America is in a broken state today, but what has been broken can be repaired. That is true in our personal lives and it is true in the life of our country. But only where there is deep and real and honest taking stock of what is happening, can what is happening be fundamentally changed.   
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"Deep and real and honest" are not words we always associate with American politics, and until that changes then as a country we will not emerge from the time of crisis we are living through. We need a new political conversation now and a new kind of political leadership. To lead this process, we need a political visionary more than we need a political mechanic.    
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American politics today is disconnected from the heart. Our economic system is disconnected from the heart. Our criminal justice system is disconnected from the heart. Our educational system is disconnected from the heart. Our national security agenda is disconnected from the heart. And where there is no heart, there is no wisdom.  
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Wisdom is not a less sophisticated, but rather a more sophisticated guide to the future. What is connected to the heart – to “the angels of our better nature” - leads to harmony and peace, while what is disconnected from the heart leads to suffering and conflict. We are not today a nation of peace, but rather a nation where tension, anxiety and depression run rampant among many millions of our citizens. Nor are we a true leader of peace around the world. Until America looks at the true nature of our current reality, we will not change. And we will not thrive.  
  
Where millions of American children live in chronic trauma, we must save them. Where our economic system runs roughshod over the majority our citizens, we must change that. And where America has swerved from leading with our democratic and humanitarian values around the world, we must remember and return to who we really are. Politics should not be a pursuit disconnected from the deeper meaning of life; it should be, as everything should be, an expression of our higher selves. Where fear has been harnessed for political purposes, let us now harness the power of love.  
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It is time to let go of an old and tired political conversation and forge a new, whole-person, heart-centered political dynamic. I hope you will join me in this evolutionary effort. It is time to create an entirely new phase of America's story; one in which we repair what needs to be repaired, pull ourselves up from the mire into which in too many ways we have descended, and forge a better future for ourselves and those we love.

**Getting corruption and greed out of government**

Our government should answer to the American people, not to special interests. But right now, corruption and greed are displacing our voices in our government. Taking on powerful interests is at the root of just about every major policy challenge we need to solve—whether that’s tackling student debt, getting Medicare for All or passing gun safety laws. Kirsten will never back down from that fight.

## We need to get dark money out of our politics.

Right now, too much of the decision-making in our government is going to the highest bidder. Wealthy special interests and their lobbyists have outsized influence over our laws because they can pour unlimited amounts of sometimes-secret money into passing their agenda and bankrolling their allies’ campaigns. We need to overturn Citizens United and get big, unaccountable and secret money out of our politics once and for all. And we need to create a public finance system to restore the principle of one person, one vote.

Kirsten’s walking the walk: This campaign doesn’t accept donations from corporate PACs or federal lobbyists, and we have disavowed individual super PACs. We’re fighting to restore power to people, [so we’re powered by people](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/kg-website-2020?refcode=website-donate).

## We need transparency in our government.

The American people deserve to know how their elected officials are fighting for them—and that starts with shining a light on how decisions are made in Washington. Kirsten was the first member of Congress in history to make her official meetings, personal financial disclosures and earmark requests public; The New York Times called it “a quiet touch of revolution.” She releases her personal tax returns every year and believes the president and vice president—as well as any candidate who runs for those offices—should have to do the same.

## We need to make sure our leaders play by the same rules as everyone else.

Kirsten has championed ethics reform since her first days in Congress. She wrote and secured the passage of the STOCK Act in 2012, which finally made it illegal for members of Congress, their families and their staff to profit from insider information gained through public service. At the time, The Washington Post called it “the most substantial debate on Congressional ethics in nearly five years.” She introduced the CLEAR Act, which ensures voters know when registered lobbyists spend money on a political campaign and how much. She also led the charge on passing legislation to combat and create accountability on sexual harassment in Congress, including ending the practice of using taxpayer dollars for sexual harassment settlements.

# Making the economy work for all of us

For far too long, our economy has been a tilted playing field in favor of the wealthiest Americans and corporate special interests, while middle- and working-class families struggle to make ends meet. Fixing this is not only a matter of growing our economy and making sure everyone has a fair shot at opportunity—it’s also about taking on greedy systems of power that reinforce economic inequality and hold Americans back.

## We need to create sustainable jobs and reward work.

Every American deserves a good job, the dignity of hard work and a paycheck that allows them to pay the bills and save for their and their children’s futures. We need to make sure that everyone has guaranteed access to full employment,  and that workers have the skills training and support to fill good-paying jobs and advance their careers. Our students need an education that provides the STEM skills and experience necessary for the jobs of the 21st-century economy. We should also treat the urgent need to act on climate change as an economic opportunity. When we invest in green technology, spur innovation and incentivize the use of renewable energy under the Green New Deal, we’ll also invest in massive new technical skills training and create family-supporting, sustainable jobs for the future.

## We need to tackle economic inequality and raise wages.

It’s unacceptable that so many Americans are forced to work multiple jobs and make sacrifices just to take care of their families while the cost of living and corporate profits soar. Our economy should value and reward workers, not just CEOs and shareholders. We need to stop big corporations from making taxpayers subsidize astronomical paychecks for corporate officers. We need to raise the minimum wage to $15 nationwide and lift millions of families out of poverty. We need to empower more workers to share in the profits of their work by encouraging more companies to become employee owned. We should expand access to affordable banking services and virtually eliminate predatory lending by creating postal banking. We need to rein in Wall Street risk and protect our financial system so unchecked greed can’t hurt families again. We should stop the transfer of massive generational wealth that exacerbates economic inequality. And we need to reverse the Trump tax plan’s massive corporate tax cut and make sure that wealthy Americans and companies pay their fair share in taxes—we should be looking out for middle-class families, not giving handouts to millionaires and corporations.

