

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
  - 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
  - iii. <http://taxfoundation.org/article/federal-capital-gains-tax-collections-1954-2009>
  - iv. Revenues used to subsidize community college, support specialized educational programs, lower deficit
    - 1. \$300 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
    - 2. \$400 billion to subsidizing community colleges
      - a. Amount covers \$20,000 per year for a projected 20 million community college students
      - b. HCC cost per year is \$3,500 per year

- c. With those numbers, we can theoretically educate **every** American between 18 and 44 years of age **this year**
- 3. \$100 billion to specialized educational programs
  - a. Creating computer science programs across the nation
  - b. Expanding Internet credit courses
- 4. \$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
- 5. \$200 billion as student loan debt relief
  - a. Student loans incapacitate young college graduates, and as a result incapacitate our growing workforce