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Foreign Policy

Foreign Conflicts

China/Taiwan

Party Polaris will allow Taiwan to determine its relationship with China. If the time comes for war, Party Polaris will stand with the nation's right to self determination, while aiding in the protection of Taiwan's semiconductor industry, as it contributes to 10% of global GDP and Taiwan alone produces 60% of all semiconductors globally.

In its current predicament, **Party Polaris will prioritize the securing of the semiconductor industry by engaging in a \$15 billion partnership with Taiwan** to incentivise these companies to move some manufacturing plants to the US, creating jobs, increasing domestic output, and securing the global semiconductor industry.

Militarily, **Party Polaris will maintain the United States stance of strategic ambiguity while allocating \$20 billion over 5 years to aid Taiwan's military**. This money can be put towards joint military training, advancing defensive weapons systems, and strengthening cybersecurity infrastructure. This funding will be accomplished by reallocation of current defense spending, putting no extra taxes in place.

The final component of the TSEPP focuses on diplomatic engagement through multilateral coalitions. **A \$5 billion diplomatic framework will create a coalition to strengthen international coordination and engagement. Party Polaris will advocate for Taiwan's participation in international organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO)**, promoting Taiwan's role as a key partner in Indo-Pacific security. By collaborating with allies such as Japan, Australia, and New Zealand, the U.S. can build a united front to counter PRC's aggression while demonstrating a commitment to democratic values and regional stability. **Diplomacy will work alongside military and economic efforts to create a balanced approach to the Taiwan issue.**



Israel/Palestine

The nature of the Israel Palestine conflict is convoluted, and while foreign nations can and should help in peace talks, it should be up to the two states to ensure long term peace and stability in the region. It is of the utmost importance that those affected by this conflict get the aid they so desperately need, so **the focus of Party Polaris in this conflict is to propose ceasefire deals as well as focus on aiding the Palestinian people** 90% of whom have been displaced by the conflict. This will be achieved through two acts, one focusing on aid to Palestine, and the other addressing the United States' alliance with Israel.

The first priority of Party Polaris is to address the harmful conditions that the Palestinians are living in due to the conflict in the Gaza Region through the Stellar Accords Act that consists of four components.

This first component encourages **Hamas to release the Israeli hostages in exchange for a permanent ceasefire that will see the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the region**, the termination of the ongoing artillery strikes, and the end of Israeli military activity in the Gaza region. If Hamas forces continue to resist, the Israel Defense Force (IDF) should utilize special troops to eradicate the terrorists instead of bombing areas with high civilian density. A regional ceasefire would make it significantly easier to distribute aid as organizations and workers will not have to worry about casualties.

The second component of this plan addresses the material aid that the Palestinian people require. **After a ceasefire & release of the hostages, Party Polaris will send \$500M of material assistance to Palestinians.** Items included in these packages will consist of medical supplies, school supplies, food, and much more. This package will be distributed to Palestinians quarterly for one and a half years. Consistently providing materials to the Palestinian people over 1-2 years will help them recover with the goal of being able to sustain themselves without the need for external support. The US & surrounding Arab countries will be engaged to provide financial and technical aid.

The third component is to address humanitarian aid that the Palestinian people would require immediately after the ceasefire. The US will collaborate with international organizations such as Blue Marble, UNRWA, UNICEF, and Red Crescent to provide relief to the Palestinians in Gaza. By getting aid workers on the ground, without the fear of being wounded or killed, Gazans can receive the aid they so desperately require. Working with these organizations will cost around \$750M. Additionally, the US will work with surrounding nations such as Egypt, Jordan, and the UAE to provide safe passage for humanitarian workers. Moreover, **Party Polaris will send \$1.5B of humanitarian aid supplies to these countries, which could then be safely distributed to the Palestinian people by them.** This humanitarian aid window will last around 2-4 months to ensure that the majority of Gazans recover from this disastrous conflict.

The fourth component addresses the self-determination of the Palestinian people while also acknowledging the state of Israel. **Party Polaris suggests a two-state solution. A two-state solution will establish a clear framework for coexistence by outlining specific borders. Party Polaris proposes reverting to pre-1967 border lines and establishing Jerusalem a**



Religious DMZ. Both Palestine and Israel will have their own separate capitals. Israeli settler expansion will be halted to eliminate conflicts between Israelis and Palestinians. It would be necessary to conduct a fair election in Palestine which has not occurred since 2006, to allow the Palestinian people to have a say in their government once again.

While Party Polaris is dedicated to aiding the Palestinian People, we acknowledge our strategic relations with Israel are vital so we will continue to provide military supplies, while ensuring that they may not be used against a civilian population. This will be archived though Constellation LEO.

The goals of Constellation LEO can be divided into several distinct objectives that can be achieved with the currently present legal infrastructure. This means that Party Polaris only needs to enforce current legislation to execute its policy effectively and efficiently. These goals are:

- Logistical: Protecting the State of Israel as a sovereign state and strategic ally of the US.
- Economic: The maintenance of American influence in Israel via control over military imports.
- Oversight: The assurance of the safety of civilians in areas where the Israeli military is in active combat.

Party Polaris recognizes the divided nature of contemporary American politics and plans to circumvent bureaucracy by enforcing existing legal precedents regarding American foreign aid stipulations. Namely, Party Polaris seeks to use National Security Memorandum 20 (NSM-20), which was signed into effect by President Biden primarily to check Israeli military actions occurring in Gaza. This has been partially similarly enforced in the past as Party Polaris wishes to, with the Administration **halting shipments of 2000 lb and 500 lb bombs to Israel based on concerns that the armaments would be misused in urban centers such as Rafah.** This will allow Party Polaris to dictate what aid the United States can give to Israel without completely halting aid for crucial defensive batteries such as the Iron Dome and David's Sling which the US plays a large part in supplying. The shipment of the aforementioned offensive armaments will be halted under Constellation LEO until assurance can be given by aid organizations and independent bodies such as the UN that International Humanitarian Law and the Geneva Conventions, as defined by the UN charter, are upheld. **After the resumption of aid Party Polaris will continue to monitor the situation and will readily halt shipments again if there is another fault in the Israeli offensive's humanitarian record.**



Russia/Ukraine

Party Polaris stands with Ukraine and also recognizes the necessity of the timely resolution of the war. In an effort to invigorate treaty negotiations through bold, measured action, Party Polaris will enact a comprehensive series of initiatives that aim both to bolster Ukraine's military capabilities and continue reducing Russia's economic power in the global theatre. **Militarily, Party Polaris will permit the long-stymied usage of American-made weapons of war in territory owned by Ukraine before 2014, including Crimea,** which would provide Ukraine with the fortitude to launch a viable counter-offensive and reclaim land, stimulating Russian treaty negotiation. Should Russia continue to refuse a treaty, the act will include a fail-safe that comprises both powerful economic sanctions and the induction of Ukraine into the European Union.

Party Polaris also plans to invest a substantial \$15 billion dollars into humanitarian aid and military efforts in Ukraine over the next four years, with the goal of maintaining soldier employment, preserving vital infrastructure like hospitals and roads, and combating Russia's strategy of attrition warfare.

In addition, Party Polaris's "Operation Brain Drain" will, in collaboration with other European countries, **offer jobs, visas, and education to Russian men and women between the ages of 18-35, reducing Russia's militarily viable population-base** and facilitating the outflux of human capital from the region.

Lastly, Party Polaris will aim to isolate Russia from the world economy by leveraging trade relations with OPEC and the EU to taper off global reliance on Russian crude petroleum, petroleum gas, and refined petroleum, which together account for 52 percent of Russia's exports. This will undercut Russia's economic power while also increasing the value of US oil in the world market by acting in tandem with Polaris's short-term increase in domestic oil production.

To further encourage a treaty agreement between the two countries, **Party Polaris will promise a package of positive incentives to Russia should an end to the war be reached** in accordance with the aforementioned territory stipulations, pacting a complete repeal of economic sanctions, a renegotiation of trade agreements, and a diplomatic delegation to jumpstart nuclear disarmament.



Foreign Relations

United Nations

Party Polaris believes two main policies are needed for an effective American role in the UN: using the United States influence and power to propose two major changes to the UN Charter and increasing funds to certain branches of the UN System.

- I. Amendments to the UN's structure and charter are key for ensuring that the UN represents all voices of the world. Party Polaris will advance and amend Resolution 76/262, a resolution proposed in 2022 that states that the General Assembly must convene for a debate whenever a veto is used in the Security Council. The United States will amend this resolution with the condition that, if voted upon in the General Assembly, the veto will be overridden and the resolution will return to the Security Council to vote without a veto power, where each member casts one vote. A supermajority vote will be needed for a decision to be made in the Security Council. **This will serve to redistribute influence beyond current global superpowers and reintroduce the United Nations' worldwide representatives to exigent decisions.**

Party Polaris will also propose an amendment to the UN charter to increase the number of permanent and temporary members to the Security Council, so that **the Council will consist of 10 permanent members and 15 temporary members**. The process for nominating temporary members will remain the same, but, in adding new permanent members, the largest and most influential countries of South America, Africa, and Asia will be considered. This amendment **will invite Brazil, Nigeria, South Africa, India, and Indonesia to be permanent members of the Security Council**. Lastly, the US will propose an amendment to the process of the ICJ, where a decision will be sent to the Security Council to enforce the decision. Instead, this amendment will send the decision to the General Assembly to vote on action, which will then be sent up to the Security Council to enforce action.

- II. Party Polaris will also increase funding to the UN Development Program (\$250 million annually), World Food Program (\$250 million annually), and UN High Commissioner for Refugees (\$300 million annually), in light of major humanitarian crises across the world caused by conflict. And, in contrast to the current federal policy, the US will resume funding to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (\$400 million annually) to provide humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people.

Overall these actions will help to elevate other countries within the United Nations. This will ensure a more effective and equitable organization that is responsive to all the world's issues. Furthermore, the funding contribution will continue to aid UN missions as they seek to improve world conditions.



NATO

Party Polaris believes that strengthening the NATO alliance is vital for international security, and that enforcement of current contributions quotas and the implementation of a novel “partner state” classification will allow for the US to strike a balance between security and economic sustainability.

Party Polaris will stipulate that any NATO member nation who fails to contribute the 2% of their nations GDP by 2027 will have United States forces pulled out of said country. If that nation is attacked, Party Polaris will honor the NATO alliance and back said country regardless of their contribution. If the 2% GDP contribution marker is met, US troops will deploy back to existing positions.

Party Polaris recognizes the importance of the NATO alliance and is prepared to expand its influence past member states, by way of proposing NATO partner states. In order to qualify for **NATO partner state status the nation in question must be separately allied (militarily or financially) with 5 NATO member states including 1 founding state**. This would allow nations such as Ukraine and Egypt to request access to NATO funding if they were to be attacked and requested aid.



Counterterrorism

Party Polaris will stop terrorism at its roots, leveraging foreign development as a tool to ameliorate terror threats. The PEGASUS (Prevention, Enhanced Governance & Aligned Security Unification & Support) Act contains policy packages for the Middle East and Africa aiming to support democratic leadership and foster lasting change by reconfiguring current spending distribution and deprioritizing excessive military presence.

