Martin O’Malley: The Man for the Middle Class

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Although he is casually cruising at 4.4% in the polls, his policies should write him out to be every young Democrat’s dream. Martin O’Malley should be given more consideration for the presidential election due to the lack of awareness he currently has in the public sphere. [[1]](#footnote-1) This former governor of Maryland has the determination, gumption, and aptitude to be Commander in Chief. Martin O’Malley’s policies generate economic benefit, and enforce both public safety and welfare.

Primarily, O’Malley plans to increase American families median net worth by $25,000. He takes a realistic approach by planning to cut the gender pay gap between full-time male and female workers, as over half of the labor force is female.[[2]](#footnote-2) Through the usage of paycheck fairness laws, strong family leave policies, and easier access to affordable, quality healthcare, the pay gap would be reduced and therefore increase median net worth by $25,000. Another reality is that a third of Americans do not have sufficient retirement funds, leaving this one third to work until death.[[3]](#footnote-3) The policy will increase the number of families with adequate retirement savings by 50% in 8 years as well.

Another economic benefit O’Malley’s policies will beget is to restore the nation’s antitrust laws to secure America’s market competition. These laws were originally created to protect fair markets in which small business and farms operate, gaining maximum amount of profit for their services and products. Due to interpretations of these laws induced unprecedented corporate consolidation, depressed wages, employment, and innovation. As a result of his policy, these negative effects will lessen.

Martin O’Malley does not only desire a vibrant economy, he cares about the daily well being of America’s citizens. Gun violence in American communities has only come to light in recent years. After unnecessary deaths by gun violence, the new president must take a definitive stance on gun policy to prevent further incidents. In 2015 alone, firearms killed more than 32,000 Americans. [[4]](#footnote-4) In hopes of beginning to remedy this gun control issue, O’Malley would propose more federally regulated gun laws, eliminate loopholes in current laws, and expand requirements for purchasing, reporting, and carrying guns. O’Malley predicts this will cut death and injury by gun in half by 2025.

Not only does Martin O’Malley want to protect the American people, his policies will extend the American Dream to others. There is an unresolved immigration crisis without comprehensive interventional policy being put into action. [[5]](#footnote-5) Policy in the past has ripped apart families and the threat of familial separation continues to loom upon the heads of 11 million undocumented people who simply have no better place to take refuge. [[6]](#footnote-6) Because American politicians do not aid Central American countries enough to solve the roots of their issues, temporal steps must be taken. That is why O’Malley has intelligently structured immigration reform by executive action as one of his priorities to put 11 million people on the pathway to citizenship.

All in all, Martin O’Malley and the potency of his policies are underrated. He might be facing tough competition against Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, and their campaign funds, but his plans for our nation certainly exemplify a thorough understanding of the issues America needs solved. From painstakingly revisiting laws that affect small business, to elaborate gun reform, and shots at healing the immigration ailment in America, Martin O’Malley deserves a chance to prove himself to America.

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