffs will apply batteries, microchips, semiconductors, boilers, and nuclear reactors. To offset the economic impact of these tariffs, Party Phantom will raise funding of domestic chip production to a total of \$75 billion annually, a raise from \$50 billion in 2022. This will begin to build infrastructure capable of substituting imported chips as U.S production increases and to reduce reliance on Chinese manufactured chips.



Supply Chain of Rare Earth Metals

The rare earth metal supply chain is a global network of trade involving the 15 lanthanides, which are used in nearly all computational electronic devices due to their conductive, fluorescent, and magnetic nature. The high demand around the world for these metals and the products they're used in makes them an important aspect of our international trade. Currently, China dominates the production of usable rare earth metals. There are, however, environmental concerns over rare earth metals due to the mining process and the negative effects stemming from it.

Party Phantom's "Obsidian Element" plan will reduce U.S. government regulation on the importation of Chinese-supplied minerals while establishing a broader international trade network. Under this plan, the U.S. will provide grants to incentivize partner countries to develop mines or production facilities, but will minimize oversight or intervention, allowing these nations to independently build infrastructure and manage production.

- I. Party Phantom will reduce the tariff on rare earth metal imports from China from 100% down to 20% to open up trade relations between China and the U.S. We will also establish an extended network of countries to mine, process, and manufacture rare earth metals, with the United States focusing on mining. Other countries with large reserves, such as China and Brazil, will be prioritized for extraction. India and Australia, with large reserves, will also be involved. Countries with well-established processing power will be prioritized for manufacturing.



Immigration

Work Visas

To handle the millions of immigrants relocating to the U.S. to participate in its workforce, the federal government required all immigrants to possess a work visa to work. Work visas are used as a method to limit how many immigrants that are recruited or hired in American businesses while also functioning as a recruitment advertisement for skilled immigrants. Work visas have become inefficient, with those in possession being unable to get hired or renew their visa due to fees, experiencing poverty, and their residency in the U.S. being threatened. This ultimately limits the U.S. by blocking skilled immigrants from improving American businesses. Acquiring a work visa for an immigrant means winning a lottery, paying the increasing fees, and then waiting years for a response.

To keep and to increase the advantages immigrants provide America through contributing to economic growth and to decrease their distress when applying for work visas or renewals, Party Phantom will propose a set of policies that make obtained work visas inactive, close applications, refund applicants, and allow businesses to recruit their own workers. This policy is called “Broadway Business” and consists of two major components:

- I. Party Phantom will allow businesses to recruit and hire immigrants without work visas, subject to limitations ensuring recruits are not felons and do not negatively affect U.S. citizen employment. Immigrants threatening citizen safety face identical penalties to citizens. If the unemployment rate of American citizens is 4% or lower, 40% of the workers that businesses employ can be immigrants. If the unemployment rate for citizens is 3.9% or lower, then 50% of the workers employed are allowed to be immigrants.
- II. Party Phantom will close work visa applications. Instead, we will provide forms, tips, and support on changes to the process stated earlier, along with a form for previous holders to request fee refunds. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) contact center will focus on refunding holders of inactive work visas. Work visa holders are not required to return visas, which will no longer be needed for employment.



Immigration Quotas

Immigration quotas have been used by the U.S. government to restrict the number of immigrants allowed in the country during both wartime and peacetime. These quotas state a number of immigrants allowed from each nation of origin, outlining how many could legally enter the country every year. Immigration Quotas have limited the diversity America is so well known for, destroying our melting pot of cultures.

Party Phantom will increase the quotas established under the Immigration and Nationality Act, reduce restrictions, and promote population growth in the United States. Funding previously allocated to anti-immigration agencies and enforcement will be redirected to existing programs that support immigrants, expanding resources for integration and assistance rather than restriction. These initiatives will be known as the "Phantom Gateway" Acts.

- I. Party Phantom will increase the employment-based immigration quota from 140,000 to 200,000 over 10 years, adding approximately 6,000 jobs annually. This will allow more immigrants to gain employment and contribute to the U.S. economy while giving the workforce time to expand.
- II. Party Phantom will also reduce ICE funding from \$18.7 billion to \$9 billion, reallocating \$6 billion to programs that support incoming immigrants so they can participate in the economy quickly. The Department of Homeland Security will fund programs facilitating foreign immigration, such as the Diversity Visa Program, while the Departments of State and Justice provide processing, legal aid, and health services for new arrivals.



Climate/Energy Policy

Exportation of Liquefied Natural Gases

In less than a decade, the U.S. went from banning Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) exports to becoming the lead exporter worldwide. After the Shale Revolution boom, the rapid rise of the natural gas industry led to various effects, including increased employment, foreign strength and greater GDP. However, this increase of export has also led to increased gas prices, greenhouse gas emissions, and anxieties over long-term dependence on non-renewable energy infrastructure. Whether geopolitical advancements in the short term or long term economic and environmental advancements are more in-lined with the national and global 'public interest.'