In the Middle East, Party Polaris will:

- I. Provide economic aid for the development of jobs, means of transportation, and medical institutions that aim to reduce conditions that can lead to extremist beliefs (\$100 million to each country per year over 3 years). This money will go to: Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Afghanistan, Sudan, Yemen, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon, and Palestine, and, as many of these countries are currently governed by terror groups, oversight of the use of aid will be done by AmeriCorps and UN. **This aid will also be used to create sustainable access to necessities like food, water, and shelter for foreigners.**
- II. Collaborate with Middle Eastern leaders to build peace plans, create diplomatic ties, improve economic relations, and withdraw the majority of active-duty troops to ensure **Party Polaris does not risk the lives of innocent civilians and soldiers with unnecessary military involvement.**
- III. Initiate and support efforts that promote democratic governance and ensure the preservation of human liberties with the goal of advancing future stability in problematic regions. Leverage counterintelligence operations carried out by a collaboration of UN member governments to decrease the participation of non-regional characters on the financing, arming, and ideological support of terrorist groups.

In Africa, Party Polaris will:

- I. Address the root causes of instability, like poverty and lack of education, that can fecundate terror acts by investing in large-scale infrastructure projects such as roads and schools to fulfill short-term needs and spark long-term economic growth. This will cost the United States \$100 million annually for the next 5 years
- II. **Fund the construction of schools in disadvantaged areas that lack resources and ensure free education for children through high school.** This plan will cost the United States \$50 million USD annually for the next 10 years
- III. Enforce sanctions in partnership with international entities on nations or organizations that finance terrorist groups or extremist ideology
- IV. Work with the African Union (AU) to strengthen regional stability by decreasing government corruption through the establishment of anti-corruption agencies that oversee government actions and finances to ensure they are not supporting extremist doctrine



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- V. Develop counterterrorism strategies with African governments to incorporate their insights on political, social, and cultural dynamics while encouraging these initiatives to be African-led to prevent American involvement from superseding local efforts (see also: [CCAID](#))

The entire PEGASUS plan is estimated to cost America roughly \$6.5 billion over a ten-year period. These policies are not likely to affect the overall cost spent on counterterrorism currently as most of the money used for aid will come from the reduction of troops and combat zones overseas. Ultimately, the incorporation of the policies by Party Polaris will guarantee the creation of secure economic and diplomatic ties between countries with terrorist influence, decreasing the need for combative counter terrorist operations and allowing these countries to develop into long term stability within the global realm.



Foreign Economic Policy

General

Party Polaris will enact trade regulations and tariffs that will balance national security, consumer affordability, and economic growth while expanding alliances and positioning the U.S. as a leader in global trade. Net economic impact would be positive, along with benefits in security and competitiveness. **U.S. government revenue could increase by \$2.5 billion.**

- I. Party Polaris will maintain higher tariffs (25-50%) on imports for which China is the dominant supplier and which the Department of Defense considers key technologies, such as semiconductors, integrated circuits, solar panels, and electric vehicles, or critical industries to U.S. economic or national security. Based on 2023 trade volumes, this could result in \$3.6 billion in tariff revenues. The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) will negotiate tariff reductions on “nonsensitive imports of consumer goods and manufacturing inputs” in exchange for lower tariffs on U.S. goods. If imports on nonsensitive goods are halved, then the U.S. could lose about \$10 billion annually in tariff revenue, but increased economic activity could increase tax revenues by about \$6 billion.
- II. **With Japan, Party Polaris proposes an agreement to reduce tariffs and expand market access** along the following lines: in exchange for the reduction of Japanese tariffs on U.S. agricultural exports (on average 15.5%) by 50% by 2028, the U.S. will reduce tariffs on Japanese passenger cars by from 2.5% to 1.5% and light trucks from 25% to 20%. This would build off the existing U.S. Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA). U.S. agricultural exports could increase by \$2.5 billion, generating \$400 million in tax revenue, but reducing tariffs on vehicle imports could decrease revenue by \$300 million.
- III. The USTR will enter negotiations to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). If negotiations are successful and Congress approves the proposal, **Party Polaris will harmonize U.S. regulations with CPTPP standards and implement a phased approach for integration, and it is ultimately expected to increase real GDP by \$131 billion and exports by \$357 billion annually.** In the short-run, the U.S. government may experience a loss of up to \$18 billion annually, but over time, revenue gains would amount to around \$21 billion.
- IV. The U.S. will expand trade with Latin America, specifically reducing barriers to U.S. technology and energy exports and increasing imports of raw materials. **Trade volume with Latin America could increase by \$15 billion annually**, especially in energy and consumer goods. Potential tax revenue from increased exports would be \$2.4 billion but reducing U.S. tariffs could lose \$750 million in revenue per year. We plan to repeal Section 232 tariffs and quotas on steel and aluminum, which is estimated to increase long-run GDP by \$3.5 billion and create over 4,000 jobs, although it would reduce government revenue by \$2.2 billion annually.



Secondly, Party Polaris will enforce a package of national security policies aiming to develop a coordinated and proactive approach to address new threats in protecting U.S. security in trade and investments, moderately increasing costs in the short run in exchange for key improvements in national security. **Government revenue is ultimately expected to increase by \$2.1 billion.**

- I. Party Polaris will increase funding for the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) from \$191 million to \$250 million, prioritizing enforcement capacity for export controls on critical technologies, as well as hiring more staff and enhancing technology for data analysis. This will improve monitoring of U.S. investments in China under the BIS and Department of Treasury to identify risky investments and prevent funding for adversarial technology advancements. The BIS will create or maintain export controls for manufacturing equipment in critical industries, such as semiconductors and AI, and coordinate policies with nations such as Japan, South Korea, and the EU since shared enforcement would significantly reduce costs. **Protecting critical industries has the potential of avoiding \$150 million in technology leaks and generating additional revenue of \$1.6 billion by protecting industry output.**
- II. Party Polaris will increase funding for CFIUS by \$50 million to improve their ability to review foreign investments and enforce mitigation measures to reduce risks to national security. Improved investment security could increase tax revenue by \$1.6 billion. CFIUS will implement a pre-approvals system that includes a certification process to “create a marketplace of trusted sellers” and the use of pre-approved logistics providers for export controls in sensitive sectors such as AI, semiconductors, and biotechnology. This would result in faster approvals for trusted partners and fewer unauthorized transfers, generating at least \$320 billion in tax revenue.

Party Polaris will also utilize both public and private resources to secure resilient supply chains and enhance U.S. leadership globally while countering adversarial nations. This is expected to increase government revenue by \$895 million.

- I. **A National Interest Account will be established to fund international investments in the national interest**, focusing on infrastructure, technology development, and supply chains. **Estimated funding would be \$3 billion annually**, partially drawn from tax revenue and from reallocating funds from lower-priority international aid programs and increasing private sector investments. Net impact is estimated to be neutral to positive.
- II. **The U.S. will expand investment and private sector interest in Latin America with agencies like the DFC and multilateral financial institutions, such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).** Party Polaris plans on increasing the IDB’s budget by \$75 million, and target at least \$50 billion in annual trade increases by 2030. Based on expected increases in U.S. exports, this could increase tax revenue by \$320 million. We will raise the Export-Import Bank (EXIM) default cap from 2% to 4% on critical industries, or at least projects under its China and Transformational Exports Program (CTEP). **Increased exports would result in at least \$800 million in additional tax revenue, but higher defaults could cost \$150 million annually.**



Finally, Party Polaris will increase international cooperation to adapt economic frameworks for emerging challenges, addressing modern issues and promoting long-term prosperity and security through multilateral agreements and institutions. This is expected to increase government revenue by \$4.8 billion.

- I. **A technology alliance will be created with the G7 and countries such as Australia, South Korea, and the Netherlands, focused on emerging technologies and “digital sovereignty.”** The initial proposal would be open to amendment by other members, and the alliance would cost up to \$200 million annually for investment in research and operational costs but would provide long-term economic benefits from shared innovation and reduced dependency on countries like China. Over several years, returns are estimated to be at least \$1 billion, thus potential tax revenue could increase by \$160 million. The USTR will negotiate measures to strengthen the WTO dispute settlement mechanism by discontinuing the U.S. blockage of the appointment process for the WTO Appellate Body in exchange for a more focused appeals process. **This is expected to increase trade, and potential tax revenue could increase by \$1.6 billion.**
- II. **The U.S. will also enter negotiations for digital trade agreements through the WTO and allies such as Japan and the EU.** Proposed policies would include free flow of data across borders, mutual recognition of privacy frameworks, banning requirements to disclose source code for market access, developing rules for AI use, and creating enforceable and impartial dispute settlement mechanisms. **Such an agreement could facilitate an increase of \$3.2 billion in additional tax revenue.**



OPEC

Party Polaris will push the United States to gradually achieve oil independence by increasing domestic oil production and siphoning off reliance on OPEC's monopoly that has been controlling the supply of oil for decades by enacting a gradual embargo on OPEC nations that export oil into the US.

This pivot away from Foreign imports will be supplemented with a transition to a domestic oil economy, which will be stimulated by a government-sponsored 10% increase in oil production wages. Approximately \$500 million will be going towards workers wages on behalf of producing oil.

This initial reconfiguration will provide the United States with the short-term economic fortitude to sponsor a variety of long-term clean energy infrastructure initiatives by creating jobs, allowing the United States to enact greater control on consumer-visible factors like gas prices, and increasing domestic profits by directly harmonizing with the short-term increase in domestic oil exports outlined in Polaris' [Russia/Ukraine policy](#).

	% of imported oil coming to the US from OPEC	# of oil barrels	\$ Cost
1 year	100%	377 million	30 billion
2 years	90%	339.3 million	27 billion
3 years	75%	282.75 million	22.5 billion
4 years	50%	188.5 million	15 billion
5 years	25%	94.25 million	7.5 billion

*By 2035, 0% of American oil will be imported from OPEC. See [Nuclear Infrastructure](#) for energy plan after 2035



International Cryptocurrency Policy

Party Polaris acknowledges the growing prevalence and viability of cryptocurrencies in the global market, and proposes the introduction of three main acts to standardize crypto regulation, promote measured innovation, and facilitate frictionless, traceable international transactions.