## We need to make it easier to be a working parent.

No one should ever have to choose between their family and a paycheck. And with more parents and women breadwinners in our workforce than ever, the days of dismissing policies that benefit working parents as “women’s issues” are long gone. We need a national paid family and medical leave program, equal pay for equal work and affordable, high-quality child care for every family.

## We need to make college affordable and set students up for success.

Student debt is an out-of-control crisis in this country, and it isn’t just a burden on individual graduates—it’s a drag on the whole economy. We need to allow graduates and their families to refinance their student loans at lower rates, unleashing billions into the economy. We should make community college tuition-free, and we should work toward debt-free college by eliminating tuition and fees at public four-year colleges and universities for students from families that make up to $125,000 per year.

## We need to make health care affordable for everyone.

Health care is one of the largest out-of-pocket expenses for middle- and working-class families nationally, and our health care system still leaves too many Americans hurting. We need Medicare for All to make high-quality, universal, affordable health care a reality for everyone. We also need to crack down on greedy drug companies that raise prices to the point of being out of reach. Kirsten has led the fight to lower the cost of health care and take on big pharmaceutical companies, including introducing legislation to hold companies accountable for price gouging.

## We need to protect our social safety net for all Americans.

Millions of Americans depend on our social safety net to make ends meet, and we have to keep that promise. We need to protect and expand Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and also refuse to allow politicians to cut lifelines for low-income families like CHIP, SNAP and WIC.

## We need to protect American workers in a global economy.

America succeeds when workers succeed—and workers deserve a president who has their back. Kirsten has led on the fight to protect and strengthen workers’ rights and remove hurdles to forming unions and having a voice in the workplace. She’s fought for manufacturers and passed a law that will make critical federal investments to create good-paying manufacturing jobs and boost local economies across the country. She’s also led on legislation to stop corporations from shipping U.S. jobs overseas, stop federal tax dollars from subsidizing these companies, and reward companies that bring jobs back home.

# Modernize Voting

Considering the advances in technology, there’s no reason why we should still be waiting in line at polling stations to cast votes. The machines being used in most locales are also as vulnerable to tampering and hacking as modern technologies.

Americans should be able to vote via their mobile device, with verification done via blockchain. This would dramatically increase participation in all elections, whether local, state or federal.

It’s ridiculous that in 2020 we are still standing in line for hours to vote in antiquated voting booths. It is 100% technically possible to have fraud-proof voting on our mobile phones today using the blockchain. This would revolutionize true democracy and increase participation to include all Americans – those without smartphones could use the legacy system and lines would be very short.

#### Problems to be Solved

* Voting is hard and time-consuming, which is why turnout even in presidential elections is barely over 50% and much lower during local and state elections. This rewards extreme points of view as opposed to the popular will.

##### Goals

* Make voting easier and more secure
* Reduce inconsistent processes between states
* Restore confidence and engagement in the democratic process

##### Guiding Principles

* Fairness
* Security
* Effective government

#### **As President, I will…**

* Work to modernize our voting infrastructure to utilize modern technology to make it easier and more secure to vote, thus increasing the number of Americans participating in our democracy.

I’ll fight for an America where we keep our word and where we honor our promises.

Because that’s our America.

That’s the America I believe in.

That’s the America I know we believe in.

And as we embark on this campaign, I will tell you this: I am not perfect. Lord knows, I am not perfect. But I will always speak with decency and moral clarity and treat all people with dignity and respect. I will lead with integrity. And I will speak the truth.

And of course, we know this is not going to be easy guys. It’s not going to be easy.

We know what the doubters will say.

It’s the same thing they’ve always said.

They’ll say it’s not your time. They’ll say wait your turn. They’ll say the odds are long. They’ll say it can’t be done.

But America’s story has always been written by people who can see what can be unburdened by what has been. That is our story. That is our story.

As Robert Kennedy many years ago said, “Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.”

He also said, “I do not lightly dismiss the dangers and the difficulties of challenging an incumbent President, but these are not ordinary times and this is not an ordinary election.” He said, “At stake is not simply the leadership of our party and even our country. It is our right to moral leadership of this planet.”

So today I say to you my friends, these are not ordinary times. And this will not be an ordinary election. But this is our America.

And here’s the thing. It’s up to us.

It’s up to us. Each and every one of us.

So let’s remember in this fight we have the power of the people.

We can achieve the dreams of our parents and grandparents.

We can heal our nation.

We can give our children the future they deserve.

We can reclaim the American Dream for every single person in our country.

We can restore America’s moral leadership on this planet.

So let’s do this.

And let’s do it together.

And let’s start now.

Thank you. God bless you. And God bless the United States of America.

Read more at https://kamalaharris.org/our-america/#ZQVWmdLgl2ZkWwQP.99

# Government size

* + Senate?
  + Parliament size?
  + Number of departments and employees?

# Efficiency

* + Invest in automation, data management systems

# Taxes

* + Reduce taxes across board
  + Encourage saving and investment