The “Shadow Sustainability” Plan will prevent commitment to non-renewable energy sources, centralize the Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) export industry by excluding the private sector from energy contracts, and acknowledge climate and environmental concerns as threats to the future of the nation’s security. Party Phantom will enact this by creating a sub-department under the Department of Energy (DOE) which will enforce the legislature and executive orders.

1. Party Phantom will establish the Methane Allocation and Selling Knowledge (MASK) subdepartment within the DOE, granting it increased powers over licenses and permits for exporting LNG. For export permits to be passed, private industries must sign a buyout clause, giving the U.S. government the authority and funds to acquire existing export facilities. Once bought out, the facilities will be managed by DOE. Facilities that refuse will face a 20% export fee per unit. By removing the private sector from international export contracts, Party Phantom will enforce quotas to phase out LNG and other nonrenewable resources over 25 years, using 2023 exports (4500 billion cubic feet) as the baseline.
2. Party Phantom will implement two executive orders to suspend all new approvals for export facility construction, placing existing and approved facilities under DOE and MASK management. Executive Order 112 will define climate security as a national threat, allowing DOE to investigate facilities' lifetime greenhouse gas emissions. Facilities must reduce methane emissions by 68% every five years through cutting transport leakage, waterstream contamination, and overall GHG emissions. Facilities failing this requirement will be fined 10% of the subsequent year's profits. Facilities not within 20% of this quota or repeatedly failing may be shut down by MASK, and owners will face criminal charges.



Importation of Petroleum within North America

From the beginning of this century, the United States has been focusing on energy independence, specifically in the production of crude oil and petroleum. In 2025, the United States imported 60% of its petroleum from Canada and 7% of its crude oil from Mexico. The U.S. refines this imported oil and then supplies both itself and trading partners with it. However, in April 2025 the recent administrations via executive order have put into place a 25% tariff on all imports from both Canada and Mexico with a 10% on imported energy from Canada only. These tariffs will not only increase prices of all goods coming from Canada and Mexico for Americans purchasing them, but it will also cause an increase in the price of gasoline, a vital product for almost all Americans.

Party Phantom is committed to alleviating the financial burden of energy tariffs by undoing tariffs on Canadian imports and reducing tariffs on Mexican imports. With these decreased tariffs, this will significantly lessen the burden that would be shifted onto the consumers should high tariffs continue. This policy will be titled “The American Energy Relief” Act.

- I. As of April of 2025, the current administration enacted a 25% tariff on Canada for all imports and a 10% tariff on imported energy from Canada. This policy will undo aspects of these tariffs via executive order 14375. This executive order will specifically reduce the energy tariff from 10% to 5%. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will enforce these new tariffs as products cross the border into the United States.
- II. Via a new executive order, order 14376, the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will reduce the tariff on Mexican imported energy. From 25% to 10% for energy imported from Mexico, this executive order will allow gasoline prices to drop further, saving more on gas for American families. The national average for gas is 2.99. Without removing these tariffs, it is expected to rise between .35 and .75 post tariff.



International Security

International Drug Trade

The U.S. faces one of the most severe drug crises in the developed world with addiction rates and overdose deaths far greater than other nations. The problem has been growing for decades now, driven by the increasing use of synthetic opioids like fentanyl trafficked into the country by cartels. The government's efforts to fight the problem, focused primarily on reducing the flow of narcotics into the country and enforcing a zero-tolerance drug policy, has consistently proved ineffective. This is exacerbated by a legal system that treats drug addicts—the people these policies should aim to help—as criminals.

Party Phantom will address the international drug trade by focusing on voluntary health interventions, targeted enforcement of drug networks in collaboration with INTERPOL, and market-based initiatives to regulate legal markets and prevent the growth of black markets on controlled substances. These initiatives will be collectively known as the "Ghost Grid" Act.

- I. Party Phantom will strengthen connections with international law enforcement to dismantle trafficking networks and seize illicit assets. We will increase the annual U.S. funding contribution to INTERPOL by \$50 million. This money will be put towards the goal of training officers on new techniques to prevent the distribution of drugs across international lines through more effective border checks and aerial surveillance.

We will further buttress the supranational organizations fighting criminal activity by supplying U.S. intelligence relevant to the groups responsible for drug smuggling. INTERPOL, EUROPOL, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime will be given deeper access to the U.S. network of intelligence on drug distribution abroad.

- II. Party Phantom will treat global drug addiction as a public health crisis, expanding voluntary treatment, overdose-reversing medications, and harm-reduction programs. 5,000 mobile units will reach 20 million people, supported by \$10 million in subsidies and tax incentives for telemedicine and digital rehab. Partnerships with the WHO, UNODC, and private providers will standardize care, while 50,000 specialists will be trained to deliver services. We will also partner with private institutions and non-profits to enable deployment of mobile clinics and treatment technologies in high-need nations such as Mexico, Colombia, Nigeria, and Thailand.