- I. **Polaris' Crypto Oversight and Standards Act (COSA) establishes the federal body named the Digital Asset Oversight Commission (DAOC) within the Department of the Treasury to regulate and monitor crypto-assets.** The DAOC will be designed to implement two primary initiatives: creating uniform taxonomies and classifications for crypto-assets to ensure consistent definitions across states and federal agencies and requiring crypto exchanges and custodians to follow anti-money laundering (AML) and know-your-consumer (KYC) standards, thus mitigating fraud and illicit financing. Additionally, DAOC will create partnerships with international financial bodies such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), to ensure that the same crypto standards are being implemented internationally.
- II. The Innovation and Stability Act (ISA) focuses on fostering innovation while maintaining market stability, **adopting a risk-based regulatory model, and categorizing crypto assets and activities by their risk profile.** For example, high risk activities such as leveraged trading and stablecoin issuance, will have stringent oversight. Low risk uses such as blockchain applications in logistics will benefit from lighter regulatory requirements. The ISA will also introduce regulatory sandboxes (regulations allowing for temporary experimentation of new procedures under strict control), allowing startups to test innovative solutions under temporary exemptions. This will provide flexibility for businesses to experiment responsibly while ensuring that safeguards are in place.
- III. **Recognizing the global nature of crypto assets, the Global Market Integration Act (GMIA) focuses on strengthening international cooperation.** The GMIA will be designed to accomplish 3 main effects, the first being to establish reciprocal agreements with foreign regulators to facilitate the sharing of compliance data and insights. The second will be to promote passporting arrangements for US-based firms operating overseas, enabling easier market access while maintaining regulatory standards. The last thing is to support the adoption of interoperable blockchain solutions that will increase traceability and reduce friction of cross-border transactions.



Foreign Development

Sustainable Development / Aid to Africa

Party Polaris will put forth three policies designed to recreate the United States' strategies for aid to Africa. These goals will promote the sustainability and independence of African nations in order to assist Africa in reaching its potential. Careful precautions will be taken to ensure that Party Polaris's actions address issues important to Africa and do not repeat previous administrations' mistakes. The objectives are as follows:

- I. The "Collaborate to Create African Ideas for Development" Act (CCAID) The basis of CCAID is to discover the sectors in Africa that would benefit the most from receiving aid, especially sectors that would promote sustainability and uplift other sectors of the economy as well. **This will be achieved through communication and collaboration with African leaders and citizens to ensure that contributions by the US have the most positive effects possible.** Through this act, Party Polaris seeks to correct the failure of the United States to take into account ideas from Africa about foreign aid. Instead, we will examine factors that influence the effectiveness of foreign assistance as well as considering how aid can best be implemented with the crucial input of those who will receive it. In this way, Party Polaris will ensure any action taken during its administration with regards to aid to Africa will be the most beneficial to Africa it can be, both in terms of immediate impact and increasing overall sustainability.
- II. The "Centaurus Plan for Agricultural Improvements in Africa" (CPAIA) This plan aims to uplift agriculture, an underutilized benefit to African citizens. **Through this plan, the United States will send necessary materials to promote sustainable agriculture on the continent.** The labor assistance aspect of CPAIA will be undertaken by AmeriCorps, with volunteers who are trained in sustainable agriculture in the given environments. Materials will include nitrogen and phosphorus that can be deposited into the ground (as much of Africa's soil lacks nutrients), tools, and additional items chosen with respect to the Communicate to Create African Ideas for Development Act. The act will also provide incentivized training and resources to those who participate in working to create sustainable farming and irrigation systems.
- III. The "Pleiades Act for Utilizing Natural African Resources" (PAUNAR) **Party Polaris' final policy will promote sustainability by encouraging the use of natural resources in Africa, including fossil fuels, water, and minerals.** Similarly to CPAIA, this will entail contributing materials and providing experienced labor to this region. Once again, AmeriCorps volunteers will serve as part of the labor force, to ensure that materials needed are provided and used. Assistance in the form of materials will be determined following CCAID.

This set of policies is estimated to cost the United States government approximately \$1 billion.



Climate Pacts and Foreign Energy Investment

Party Polaris plans to facilitate the international expansion of renewable energy sources. **Polaris will provide energy cost subsidies over the course of 40 years that would enable the 10 countries in the Paris accords with the lowest proportional usage of sustainable energy** (Brunei, Oman, Qatar, Eritrea, Bangladesh, Kuwait, Algeria, Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda, Palau, and Malta) to take advantage of renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and hydroelectric power and construct the grids to support these new sustainable power options. This investment will spark development, creating jobs and stimulating local economies throughout the construction process, and simultaneously ensure that the carbon emissions of these nations do not continue to increase as they grow.

Party Polaris will also motivate external countries to meet the Paris Treaty's current climate goals by implementing a 5% industrial tariff on all countries where 45% or less energy consumption is from renewables. The tariff would be implemented on countries and companies whose GHG emissions are equal to or greater than 5.0% of the world's global emissions, and would only affect manufactured goods, not agricultural goods. Based on these countries' involvement in the Paris Treaty and their actionable measures to decrease their carbon footprint, the import tax would be reviewed and potentially removed.

Financing for international renewables (\$108 billion over 40 years) will be provided by the tariff (\$124 billion in the equivalent timespan).



International Nuclear Reform

Party Polaris proposes a treaty with Russia to further decrease the number of strategic nuclear arms that both nations have, as well as extra restrictions on both nation's missiles, carriers, and launchers, while still having nuclear arms as a deterrent to international conflict. With this, Party Polaris plans to make an extension to the New START treaty through the Columba Treaty, which plans to:

- I. **Cut down the amount of strategic nuclear warheads and bombs** down to 1,200 in each nation by 2034.
- II. **Cut down the number of ICBMs, SLBMs, and heavy bombers** down to 600, and the number of ICBM and SLBM launchers and bombers down to 700.
- III. **Require monitoring and surveillance of non-strategic nuclear arms.**
- IV. **Reduce nuclear arsenals by removing radioactive cores**, which are approximately 4 inches in diameter, store them underground in minimally populated areas, and reuse the rest of the missile casing if they measure at very low or no radioactivity. This would cost about \$200 million per year, most of that cost would be offset by the savings from not having to do upkeep on some nuclear arsenals.

This will reduce our costs of sustaining and developing our nuclear arms from an estimated \$16.5 billion to & 13.2 billion per year on maintenance alone. This plan is expected to not only decrease chances of nuclear war, but also to ease tensions with Russia and lighten the financial burden of keeping and maintaining the nuclear stockpile.



International Drug Trade

Party Polaris’s “Stop the Source” plan, comprised of three complementary initiatives, will solidify proper management and regulation of the international drug trade of opioids by narrowing in on eliminating illegal trade fueling the addictions of America whilst still maintaining supply for where drugs are needed most—healthcare.

- I. **Party Polaris will enforce the usage of updates to the official permits required by any potential importers importing certain amounts of drugs into the US.** To obtain these updated permits that are issued by the Drug Enforcement Administration, factors such as identification, surveillance, and educational training will be necessary as measures to ensure the people and companies of validity. Additionally, the border personnel reviewing importation shall be given advanced training by government services like the US Customs & Border Protection for proper skills in identification of organized crime or illicit trafficking of any kind.
- II. **Party Polaris will propose a wide-reaching treaty agreement to reduce illicit trafficking,** both land and maritime, of narcotic drugs around the globe by promising cooperation **between countries including Mexico, China, Canada, India, etc.** in the boarding and inspection of suspected drug trafficking vessels. As these countries are the largest importers of drugs for the US, the Federal Government shall assist the countries in their dangerous epidemics of disease or addiction. Thus, there will be equal cooperation of assistance and benefit to help the citizens of each state.
- III. **Party Polaris will supplement the supply of medication and drugs to clinics and hospitals of America by repurposing drugs and drug materials seized from illicit trafficking cases** and organized illicit markets into commercially-available medications to be sold in the healthcare sector. This program will bridge the world of pharmaceutical corporations and the world of custom and border control to apply what these substances are meant for—medical treatment.

The “Stop the Source” Plan is estimated to have a government cost of roughly \$5 billion to afford the facilitation of training and permits, fulfill the responsibilities of the treaty, and implement the connections of the program.



Domestic Policy

Energy and Environment

Party Polaris' Sagittarius Plan is a wide-reaching, comprehensive set of climate initiatives that not only targets personal vehicle and corporate pollution, America's top two sources of carbon emissions, but also bridges international diplomacy considerations, domestic nuclear infrastructure development, and economic sustainability to ensure that America's transition to a greener future is equitable, practical, and effective.

Emissions

- I. **Party Polaris will create a gradual federal tax on gasoline.** The tax will be raised from \$0.18/gallon to \$0.25/gallon in 2025, and it will be raised by \$0.05 each subsequent year until 2029 at \$0.45/gallon.
- II. Party Polaris recognizes that a gasoline tax will reflect on the consumer. Increasing the tax on gasoline from \$0.18/gallon to \$0.25/gallon will cost the average household \$50 in taxes annually. To combat this, **households that earn \$100,000 or less will be given a \$50 tax credit in 2025.** This will increase by \$35 each year until 2029, ensuring no low income and middle class households will be forced to spend more than they currently do on gasoline taxes.
- III. **Party Polaris will establish a cap-and-trade system to regulate power plant and corporate emissions.** This will place a limit on the tons of pollutants each plant and corporation can produce. Entities will be able to buy and sell tons of pollutants that can be produced, allowing for a flexible system that adapts to the market while placing a cap on total emissions.
- IV. Party Polaris plans to leverage revenue from [closed tax loopholes](#) to further encourage movement away from gas-fueled vehicles and towards electric vehicles. Substantial funds will be allocated towards **subsidies for domestic producers of electric vehicles** to reduce the cost and increase the supply of electric cars. Additionally, significant investments will be made into **expanding electric vehicle infrastructure.** Newly constructed gas stations will be required to include electric vehicle charging stations. **Individual tax will also be provided** to support families installing home chargers for their electric vehicles. The tariff on electric vehicles imported from China was recently increased from 25% to 100%; to further increase the accessibility of electric vehicles, Party Polaris plans to **reduce this tariff by 50%.**

In 2025, these components of the Sagittarius Plan will incur a net cost of 2 Billion dollars. As the tax increases, however, the marginal inflow will gradually outpace the marginal expenditure. By 2030, they will turn a profit of 16.5 billion dollars. Profits will be allocated directly towards Polaris' [Nuclear Infrastructure](#) initiatives.



Energy Access and Equity

Party Polaris will propose a set of policies that ensures the nation has equitable access to clean, sustainable, and affordable energy. Party Polaris believes that the industry of green energy has the potential to lift marginalized communities up from poverty and provide a better future for all.

- I. Party Polaris will **provide affordable energy in the form of localized “mini-grids” in areas surveyed as having substandard energy access/inflated pricing**, leveraging Polaris’ to construct high-efficiency, federally funded photovoltaic panel arrays that would reduce costs for energy-poor residents and ameliorate inequitable energy zones. In cases where geography/climate render mini-grids impractical, the funding for target sectors will be used to subsidize current costs and facilitate connections to existing grids.
- II. Polaris will also **catalyze private consumer engagement with solar energy through the complete subsidization of solar systems for housing complexes and homes where the average residents are within 10,000 dollars of the national poverty threshold**. This would reduce the substantial barrier to entry for solar while also functioning as an additional measure to combat inequitable energy access. For households above this criteria, solar panels will be **regressively subsidized through a tax-credit system**, meaning that lower-income individuals will have to pay less for solar. The current federal solar tax credit of 30% will be established as the new minimum.



