Hi.

Hopefully by now you've checked out my website and gotten a feel for my vision as President. Pragmatism is at the heart of my campaign. Our country is too damn big and diverse to be governed by simple catchphrases. One criticism of some of my more liberal policies (subsidized college education for example) is that we can't pay for it. In response..

Two basic ways to pay for some of my policies:

    a. Carbon Tax
        i. A $15 per/lb carbon tax would bring in $28.88 billion per year
            1. [Using the most recent carbon production numbers](#)
            2. Who pays a carbon tax?
                a. Carbon tax is payed by the <u>dirty energy producers</u>, and not by Americans directly.
                b. This obviously is a strain on those corporations, and as a result on their employees. <u>Most of this revenue goes to rehabilitating those strained regions.</u>
        ii. [Proven model in Washington State](#)
        iii. Revenue used to invest in clean energy
            1. Establishing a government-owned private equity fund giving low-interest rate loans or equity investments in clean energy funds - $10 billion
            2. Invest remaining $18.9 billion in infrastructure projects, education to locally rehabilitate economically torn regions
                a. Heal targeted communities in areas like West Virginia, Kentucky that depend on unsustainable dirty energy.
                b. Provide training programs, low basic incomes to sustain workers
                    i. If we are going to kill a portion of their short term economy for the better good of our nation, we **must** rebuild it
    b. Level Income Tax
        i. [Taxing capital gains at the same level as income tax would bring in $1.27 trillion per year](#)
            1. Money you make is money you make - why should it be taxed differently at the source
        ii. Lowering maximum income tax by 1.4% to 33%, lose $50 billion per year but...
            1. **<u>We're lowering taxes for the majority of Americans!</u>**
        iii. Revenues used to subsidize community college, support specialized educational programs, lower deficit
            1. $475 billion per year to lowering the deficit, every year

      a. Our national debt has started to endanger our economic welfare, and must be lower ASAP

      b. This number creates a balanced budget (with our current plan + deficit), and starts to decrease our national debt

2. $275 billion to subsidizing community colleges
    a. Amount covers $20,000 per year for a projected 20 million community college students
        i. Currently about 13 million community college students, we think people would like free education
    b. HCC cost per year is $3,500 per year
    c. With those numbers, we can theoretically educate **every** American between 18 and 35 years of age **this year**
3. $50 billion to specialized educational programs
    a. Creating computer science programs across the nation
    b. Expanding Internet credit courses
4. $50 billion to immediately subsidize paid maternity leave
5. $100 billion to reduce college costs
    a. College costs currently increasing as a result of budget shortages signed by state legislatures
    b. Short term effort to reduce college costs while not rewarding state level incompetence
6. $200 billion as student loan debt relief
    a. Student loans incapacitate young college graduates, and as a result incapacitate our growing workforce
7. $1 billion "hit the fan" fund
    a. Emergency funds to support direct needs
    b. Ex: Hurricane Matthew