Cybersecurity

In recent years, cybersecurity has become a major concern for United States citizens. Data breaches continue to steal thousands of people's social security numbers, medical records and financial history all through the cracks within United States cybersecurity. Cyberattacks like ransomware are constantly stealing and withholding private information from hospitals, city and county governments, as well as banks and factories. Every day, countless amounts of personal and confidential information is collected, just to be poorly protected.

Party Phantom will ensure that all United States citizens and citizens of foreign countries alike are protected from unfair breaches of privacy, ensuring their individual liberty from the U.S. government. This policy will be known as the "Phantom Veil Protection" Act.

- I. Party Phantom will address current issues with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) by removing authority from the AG and DNI to bypass FISC on foreign matters. Party Phantom will require the executive branch to obtain a Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (MLAT) treaty with the country whose citizens the U.S. seeks to survey. The "Central Authority" of MLATs will be composed of an 11-judge court, appointed by the Chief Justice and confirmed by Congress.
- II. Party Phantom will restrict the federal use of Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs). Access to ALPR data must come from local or state agencies, and federal use requires demonstration of probable assistance in an ongoing investigation. ALPRs may only record data with reasonable suspicion of a vehicle passing in 24 hours or if paired with a radar speed gun detecting criminal speeding. Party Phantom will outlaw ALPRs being used to make traffic stops except in criminal speeding or criminal activity.
- III. To prevent sensitive information leaks, diminish data corruption, and increase internal trust of the government, Party Phantom plans to establish the Transnational Response Unit for Threat Handling, aka T.R.U.T.H.

T.R.U.T.H. will address cyber threats and crimes, handling federal secrets and personal information while preventing national threats and controlling publication of intelligence files. T.R.U.T.H. is a foreign defense group with no domestic operational impact. Representatives cannot have held prior political office and must have a master's degree in computer science or related fields.



Counterterrorism

What began as a strong counterterrorism effort in the 2000s has dissolved into a vast network of agencies that are ineffective and disorganized. Much of the system is still based on ideas from prior eras, and fails to address modern issues. This results in monetary waste and a lack of focus on newly emerging threats. We still rely on benchmarks from surveillance technology of the past, and have no current federal efforts to modernize. Party Phantom's goal is to modernize the sector without infringing on the liberties of those affected and to reduce fiscal waste across the counterterrorism sector.

Party Phantom proposes a counterterrorism framework to address inefficiencies in intelligence agencies by limiting overreach, reducing bureaucracy, and promoting innovation. The policy, called the “Adaptive Security Act and Liberty Protection” Acts (ASLPA), seeks to replace the outdated counterterrorism model with targeted, transparent, and liberty-respecting institutions, creating a secure homeland without a bloated, unchecked government.

- I. Party Phantom aims to reduce and reallocate 20% of counterterrorism funding from surveillance of large foreign terrorist organizations to decentralized extremist networks. We will mandate annual reports for transparency and establish strict limits to prevent mission creep. Oversight and compliance audits will be conducted by the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB).
- II. Party Phantom will also leverage private sector innovation and AI to track decentralized extremist networks without unconstitutional data collection. DHS and the FBI must contract U.S. machine learning developers to create detection software targeting extremist groups on Discord, Telegram, and forums. Algorithms must focus on public data and remain transparent.
- III. Party Phantom will redirect DHS and FBI focus to domestic extremists, with new counterterrorism budgets devoting a minimum of 20% to internal threats, whether online, individual, or small groups. Surveillance of foreign terrorist groups must be justified, with biannual risk justifications required for continued funding.



Americans Detained Abroad

As more Americans travel for work, school, or vacation, an increasing number of them are being held against their will in foreign countries. Though many last years, even the detentions lasting months greatly affects the lives and mental health of detainees. These people, particularly those from lower-income backgrounds, have limited access to lawyers or minimal communication with people in America. This lack of communication combined with long wait times makes returning home a difficult task. Better policies are required to protect citizens overseas, support their families, bring them home quicker, and to stop foreign governments from committing this horrendous act against Americans.

Party Phantom will implement policies to return Americans from unfair arrest and provide assistance to the prisoner and their family. **The policy will utilize existing laws while reforming them to align with current standards, reducing detention time and promoting justice.** The policies will be known as the Accountability Act and the Emotional & Mental Support Act:

- I. Party Phantom will hold any foreign governments detaining Americans without valid legal reasoning accountable through visa bans, trade restrictions, or other penalties. Enforcement is led by the State Department, potentially with the Treasury and national-security or intelligence agencies such as the FBI, CIA, DIA and others. Congress will monitor compliance, and offending countries may be publicly identified and held liable.
- II. Party Phantom will provide counseling, psychological services, and family support to Americans wrongfully detained abroad. The State Department will administer these services through the Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell and Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs, with HHS providing mental health services and DOJ legal support.