Conservation

Party Polaris recognizes that the government needs to do more to protect the wilderness. Party Polaris also recognizes the adverse effects on our farmers that come with stricter conservation policy. With that in mind, Polaris will:

- I. **Expand the Endangered Species Act to account for nuanced factors such as climate change and human disturbances.** This will create a more comprehensive list of endangered species, with protections enforced by the US Fish and Wildlife Services.
- II. **Increase the amount of conservation land** with an amendment to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.
- III. **Promote sustainable agriculture through subsidies for sustainable practices and tax disincentives for industrial farms.** In order to support sustainable practices, Party Polaris will provide a \$5 per acre subsidy. The average farm size in the US is 465 acres, which would result in an average bonus of \$2,325. Additionally, in order to discourage industrial farming, any farm that generates more than \$500,000 in revenue per year will face a 15% tax penalty. The average revenue for a family farm in the US is \$167,000, meaning only large commercially owned farms will face tax penalties, and small family farms will not.

These three policies combined will have a net deficit of \$233 million. Protecting more endangered species and land will cost \$175 million. Subsidies for sustainable agriculture will cost \$1.1 billion, but the cost will be offset by the \$1.06 billion that is generated from taxes on industrial farms.



Water Pollution

Party Polaris aims to address water pollution creating a system that efficiently controls and monitors pollutants, ultimately decreasing water contamination and will work together with neighboring nations. This movement is made of three major initiatives, which will be proposed as a package set of legislation.

- I. **Party Polaris will regulate the indiscriminate release of wastewater by individuals domestically.** This policy, overseen by the EPA, will evaluate and control the overall level of pollutants, accurately determining the quantity of contaminants released into the environment. Additionally, if more than 30 percent of the water used is returned to nature, a higher tax will be imposed as a penalty. Government approval or adjustments may be necessary in unique situations not covered in the description provided.
- II. The second policy in this will **enhance water reuse through purification methods and decrease water wastage.** Water used in daily activities, like that which goes down the kitchen drain, is not heavily polluted, and can be reused after undergoing several purification processes to make it clean again for everyday use or it could be used for the solution for the drought. Some of the purified water will be used as a source of energy and help to reduce energy consumption and environmental pollution caused by natural resources. It is advised to install a separate water purification system in factories that have regular and significant water pollution issues.
- III. Party Polaris will **work with and inform neighboring nations of potential threats to their water sources that arise due to runoff.** If the levels of water pollution exceed the established standards in those particular areas, those countries will be able to assess the water for cleaning and initiate water purification measures. in that specific location.



Nuclear Infrastructure

Party Polaris will invest in America's future through Nuclear Energy. This will not only decrease America's reliance on foreign powers for energy, but it will also massively ease the environmental impacts of energy use and production. Party Polaris will implement a plan to switch to nuclear as a main source of US power while easing the impacts on the average American.

- I. **Party Polaris will partner with energy companies to build 2 new Gen 3 nuclear power plants annually** by providing a 75% subsidy to plants built in government designated zones, ensuring a fair spread of nuclear energy across the country. The nuclear waste will be controlled by the US government, far from major cities.
- II. **Party Polaris will impose a 1% tax on every cubic square foot of natural gas that is produced in the United States**, generating \$6.25 billion dollars in revenue each year and disincentivizing the use of natural gas in the energy sector.
- III. **Party Polaris will ensure spent nuclear fuel be safely transported to a government protected and run site in the Great Basin Desert** far away from any cities or towns. The costs to safely deliver this spent nuclear fuel and maintain this site will be paid for by the government and by the nuclear sites.
- IV. America is built by its citizens. Party Polaris will not abandon the 1.7 million people who currently work oil, gas, or coal jobs. **Party Polaris will provide unemployment insurance of \$50,000 as those affected by the switch to nuclear energy look for new jobs.**

This plan will cost \$19 billion dollars annually, however the cost will be offset by the increased taxes on oil and natural gas, which will generate around \$20 billion dollars annually. Currently, 20% of United States energy is nuclear. This policy will increase nuclear energy consumption to 40% by 2035, which will enable the complete shift away from OPEC and the gradual decrease in domestic drilling. By 2050, 70% of energy consumption in the United States will be nuclear. Post-2050, the extended plan for the country's energy distribution includes a shift towards other green energy sources, providing a built-in pathway to incorporate future innovations.

	Fossil Fuels	Nuclear	Other Sustainable Energy
Present	60%	20%	10%
(2035) Near Future	35%	40%	15%
(2050) Target	10%	70%	20%
(2075) Long Term	5%	60%	35%



Energy Transition

Party Polaris, in order to facilitate the transition from fossil fuel-based grids to nuclear energy-based ones and to reduce barriers to incorporating new energy technologies on the large scale, will create a new branch of the existing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) called Utility Transition Task Force (UTTTF) that **will oversee the incorporation of new nuclear facilities into existing grids, distribute monetary incentives to local utility companies to construct mini-grids in energy-poor areas, and direct the federal subsidization of research on promising new technologies like hydrogen power and biomass energy.**

The UTTTF will aim to spark progress in novel sectors while simultaneously supporting infrastructure efforts in existing ones, drawing from a pool of 200 million dollars a year to accelerate grid restructuring, research subsidization, and equity initiatives.



Healthcare

Medicaid/Medicare

Party Polaris recognizes that many citizens struggle to pay for healthcare. To combat this, we will expand Medicaid and Medicare coverage.

- I. Party Polaris will provide stricter guidelines to the states regarding Medicaid eligibility, including expanding coverage to more income brackets, and expanding service coverage. **This includes an expansion to include dental and vision. Any household that falls below 150% of the FPL(Federal Poverty Line) will receive all Medicaid services, and any household that falls at the FPL or within 20% of it will receive all standard Medicaid services excluding dental and vision care.** Moreover, states will no longer be allowed to defer the processing of Medicaid eligibility to private organizations.
- II. **Party Polaris will increase spending on Medicare to lower premiums for those in the lowest income brackets.** Those falling below 200% of the FPL will qualify for financial assistance that will eliminate monthly premiums. Anyone at or within 20% of the FPL will qualify for between a 50% and 75% reduction of their premiums.

The US government currently spends \$1.5 trillion on healthcare annually. This plan will add \$50 billion to that total cost.



Senior Care Facilities

Party Polaris will federally mandate a new staff to patient ratio of 1:5 during the day and 1:10 at night in senior care facilities. Moreover, facilities will be required to have one registered nurse for every 25 patients at all times.

Many senior care facilities have uninviting decor and lighting, which contributes to the general decline in mental health that many patients experience. To combat this, centers will be required to switch from harsh, white fluorescent lighting to warmer, more inviting tones. Additionally, facilities will be encouraged to work with interior designers to create an inviting space for both patients and their families.

Senior Care facilities will be required to provide alternatives to standard emergency call systems such as pull cords and clickers in order to accommodate patients who may not be able to perform such actions.



Healthcare Access and Affordability

Healthcare prices are too high. Many struggle to access healthcare because of this. To combat this, **Party Polaris will expand health insurance offered by employers, placing a price ceiling on health insurance, and improve provider-patient communication.**

Party Polaris will require all employers to provide health insurance for all employees.

Moreover, in order to ensure a cap on insurance prices, Party Polaris will provide government based health insurance outside of Medicare and Medicaid that will undercut the prices of insurance providers, allowing the Department of Health to negotiate for lower insurance prices. Specifically, this insurance will cost around \$4000 a year, down from the average American's \$8000 a year.

The Department of Health will implement standardized provider-patient and intra-provider protocols, cutting down the time it takes for patients to receive care due to bureaucratic procedures. It will also create a committee at each hospital to eliminate treatments that are obsolete or ineffective. Free health literacy programs at hospitals will reduce treatment costs as prevention becomes more common, allowing for further efficiency in spending.

Overall, this plan will end up costing \$1.3 trillion over the first 5 years, but will end up turning a profit of about ~\$800 billion a year, every year after due to increased efficiency of hospitals.



Abortion Policy

Party Polaris believes the government has no right to dictate what a woman does with her body. To ensure all women have the option to undergo an abortion and have easy access to contraceptives, Party Polaris will:

- I. **Introduce an act, proposing that abortion be legal in all states for at least 12 weeks.** In case of rape or incest, an abortion is viable up until the 24th week, which is when a pregnancy is called viable. **In the case of a medical emergency, women can have an abortion up until birth.** In any case in which a child is bearing a child, abortion is legal up until the 35th week or, if they are in danger, up until birth to **prioritize the safety of the living child.**
- II. **Make abortion options free through any health care.** Party Polaris will provide free contraceptives that have been deemed medically effective and safe by the appropriate medical entities in abortion clinics.
- III. **Eliminate waiting periods for abortions.** Party Polaris will eliminate separate day counseling, which currently limits abortions for women who may have to travel out of state or can not get time off of work.



Mental Health Policy

Party Polaris will tackle the Mental Health Crisis through equipping teens with the resources they need to understand mental health and expanding access to mental health care.

- I. **Party Polaris will reinstate a modified SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) course as a graduation requirement for highschoolers.** This will apply to public, private, and homeschooled children. The new program will appear as a certification that requires 16 hours of coursework throughout high school. This agenda will include instruction in mental disorders, substance abuse, and techniques in regulation and mindfulness. Moreover, school counselors will be required to take a detailed course on mental health, equipping them with the resources they need to support students.
- II. **Party Polaris will require health insurance providers to expand coverage to include mental health treatments.** Insurance companies will need to comply with federal regulation to avoid being heavily fined. Additionally, patients will have the unprecedented right to sue with the backing of Party Polaris if they suspect their providers of possessing no options to find care.



Gun Control

Party Polaris understands the deep-rooted American issue of gun violence, and will employ magazine regulations, universal background checks, waiting periods, and the institution of Red Flag laws.

- I. **Party Polaris will ban the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, and possession of high-capacity magazines.** This is intended to reduce the lethality of firearms in the case of mass shootings by cutting access to systems that are able to deliver large volumes of ammunition in a short period of time. This will indirectly limit the use of automatic weapons such as assault rifles, which generally use high-capacity magazines.
- II. Party Polaris will introduce Universal Background checks. **Each time a firearm is purchased or transferred, the purchasing party will be required to undergo a government issued background check.** This will prohibit the sale of firearms to individuals with criminal histories, mental health disorders, or any other disqualifying factor that would deem a consumer ineligible. Additionally, licensed firearm vendors will be required to undergo government issued background checks quarterly. **Finally, this act will close the Charleston Loophole, as the background check must be completed before the sale of the firearm.**
- III. **Party Polaris will institute a seven day waiting period from the time a background check is given** to minimize suicides and homicides based on impulse decisions. This will be strictly enforced, with penalties ranging from severe fines to revocation of dealer licenses.
- IV. **Party Polaris will institute Red Flag Laws**, which permit authorities to seize an individual's firearms if they are deemed to be in a crisis and considered a danger to themselves or others. This will help to de-escalate emergencies and reduce the risk of suicides and homicides by individuals in a crisis.



Immigration

Party Polaris is dedicated to supporting our immigrants. Should any undocumented immigrants be discovered, they will be given a background check, and if they do not have prior felonies, they will be given a chance to apply for citizenship.

The United States was built by immigrants. Party Polaris will simplify the process to gain Asylum by cutting down on waiting time and ensuring humane treatment of immigrants and their families through the “Orion Unification Plan.”

- I. The Asylum process usually takes about 4 to 6 years, assuming no delays. There are over 2 million cases pending currently with 682 immigration judges. **Party Polaris will increase the number of immigration judges that work on these cases.** Current judges would be offered bonuses depending on how many cases they worked, with an eventual limit to ensure each case is still given the time and thought it deserves. **Party Polaris will encourage individuals in the legal sector to work as an immigration judge by offering an upfront incentive of \$5000 and an annual incentive of \$500, which would increase by \$300 each consecutive year to encourage legal professionals to occupy the positions long-term.**
- II. **Party Polaris will not separate families due to deportation. Should Asylum be denied, individuals will not be deported if they have a family member that is underage.** Immigrants will be allowed to stay in the United States and will be given protection from deportation while they apply for other forms of residency in the US.
- III. Party Polaris will ensure that when individuals are deported they are treated humanely. **Party Polaris will allocate \$500 million to renovate facilities, with beds, meals, and doctors to ensure that immigrants facing deportation are healthy, and being treated properly.** Deportation Officers will receive monthly training and frequent random inspections to ensure immigrants are being treated correctly.

Party Polaris will spend \$200 million dollars a year to maintain these systems. Polaris values the safety of all immigrants and understands that it is necessary for immigrants to receive the proper treatment they deserve. Party Polaris hopes to create a humane immigration system that takes the human factor into account.



Border Control

Party Polaris will secure the border, while protecting the human rights of those seeking asylum, through the implementation of a Secured Exit System. By allocating funds for advanced screening technology including fingerprint scanners and facial recognition devices, this will give US Customs the resources to better log those who enter and exit the country. Individuals will always be able to know what information is being tracked, and border officers will be equipped with devices to ensure that language barriers do not affect the comprehension of one's knowledge. **Party Polaris will implement improvements to current border control procedures with monthly training to ensure human rights are being respected.**

With this policy, Party Polaris will make sure that our borders are more secure, and the people crossing the border are more secure as well. This policy is set to cost \$162.5 million initially and \$22.5 million annually. Although the cost of this policy seems high, the analysis made on the implementation of this policy shows that this policy will work as an investment since fewer people will be crossing the border illegally, therefore fewer non-taxpayers will ask for government financial aid. This will relieve taxpayers over the years, and as mentioned before, it will make for a safer border and a safer country.



Education

Education Funding Reform

Party Polaris understands the value of an educated and engaged population. Party Polaris will update the education system with an expanded budget to resolve decades-old issues.

- I. **Party Polaris will establish a federal minimum annual salary of \$60,000 for school staff and standardized expectations for incentive-based promotions.** This would include a combination of salary increases, tax breaks, special credits and deductions for teachers. **Additionally, there would be initial stipends and grants until 2033 to offset the cost of earning a bachelor's degree in education.** This would be effective in attracting more qualified teachers to fill open vacancies. Businesses supporting education would be eligible for tax incentives and other credits to help offset their investment in supporting education for America's children. This larger infrastructure and partnership would also ensure that other school staff positions (i.e. office workers, janitors, nurses and counselors) have competitive salaries to equivalent jobs in other industries.
- II. Party Polaris will increase support from the national government for post-COVID K-12 Education Reform. With the American Rescue Plan and ESSER 1, 2, and 3 funding closing out on September 30, 2024, however, education problems resulting from COVID are still extremely prevalent. **Party Polaris will give additional funds to support needed post-COVID education recovery.** Party Polaris will develop partnerships with post-secondary institutions across the country. From hands-on skills in trade schools or associate degrees to research and academic study at colleges and universities. From kindergarten on, participation in these learning enrichments will earn students merit aid that can be used for future enrollment at any public or private institution of higher learning.
- III. **The Build for Tomorrow Act focuses on developing additional subsidies and incentives to promote and encourage repairs and renovations to the infrastructure in schools.** Businesses and individuals giving back to schools most in need would receive large subsidies in return. This boosted incentive will ensure the most impacted communities with the worst and oldest buildings will get support sooner. Party Polaris acknowledges that the government cannot bear the full burden of infrastructure repair for all K-12 sites across the country but instead they become an enabling partner in strengthening community ties to local schools. Students need modern environments with modern tools, resources, computers, and the internet to learn. This development initiative will make it easier for students and educators and will ensure that education becomes more accessible to all.
- IV. Party Polaris will regulate large non-profit organizations that create national and state standardized tests (i.e. College Board and ACT), working to build consistency in lower grade standardized tests that measure grade academic readiness to ensure that every student in every state is receiving equitable resources. **By imposing a 3% tax on these national standardized tests, the proceeds would fund infrastructure and curriculum**



programs at schools across America. The International Equity in Learning Act will increase the US domestic budget for education as a percent of overall budget to align with international funding averages of comparable countries. In recent years, US education budgets have approached 13% of the overall budget as compared to a 15% average amongst other developed countries. Party Polaris has a 5-year growth plan to bring the US in line with the international average. This increase in funding will be the source of revenue to fund the government portion of support outlined in our other policy plans. These Acts are planned to cost the government an estimated \$40 billion in effective expenditures. This amount will be covered through \$12 billion in increased spending as outlined in the International Equity in Learning Act and through carefully crafted subsidies, tax breaks, credits, and deductions for individuals, businesses, and state governments. Party Polaris acknowledges the large costs and significance of these commitments, but we are confident this is the right investment into our future.

Ultimately, this set of policies will ensure continued support of all aspects of our country's education system. Party Polaris plans on creating a better future and sees education as one of the many important steps on that path. Focusing on fixing current failures and creating new solutions to enhance our education system is the only way forward to ensure a future workforce that is prepared and capable to lead our country on a journey of continued success.



Education Reform

Education is the foundation of an individual's success. Party Polaris believes it is the responsibility of the government to ensure each citizen is given a suitable foundation with which they can succeed, and therefore proposes the Education Reform Initiative.

- I. **Charter Schools will be classified as public schools for the purposes of federal funding.** This will close loopholes regarding funding and curriculum in charter schools. This will also reduce charter schools' ability to turn away students.
- II. **This act will amend ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act),** to better define its ability to grant awards, increase the amount of an award which must be spent on financial aid programs, clearly state where that money goes, and mandate a percentage of granted funds each year be spent on upkeep and scholarship funding, since the rest of it is for grants to local educational agencies. This will promote honesty and subject school spending to the public, which will increase its effectiveness. **Finally, this act will prohibit the granting of any school funds, or school taxes for the benefit of or in aid of any religious sect or denomination.**
- III. Patry Polaris will crack down on school choice systems which have long discriminated against students who are in lower tax brackets or within school districts but unable to secure transportation. **Polaris suggests the adoption of the Gale-Shapley Student Optimal Stable Mechanism.** This is a system that enforces stability and elimination, especially in college admission processes. Public and charter schools which adopt the Gale-Shapley system will be allowed additional funding to the tune of 2% of the annual funding as decided by the state. This extra money will be provided by the state, of the money which will be afforded by item 2, the Essential Public Schools Act.



College Affordability

Higher education should not be an unachievable goal or a financial burden. Party Polaris will ensure University is attainable through the Polaris Pathway to Higher Education.

- I. **Party Polaris will put pressure on high tuition by capping student loans** at \$50,000 for undergraduate degrees, \$100,000 for graduate degrees, and \$150,000 for professional degrees to ensure individuals do not obtain a drastic amount of student loan debt.
- II. **Party Polaris will forgive a total of \$400 billion in student loans** by offering \$20,000 in student debt relief to Pell grant recipients, and \$10,000 to non-Pell grant recipients to borrowers who have a household income of \$125,000 or less.
- III. **Party Polaris will halve student loan interest rates by capping them at 5%** and make it so that no interest is accrued while the borrower is still in college.
- IV. Party Polaris will work with public universities to provide funding for lower cost education. **We will use a last- dollar tuition-free program to provide free college for any families making less than \$125,000 dollars per year.** This would work by covering tuition costs for qualifying students after all other financial aid has been applied.

The federal government would provide approximately \$28 billion annually to waive the cost of college for low income families. While the cost is large, investing in education is key to ensuring equity regardless of socioeconomic status.



DEI and Affirmative Action

Party Polaris will propose a set of policies to reinstate Affirmative Action through focusing on equitable college admissions, community investments, and workplace diversity. These measures will create a more comprehensive equitable society.

- I. **Party Polaris will ensure that colleges make admission policies that are holistic** and take into account broader issues other than test scores and grades, such as extracurriculars, community impact, and socioeconomic challenges. This ensures that students from underprivileged backgrounds, who aren't performing as well on tests due to certain disadvantages, still have the same access to higher education.
- II. **Affirmative Action will be reimplemented & strengthened** by implementing “The Polaris Pathways Act”, a \$4 billion annual program aimed to provide underprivileged students with advanced resources and support. This would include funding for mentorship opportunities and scholarships made for economically disadvantaged communities.
- III. **Party Polaris will assist high schools with the expansion of college access programs (CAPs) for the underprivileged students** by giving them personal academic support & mentorship. Underprivileged students will receive financial aid guidance to understand how to obtain a college education affordably. Collaborations with local colleges and community organizations will help provide students resources including free SAT/ ACT study skills, help with filling out applications, and highlighting higher education opportunities. Such programs will help bridge the gap of educational disparities and help students achieve their fullest potential.

By labeling these disparities in education access, these sets of policies will ensure that the underprivileged students who have faced disparities are prepared to succeed in college and take the benefits from the new affirmative action policies. With the reinstitution of Affirmative Action Party Polaris will ensure equitable access to education as well as employment opportunities. This investment would not only nurture diversity in the universities but would also build societal equity.



Sex Education

Party Polaris believes that it is the responsibility of the government to educate citizens on their own bodies. **As such, Sex Education curriculums focusing on anatomy, puberty, contraception, hormones, menstrual cycles, STDs, consent, abstinence, and healthy relationships will be required for all public schools by 7th grade.**



The Opioid and Fentanyl Crisis

Recovery

Party Polaris will support those affected by the Opioid and Fentanyl Crisis by creating easier access to rehabilitation resources.

- I. **Party Polaris will establish rehabilitation centers across the nation.** Unstable housing situations are a major factor that push individuals to drug use and abuse. These rehabilitation centers, alongside the shelters outlined by [Party Polaris' Homelessness Policy](#), aim to reduce the number of homeless individuals who do not have access to stable housing.
- II. **Party Polaris will update section 21 U.S.C § 884(a) of the Controlled Substances Act to have reduced or no penalties for those suffering from addiction** who seek help via Rehabilitation programs. Many individuals suffering from addiction fear legal repercussions for their actions, and as such, do not seek help. Party Polaris aims to eliminate that barrier to assisting those who need help.
- III. **Party Polaris will increase access and availability of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).** A key tool in combating addiction are medications such as Buprenorphine, Methadone, and Naltrexone. These medications reduce the symptoms of withdrawal.