Arms Control and Nonproliferation

Arms control is the practice of limiting the creation and usage of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons of mass destruction (WMDs). Nonproliferation is the practice of curbing the spread of weapons of mass destruction to powers not previously in control of them. With adversaries of the U.S. such as Russia, China, and North Korea all having WMDs, nuclear deterrence and diplomacy are essential to avoid the destruction of the United States, promote national security, and support world peace. Much of recent nuclear policy has aimed to create “peace through strength,” building up the arsenal to continue to protect from attacks.

To ensure safety for the U.S., Party Phantom will prohibit further expansions to nuclear weapons worldwide from all global powers by creating a powerful multilateral organization which will allow for worldwide peace-of-mind. This initiative will be known as the “Nuclear Limitation Treaty:”

- I. Under this treaty, the maximum amount of allowed nuclear weapons in each country will be their current quantity of weapons. All member countries will be forced to disclose all information regarding the amount of weapons they have, where they source nuclear material, and their possession of vehicles capable of delivering a warhead. Due to this treaty’s similarities with the New START treaty, Party Phantom believes with the right incentives, this treaty will be ratified by the requested states. The goal of this treaty is to expand the most effective and powerful disarmament treaty to all nuclear powers.
- II. Each member country will put forward two nuclear experts to serve on a board of inspectors to inspect other countries’ nuclear sites. Representatives from each member state would meet monthly, with all planned inspections due before the next meeting. Inspections should reveal the number of weapons in the site, the types and capabilities of the vehicles which the warheads are delivered through, and the destructive capabilities of the nuclear warheads in the facility. Furthermore, every country must declare the total amount of weapons that they have biannually, including how many of those that are deployed, the vehicles which they currently are deployed through, and if so, what sites they are deployed to. If a country fails to comply with these terms they will be expelled from the treaty and face both financial and diplomatic repercussions. Every state must report any changes of their nuclear arsenal through rolling notifications with every other state. Inspections will be limited to nuclear sites in order to maintain the national security of each member nation.



- III. To protect the environment and maintain peace, this treaty would ban all nuclear testing. We expect little resistance to this ban, because the vast majority of member states are already signed onto either the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) or the Limited Test Ban Treaty (LTBT).
- IV. This treaty would be similar to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) in that it would ban all proliferation of weapons outside of member states, avoiding the spread of nuclear weapons to new locations. Under the NPT, any country that hasn't manufactured or exploded a nuclear weapon before 1967 is not eligible to be a nuclear power. This new treaty would renew that obligation, creating another safeguard against weapons of mass destruction WMDs spreading.
- V. This treaty plans to include the following nuclear powers: Russia, China, France, the United Kingdom, India, Pakistan, and North Korea. To incentivize North Korea to join, the U.S. would alleviate sanctions with them if they agreed to all of the conditions of the treaty.



Artificial Intelligence, Foreign Policy

Over the last few years, artificial intelligence has gone from a hypothetical to a reality whose implications affect almost every aspect of human life. AI scholars indicate that humanity is entering the Age of Artificial Intelligence, a time where a country's influence and power are defined by its implementation of AI. As a result, the U.S. must invest more in ensuring that it has the necessary infrastructure and personnel to take the upper hand in the coming years. Currently, the majority of the technology the U.S. needs for AI research and development is produced outside of the U.S. Similarly, the U.S. has entered, as of recently, into several international agreements that threaten to reduce its growth in the AI sector through unnecessary and harmful regulations.

Party Phantom will establish the U.S. as a global superpower in the sphere of artificial intelligence while ensuring the advancement of the country's agenda on the global stage. The proposal, titled the "Ghostly AI Governance" features two plans to be proposed as a packaged set to the legislature.

- I. Party Phantom will facilitate the U.S. leaving the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), Recommendations on the Ethics of AI (REAI), and the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), all of which harmfully restrict the U.S.'s growth and research in the artificial intelligence sector. These agreements limit the United States' ability to encourage and monitor the development of AI within the country. By withdrawing, the U.S. could enable itself and the firms within to pursue unrestricted artificial intelligence development.
- II. Party Phantom will also invest more money in national semiconductor manufacturing. Party Phantom would invest \$250 billion (including \$50 billion for research and development) into the establishment of specialized infrastructure, roads, and chemical and electrical systems necessary to reduce U.S. reliance on Taiwanese semiconductors from 45% of total semi-conductors to 25% of total semi-conductors over the course of 10 years. This would ensure the U.S. artificial intelligence programs can continue unfazed in the face of foreign interference.