Addiction costs the US an estimated \$78 billion annually between medical care and criminal justice costs, and lost productivity. These policies will cost an estimated \$600 million annually. Party Polaris is committed to supporting those suffering from addiction and aims to create a society in which recovery is quick, and accessible.



Prevention

Party Polaris recognizes that a comprehensive solution to the Opioid and Fentanyl Crisis does not only include reactionary measures. Party Polaris will increase funding towards the CDC and FDA to increase regulations and guidelines on prescription opioids, advertise and educate against misuse/abuse, as well as increase funding for narcotic divisions in police departments to aid in ending the manufacturing of illicit opioids.

- I. **Party Polaris will increase regulations and guidelines on prescription opioids.** This will follow a similar structure to many current states' regulations. On top of that, Party Polaris will institute a longer waiting period before opioids can be prescribed. Additionally, patients will be closely monitored for the need of opioids. Exceptions to the increased regulations would be trauma related injuries, burns, and hospice care. Finally, **Party Polaris will increase funding to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) database to monitor prescription drugs, mainly opioids to ensure they are not being misused, leading to a dangerous addiction.**
- II. **Party Polaris will increase efforts in education and advertisements against opioid misuse and abuse.** This will inform the public about the dangers of opioid abuse through education and advertisements. An increase of funding towards advertisements and education towards the dangers of opioid abuse/misuse will aid in decreasing the number of opioid related overdoses in hopes of putting a close to opioid crisis as an epidemic.
- III. **Party Polaris will increase funding for the CDC and the FDA.** The money allocated to the FDA would be used to produce the aforementioned education material on the dangers of opioid abuse. The money allocated to the CDC would be used to analyze areas that need more prevention efforts through the collection and analysis of data relating to opioid abuse. This will ensure no communities are overlooked in the rollout of rehabilitation resources.
- IV. **Party Polaris will crack down on illicit manufactured opioids.** This will be in the form of categorical grants that specifically dictate that the funds will be used for a crackdown on illicit opioid manufacturing.



Equality

LGBTQ Adoption Equality/Foster Reform

Party Polaris will propose changes to the current system of adoption and foster care in the United States in order to secure national anti-discrimination rights, ensuring the right to adopt and foster is protected at a federal level and ensuring that sexuality will not play a factor in the adoption process. The following initiatives will comprise the Standardized Terms and Adoption Reform (STAR) act.

- I. Party Polaris will propose a set of new rules and regulations for which an adoptee's prospective family needs to meet. **The regulations will include a subsection enforcing that discrimination of any level, due to sexuality, race, religion, or gender, will not be tolerated.** Sexuality will not be considered at all in the process. Failure to abide by this law could result in Compensatory fines.
- II. **Party Polaris will push to create equitable LGBTQ representation in the foster system.** The foster system will receive a categorical grant to be used for media representation of their LGBTQ families, as well as towards improving fostering conditions overall.
- III. **Party Polaris will reform the current systems for the movement of children between homes in the foster system, creating a system that ensures that children are placed in stable homes, where they can stay for long periods of time, without worry of constantly switching between homes or neglect due to discrimination.** This reform will ensure safer homes by instituting more in-depth background checks on foster parents as well as mandatory parenting classes. These classes will address the delicate situation of dealing with children and their sexuality. This will ensure safer home environments for all children, specifically those a part of the LGBTQ+ community.

The STAR Act ensures the safeties and rights of LGBTQ families, as well as the kids in their care. This act is to be revised every ten years by Congress, to ensure that there is progress being seen, and to update funding, allocation and policies if necessary. This act pushes to solve the crisis of discrimination due to sexuality, and the crisis of children without proper care.



LGBTQ Marriage Protection

Party Polaris will protect marriage rights for LGBTQ couples by closing loopholes in current legislation and modifying existing law. Party Polaris will protect Marriage rights for LGBTQ couples by:

- I. **Creating a stronger, more equal Respect For Marriage Act (RFMA).** Although the RFMA already requires all states to acknowledge same-sex marriage if a couple gets married, it doesn't require states to include same-sex marriages in their state marriage laws. Additionally it doesn't mention couples including transgender and other LGBTQIA+ groups. This is a major issue as it makes states not required to marry two queer individuals. **Party Polaris would fix these issues, requiring states to both acknowledge and include same-sex marriages in their state marriage laws, as well as extending to transgender individuals and other LGBTQIA+ groups.**
- II. **Supporting immigrating LGBTQIA+ couples.** When United States vs. Windsor was ruled it gave immigrating LGBTQIA+ married couples the same rights that heterosexual couples get when migrating. However, if the couple isn't legally recognized by their origin country then the US government won't give them the same immigration rights as heterosexual couples or even single immigrants. This is a major issue as countries that don't believe in LGBTQIA+ marriage won't legally recognize a couple and as such won't get immigration rights here in the US. **This act will allow couples to be married in the US and get the same immigration rights as heterosexual couples.**
- III. **Including transgender, non-binary and other gendered individuals to be included in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994.** VAWA is an act that gives protections for women against domestic violence. This simple edit to VAWA would give protections for all genders under VAWA as well as give the act a new name that is much more inclusive.



Transgender Rights

Party Polaris will propose policies to maximize protection and equality for transgender individuals throughout different aspects of one's transition and life. This plan will include expansion and changes to current policy.

- I. Party Polaris will expand the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In its current state the Civil Rights Act applies most of its protections to discrimination surrounding “race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or age in hiring.” **In order to include the protection of transgender individuals this will be expanded to prohibit discrimination on a basis of gender identity and sexual orientation.**
- II. Title IX protects against discrimination “on the basis of sex in education programs or activities.” **Party Polaris will alter the wording of Title IX, specifying that “Discrimination in education based on gender is illegal.”** Party Polaris will specify that gender refers to one’s gender identity and does not have to correlate with one’s sex assigned at birth. Party Polaris will also specify what is referred to when education programs and activities are mentioned. Education programs and activities will refer to any activity pertaining to school. This will protect the allowance of transgender individuals to continue gendered programs in the gender that they identify with and feel comfortable in.
- III. Party Polaris will protect hormonal and surgical access, also known as gender affirming care. Although medicare allows for the coverage of hormone therapy for transgender individuals with the discretion of a medical professional, it prohibits the coverage of gender affirming surgeries/sex reassignment surgeries. Though states are not allowed to explicitly medically discriminate against transgender people, gender affirming surgery is often not covered by being categorized as a “cosmetic and experimental surgery” giving a non-discriminatory basis to deny coverage. **Party Polaris will require the coverage of gender affirming surgery, sex reassignment surgery, and intersex surgeries by defining them as medically “necessary, effective, nonexperimental, and without a comparable substitute.”** Gender affirming care can be classified as a “treatment of gender dysphoria” which denial of would fall under “unreasonable restrictions on medically necessary treatment, and discriminate on the basis of diagnosis” directly violating the Federal Medicaid Act.

Party Polaris aims to protect transgender individuals, their rights, and their ability to seek gender-affirming care under federal law so as to ensure they are able to receive the medical care they need to comfortably live their lives.



Homelessness

Party Polaris will tackle the homelessness epidemic by targeting root causes of the crisis as well as providing support for the homeless to rejoin society with the tools to succeed. **Rehabilitation Centers will be created where homeless individuals will receive resources to target their specific hardships**, ranging from drug rehabilitation to interview training, with a curriculum designed to equip homeless with the skills to find and hold a footing in society. There will be one of these facilities in each state, with a maximum capacity of 1,000 admittees per facility. It will cost \$1.5 billion to create these facilities, and a subsequent \$500 million per year. These funds will be received from a reallocation of funds from an \$8 billion grant that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) currently supplies to support the homeless.

Party Polaris will support families in danger of becoming homeless through the creation of free child-care centers. Families will apply through the child's school, and will be granted admission based on need. This has an estimated cost of \$1.2 billion, and will be funded with current Congressional Grants to HUD.

Finally, **Party Polaris will place a ban on anti-homeless legislation and architecture**, which will be enforced with a fine that scales with the severity of the violation.



Disability Rights

Disabled people disproportionately face economic hardships. One in five disabled individuals are below the poverty line. Party Polaris will ensure that disabled individuals have sufficient income and government support, allowing them to live a life as independently and comfortably as possible.

- I. Currently, disabled individuals can receive money from the government through Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) if they are unable to work due to their disability. Currently, SSDI stipends are capped at \$1,550 a month and \$2,590 for blind individuals. SSI stipends are only granted to those over 65 with a disability who have limited financial resources. The average amount granted is \$967. These funds are not meant to be a sole source of income, however, given current inflation rates and the high costs of healthcare, disabled individuals face disproportionate economic hardships. **To combat this, Party Polaris will raise the SSDI cap by \$1,500 to \$3,050 and \$4,090.**
- II. Money in accounts designated for medical expenses will be excluded from the limited resources affecting SSI eligibility. This will expand eligibility, helping to lift those struggling financially above the poverty line.
- III. **Any disabled individual who is below the poverty line and is unable to work or is unable to work sufficient hours to earn a sufficient income will automatically be covered by government insurance under the Affordable Care Act.**
- IV. **Insurance companies must cover the costs of mobility aids and other assistive devices used daily when they are proved to be too worn out and dangerous to use, instead of only covering them for a fixed interval of time.**

These policies target two of the major costs of disability will be significantly reduced, taking away the main financial stressors of being disabled and allowing for attention to be put into smaller, more individual issues. It will ensure that those with disabilities and their families can get back on their feet, freeing them to focus on their health.



Gender Equality

Party Polaris is dedicated to implementing acts directed towards advancing women's progress through dismantling the gender pay gap and pink tax, and promoting the implementation of the ERA.

- I. **Party Polaris will implement the “Equal Pay Equal Cost Act.” This act would insure that financial gender inequality would no longer exist, by eliminating the gender pay gap and the pink tax.** To eliminate the gender pay gap, this act will do bi-yearly audits of all pay records of companies that employ more than 5 people, and if there is evidence of gender pay discrimination, businesses will not be able to use business tax deductions for that fiscal year. The same consequences towards businesses will be used if a yearly audit of all retailers and manufacturers, show that prices of products “made for women” are marked higher than ones for men (for example a women's deodorant being more expensive than a men's one from the same company). It will also eliminate all taxes on feminine hygiene products.
- II. Party Polaris supports the founding principles of the Equal Rights Amendment and will strongly support its ratification.
- III. **Party Polaris will enact the “No Limit Act,” eradicating the statute of limitation laws.** Victims of rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment should be able to speak up and out about the crimes committed against them whenever they're ready. **Even if a rape case prosecution does not begin within 7 years, the rapist can still be charged.** There will no longer be a limit to invalidate their experiences, and courts will be required to treat cases of violence equally, no matter the identity of the victim.
- IV. Party Polaris will include transgender, non-binary and other gendered individuals to be included in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994. VAWA is an act that gives protections for women against domestic violence. This simple edit to VAWA would give protections for all genders under VAWA as well as give the act a new name that is much more inclusive.



Economics

Closing Tax Loopholes

Due to current tax loopholes, corporations and high-income individuals do not have to pay the taxes they owe. Party Polaris aims to change this through closing the Stepped-Up Basis Loophole, taxing the stock market, and funding the IRS.

- I. Existing law determines that when a person inherits property or investments, the initial value used for tax purposes is reset to the current market value on the date of the original owner's death instead of the value of when it was purchased, and when the assets are sold, taxes are applied according to this new price. This lowers the capital gains, leading to a significant loss in tax revenue. To close this loophole, the IRS will record the date and the purchase value of an asset whenever a transaction is complete. When the owner sells the asset or dies, the non-tax-exempt assets will be taxed based on the person's income tax bracket, and the recorded growth of the asset. **To ensure the middle class is not affected by this change, it will only be applied to households that earn in the top 2%, or around \$520,000 annually.** The closing of this loophole is expected to raise \$325 billion over the next 10 years.
- II. **Party Polaris will increase the existing 0.002% tax on trading stocks, bonds, and derivatives to 0.1%. This will generate an estimated \$750 billion over the next five years.** The average middle-class American household would only pay \$13 annually for this tax, as 40% of the revenue would come from the top 1%. In addition to providing increased funds to the government, it would promote market stability by disincentivizing high speed trading tactics. A similar tax has been implemented in nations such as the UK, South Korea, Switzerland, and Hong Kong, and has proved effective.
- III. **Party Polaris will protect President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act by requiring a 2/3 vote to repeal the act.** This legislation increased IRS funding by \$80 billion, allowing the agency to hire skilled employees and update their technology. This would help the IRS effectively enforce tax law, thereby increasing revenue for the government. Economists estimate that the \$80 billion investment would raise \$497 billion over the next 10 years, a nearly 600% return on investment.

The wealth gap has only gotten more prominent in recent years. Party Polaris aims to close it by holding the 1% accountable for the taxes they owe.



Housing Affordability

The price of housing has grown exponentially in recent years. Party Polaris will work to lower current housing costs and provide more options at a low rate, while offering aid to cost-burdened individuals and families.

- I. Party Polaris will set a standard price ceiling for rent money that can be charged per square foot. **The national housing ceiling will be decreased to 1.75\$/square foot**, but **states will be given the power to set lower ceilings** to fit the needs of their individual area.
- II. **Party Polaris will allocate \$2.5 billion to subsidize construction of housing below the national median.** A lack of cheaper housing options is a massive contributor to housing unaffordability, with the current median for prices being around \$400,000.



Infrastructure

National Infrastructure

Infrastructure is the backbone of the nation. Current infrastructure is more than 60 years old. As such, much of it needs refurbishment or replacement. One in three bridges need replacement or repairs. Amtrak, a national rail provider, has a repair backlog estimated at \$45 billion. Current power grids cannot withstand extreme weather.

- I. **Party Polaris will update national infrastructure** such as roads and bridges to create structures that are both efficient and resistant to natural disasters.
- II. **Party Polaris will update electrical grids nationwide** to ensure they are resistant to extreme weather. This will prevent and/or diminish downtime in the case of a natural disaster.

This will cost an estimated \$215.9 billion. Party Polaris is dedicated to improving and maintaining our national infrastructure to better serve the ever changing needs of our nation. The current infrastructure in our nation is deteriorated and insufficient for the needs of today. The Antares Plan addresses this, ensuring that our transportation network is well established and remains well maintained.



Local Infrastructure

Many American metro areas today are growing in population but lack sufficient transportation other than automotive transportation. Party Polaris will facilitate the construction of greener, more transit-friendly cities in the United States.

Party Polaris will create a new competitive grant that local transportation agencies in America can apply for. **This transportation grant has a total budget of \$15.8 billion.** The money would be administered through the Federal Transit Administration and would be distributed using a series of competitive grants. This money will be administered either as an aid or full funding to projects depending on the budget of proposals and ability of cities to raise funds.

Being a competitive grant, cities will submit applications and the FTA will select recipients based on their submissions. **Applicants will submit proposals detailing how they will use the funds to expand routes, modernize systems, increase frequency, or create new transit lines, thereby incentivizing competition.** This will ensure the funding is allocated to entities with a clear plan on how to effectively upgrade and/or replace current infrastructure.



Government Procedures

Prison Reform

Party Polaris believes in rehabilitation. Party Polaris also believes in respecting the human rights of prisoners. Many incarceration facilities have deteriorated to inhumane points. Additionally, prisoners are not treated humanely by guards. Party Polaris aims to fix this.

- I. Party Polaris aims to switch the focus of prisons from punishment to restabilizing inmates, in order to reduce recidivism as a whole. **Party Polaris will enforce this by creating an effective education system within prisons.** Prisoners will be able to continue further education if they choose and will be encouraged to get their GEDs through this program. Prisons will hire teachers who can work primarily in prisons. Vocational training programs will also be encouraged, so that each prisoner learns skills that they can apply once released from prison. This training would include plumbing skills, welding, auto repair, etc. This would help released prisoners find jobs faster once released, reducing the rate of recidivism. Along with this, **psychologists will be hired to help with necessary mental treatment for the recovery of inmates. Psychologists will help prisoners heal and grow, and they will prepare prisoners to be mentally and emotionally stable upon release. Restorative justice programs will also be allowed in every prison, with the ROPA, allowing prisoners to talk to their victims if victims allow for it.** This will improve and speed up the healing process of both the offender and the victim, along with allowing the prisoners to take responsibility for their Actions. Studies have shown that 95% of the time victim-offender therapy helps both individuals.
- II. Party Polaris will focus on reducing unnecessary incarceration and sentencing. **With the SRRA, Party Polaris will review mandatory maximum and minimum sentences for non-violent crimes so prisoners can be released based on good behavior.** It will also create a new system of parole that will ensure a timely and smooth release from prisons. This release will be based on prisoners' ability to follow the rehabilitation programs implemented by the ROPA act as well as going through the process of psychological treatment in therapy. It will also be based on the reports of how they are behaving and treating other inmates. This will incentivize good behavior and encourage inmates to go through the proper steps to rehabilitate themselves. This would make for a more equitable justice system and reduce the amount of time that prisoners are forced to spend in prisons.
- III. Party Polaris will enforce strict health codes for prisons nationwide, to provide a humane environment for prisoners to live in. This will be vital in respecting the rights that prisoners have since they already have many stripped away from them. **The IPCA will create a regulatory framework that prisons will be forced to follow.** There will be routine check-ins in every prison to verify that they're all following the guidelines. They will make sure that every prisoner gets necessary healthcare and access to treatment. The guidelines will reduce overcrowded, poor healthcare and sanitary conditions. Prisons will be forced to follow the FDA10 and CDC's 11 guidelines(strict health & food guidelines). This act will be crucial in prioritizing safety in prisons.



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- IV. Party Polaris will support released prisoners. The PRSA will provide resources for prisoners that are useful for finding jobs, reconnecting with family, access to food, post release sponsors, and recommended therapy. **With the PRSA, Party Polaris will establish resource centers for released prisoners.** In these resource centers, they can find help with temporary housing options, and they will be connected with jobs. The PRSA will partner with different companies that allow released prisoners to work, and they will be placed in those jobs if needed. Additionally, the resource center will have jobs that they offer firsthand. These will include custodial work, dishwashing, kitchen workers, etc. These jobs will work as temporary paid jobs while the program works to match each prisoner with a full-time job, outside of the sites. These sites will be placed in both urban and rural areas so that they're accessible.



CPS Reform

Our children are our future. The government is responsible for ensuring the safety and equality of Child Protection Services. Party Polaris will fight for equality for children and will provide continued support to children who need it through the the Cassiopeia Plan:

- I. Party Polaris will address the racial biases within the Child Protective Service (CPS) system. Training will occur that holds officers to a higher standard. **The training will prepare officers to address issues engraved in the system.** There will be additional interviews to address racial bias concerns. There will be a database to hand-pick individuals for each case, making sure there is a connection, or specific strengths assigned. This will alleviate the racial profiling that occurs and increases the amount of Black and indigenous children getting pulled out of their homes. There will be increased efficiency and decreased children's removals.
- II. Party Polaris will address the funding concerns with the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) that has been left in the state's hands for implementation. **Party Polaris will make sure there is money for both the needed resources—such as workers—and programs needed to continue identifying and responding to abuse.** The funding will be available to states that adhere to follow these guidelines:
 - A. The money must be split up within the current fiscal year. Additionally, it needs to be divided between the number of programs needed and workers.
 - B. There needs to be an itemized ledger that must be created and sent to the Legislature each month.

This system will add up to \$200 million annually to the current CAPTA Budget of \$212 million. This amount will be designated to the programs depending on the need within the year. To fund this, Party Polaris will reallocate funds from the White House Administrations funding going towards home visits.

- III. **Party Polaris will create a policy to address the lack of funding for The Family First Prevention Services Act.** It aims to decrease delinquent activity which will decrease needed emergency resources such as the police; increase morale and confidence because of the added vocational programs that will be career-oriented meaning they will be working towards a goal to better their future; and teach children and young adults about opportunities to help them obtain financial independence as there will be programs educating them on the housing opportunities available to them.



Voting Accessibility

It is the right of every citizen of the United States of America to vote. However, there are barriers to voting - in some states, there is a financial burden of purchasing a voter ID. In others, there is a burden of transportation to voting centers. Party Polaris will institute the Meso-Planet Action Plan to eliminate these barriers, ensuring each person's voice is heard.

- I. Party Polaris will combat the high prices of state ID cards. While the Federal Government cannot take away the state's right to price their own state documents, **Party Polaris will institute fee waivers to help citizens cover the high cost of obtaining an ID card.** Those without the financial ability to purchase IDs will have the opportunity to apply through a secure online site for a federal waiver that waives the fee of a picture ID in the citizen's state of residence.
- II. **Party Polaris will institute a new form of Federal ID cards that replace current voter registration cards.** These free cards will be paid for by the government and offered at local state DMV offices for every citizen who is registered to vote. Proof of voter registration will be needed for any individual to obtain a pictured voter ID card. Any citizen, no matter of income bracket, age, sex, gender identity or race, will be eligible to receive a voter ID; furth ensuring equality for all individuals.
- III. Party Polaris will ensure the federal government works with ride-share companies, such as Uber and Lift, to **provide free rides to voting booths for citizens who lack available transportation.** This will decrease the impact of the high transportation barrier between citizens and their ability to vote. Designated locations will run federally organized bus stops to act as a shuttle service to transport voters to the polls. No citizen will be refused transportation on any basis to ensure equality for all citizens, as every vote matters.
- IV. **Party Polaris will require all employers to include 4 hours of paid time off to all full-time employees under contract during the state's designated voting period.** This act will assist citizens who may not have the ability to vote due to the financial burden of missing work hours. Assuring that full time employees have time during work hours to vote will give more working and middle-class citizens time to cast their ballots around the nation.
- V. **Party Polaris will provide child-care at a designated location in each city.** This will be to aid single parent voters who do not have the luxury of childcare to cover the time they need to vote, providing a free option for those in need. A new, federally supported, volunteering group will consist of retired and substitute teachers to cover each location containing a childcare center; assuring that all children will remain safe and secure with those with experience.

The Meso-Planet Action Plan in total will ultimately decrease the number of barriers between voters and the voting booths. Instituting new picture IDs for all citizens will encourage more states to require government identification when voting, ensuring that elections become more secure and reflect the true voice of the American People.



Supreme Court Reform

Justices on the Supreme Court have a lifetime term. This has led to a sedentary institution that is slow to change its line of thought to match modern situations. Party Polaris will ensure that the Supreme Court is the most effective and unbiased law deciding organization possible for the American population to have a safe and inclusive society.

- I. **Party Polaris will limit Justices to a one-term limit and a term length of 18 years,** ensuring the Justices are insulated from the influence of re-election, yet limited enough to prevent them from becoming disconnected from contemporary society court members' right to vacate their spot remains unchanged, as well as removal through impeachment being a viable option.
- II. **Party Polaris will create a limit on the age which a Supreme Court Justice can be while in office to 67,** as that is the retirement age in the United States of America as of 2024. Justices over the age of 67 as of the passage of this Act will get a shortened term of 6 years as opposed to the 18 years.

This shift in Supreme Court structure will allow for the United States to be more integrated into the current world structure and responsive to crises affecting us presently.



AI Regulation

Party Polaris understands there must be AI regulation to protect individuals and businesses. Party Polaris will tackle this by:

- I. **Creating a new government commission called the Federal Artificial Intelligence Commision (FAIC).** They will have the power to standardize AI detection systems, the authority to inspect LLMs (Large Language Models), and most importantly the ability to enforce AI law by punishing violators.
- II. **Protecting personal data and creative works by making it illegal for any copyrighted material to be used without the owner's specific permission.** In order to enforce this, any personal data in an AI model without permission will be removed at the model creator's expense and they will be fined depending on the degree of the violation. Companies and individuals who use AI for private gain over public good will be punished in order to ensure that AI stays in the best interest of everyone.
- III. Standardizing a watermark on all AI generated videos and images that could be detected by a browser or application. **This system would penalize individuals who upload AI generated videos with the watermark removed.** This measure would protect the information sphere from excessive AI generated videos and protect artists and content creators from AI.
- IV. Helping detect the AI deep fakes and if not then they will punish the creators of these deep fakes. This will protect individuals, businesses, and politics as misinformation and identity theft are not allowed to run rampant.
- V. Carefully watch the development of AI to ensure that it is done with a focus on the environment as the current system overloads local power grids and increases fossil fuel consumption. **Collaborations with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency will allow for building of AI infrastructure in a way that is sustainable for the environment.**

The FAIC will cost \$120 million annually. \$80 million will go to salaries of AI professionals and other support staff. \$20 million will go towards the development of facilities and technology. The last \$20 million will be spent on an advanced in-house AI detection model. This model will help to detect AI usage that violates the commission so that it can be placed under human review.



Law Enforcement

Police Surveillance

The rapid rise in police surveillance technology has brought concerns about its accuracy and individual privacy. Party Polaris will ensure the protection of privacy while allowing the responsible use of technology to aid in protecting citizens by placing regulations on the use of facial recognition, increasing government transparency, and regulating the sale of data by private companies.

- I. **Party Polaris will restrict government use of face recognition technology.** Law enforcement will be required to have warrants in order to use facial recognition software. The use of facial recognition software will be limited to the investigation of serious crimes such as public safety emergencies and human trafficking. When used, facial recognition software results cannot be the sole basis for arrest.
- II. **Party Polaris will address the issues concerning government transparency on data regulations and methods.** When facial recognition is used in an arrest, a notice to defendants will be required, where the government is required to reveal the methods used for facial recognition matches. Citizens will also have the right to access their personal information held by the government and be given an opportunity to make corrections.
- III. Party Polaris will regulate data practices of private companies. Private data collecting businesses are known to sell their information to the government. If they do not sell the information, they are often bribed or coerced into giving said information. Party Polaris will give businesses the right to collect, use and share data in only ways that are necessary for the company. **It will also require explicit consent by requiring companies to use consent forms written in simple language that explains the data collected and its purpose.** In addition, the sale of data to the government and other third parties, is not allowed without consent from the peoples' whose data is being shared.

Party Polaris recognizes that modern technology is a powerful law enforcement tool. However, if not regulated, that technology can be used unethically. Party Polaris aims to guide the use of modern technology based on ethical standards.



Cyber Regulation

Party Polaris will reform Section 230 and the Communications Decency Act of 1996, a set of legislation regarding internet companies' ability to host and moderate content, to decrease content moderation policies that harm citizens and limit their speech.

- I. Section 230 was intended to allow internet providers to moderate the content they host. It was used to dismiss an antitrust lawsuit against Google. **Party Polaris will add an exception to the cases where section 230 immunity would apply so that it cannot be used in antitrust cases.** Section 230 was not intended to be used to protect monopolies, and as such Party Polaris will clarify the legislation to reflect this intended use.
- II. Party Polaris will limit the scope of reasons a host could remove content and not be liable under Section 230 so content hosts are prevented from removing content that is legal and does not violate their terms of service.
- III. Party Polaris will add a requirement to section 230 that content hosts provide notice to users whose content has been removed detailing when and why it was removed. This can be done by defining “good faith” moderation actions.
- IV. FOSTA (Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act) is a blanket policy that is intended to fight sex trafficking online. The act is a blanket solution that generally increases censorship. It has backfired, as traffickers have moved offshore, making it harder to prosecute them. Sex workers have also been negatively impacted by this policy. **Party Polaris will repeal FOSTA, and replace it with a much more focused bill with much more specific language designed to address online sex trafficking while retaining as much freedom of expression as possible.**

Party Polaris recognizes that the internet is wildly different than what it was in 1996. As such, legislation must be updated to match that change. With these changes, Party Polaris aims to clarify and update current legislation so as to better moderate a rapidly changing online space.



Sex Trafficking

Policy will introduce a National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (NAHTTF) that will coordinate an improved and coherent US anti-trafficking strategy. The NAHTTF will use integrated law enforcement, services for anti-trafficking victims, and public education programs. It will function according to the principle that data provides its direction.

- I. Enhanced Law Enforcement Collaboration: **The NAHTTF will be led by a newly appointed National Anti-Human Trafficking coordinator from the U.S. Department of Justice**, responsible for cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). A key aspect of the task force will be increasing the sharing of data between federal and state authorities, establishing specialized human trafficking units within local law enforcement, and offering training programs on trafficking identification and investigation techniques.
- II. Expanded Victim Services: **The NAHTTF will work with federal, state, and local agencies to improve victim identification and provide comprehensive support services**, including housing, legal assistance, medical care, counseling, and educational programs. The Crime Victims Compensation Program will be expanded to provide financial assistance for trafficking survivors, covering immediate relocation costs, legal services, and long-term recovery support.
- III. Public Awareness and Education Campaigns: **The NAHTTF will launch a nationwide public education campaign focused on recognizing the signs of human trafficking**, reporting suspicious activity, and supporting victims. The campaign will target the general public, as well as specific sectors, including the hospitality, transportation, and retail industries, where trafficking is often prevalent. This initiative will include digital campaigns, partnerships with community organizations, and outreach to schools and universities.
- IV. Root Cause Mitigation: **The NAHTTF will prioritize the development of educational programs' goal of forestalling human trafficking through the root causes of economic injustice**, lack of opportunity, and widespread violence. This means collaborating with the Department of Education and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as well as any other associated groups to better enable those at risk to receive an education, job training, housing, and mental health resources.
- V. Data Collection and Reporting: **A key component of the NAHTTF will be the establishment of a centralized human trafficking data repository** that will allow for real-time tracking of trafficking cases across the country. This system will be accessible by law enforcement agencies, policymakers, and researchers, and will help to improve the allocation of resources and the effectiveness of interventions.

Party Polaris will allocate \$100 million annually to developing the programs and hiring employees to run the NAHTTF.



Land

Territories

In Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, a binding plebiscite will be held to determine the status of those territories.

All the plebiscites will provide a choice between statehood, independence, free association, or to remain as a territory. If American Samoa decides to remain as a territory, it will take part in a second plebiscite to determine whether its residents will receive American citizenship or remain as U.S. nationals. If Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands both select statehood or to remain as territories, they will be given the option to become a single state or territory under a name of their choosing, as the unification of the two territories is popular among their residents. A similar binding plebiscite will be held in Washington, D.C., with the only options being statehood or maintaining the status quo.

Any territory that chooses independence or free association will be given a period of 6 months before the United States recognizes them as an independent nation or as a nation with free association. **Territories that choose to keep their territorial status will be subject to the proposed 28th Amendment.** If statehood is chosen, then it will go through the process of becoming a state. Until it does, it will be considered a territory and therefore subject to the 28th Amendment. In the specific case that Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands combine, their decision will be treated according to 48 USC 1844.23.

The 28th Amendment will set out new guidelines for the territories. Each inhabited territory that provides US citizenship to its denizens will receive a number of representatives in the House of Representatives according to the normal process. **To reduce the proportional representation the states would lose, the total number of representatives will be increased to 440.** All the territories will share two voting delegates in the Senate that vote according to the decisions of the delegates of each territory (or in Puerto Rico's case, a resident commissioner). In the electoral college, each representative will correspond to one elector.

As a result of the increased representation, citizens in the territories will need to pay 40% of the federal income tax (e.g., this will be a progressive tax system therefore someone in the lowest tax bracket will need to pay 4% in federal taxes). **Territories may keep legislation that provides tax breaks, but all entities within the territory must pay at least 65% of the capital gains tax they would pay if they lived in the states, and no entities may pay 0% income taxes in any category while within the territory.** With the help of [Party Polaris' reformed tax plan](#), these new taxes will primarily target the billionaires who have displaced locals through housing speculation and used the territories as tax havens. In total, the 28th Amendment is expected to produce a minimum of \$14.2 billion per year.



Native Land

Native Americans have faced violence and discrimination across American history. This has led to reservations facing some of the worst levels of poverty in the nation. Party Polaris will provide funding to target health concerns on reservations and protect native land and its residents.

- I. Party Polaris will address the lack of funding and availability of healthcare for Native Americans. While Native American reservations are dependent nations and laws cannot be set to mandate more hospitals or health facilities, funding can be granted to encourage more health opportunities. **Party Polaris will give annual grants of 70 million dollars to the IHS (Indian health service) to encourage the construction of medical infrastructure.**
- II. Party Polaris will encourage more educational opportunities to those who reside on Tribal lands. **Students with a 3.4 GPA and are wanting a college education will be granted \$4000 annually to help the student stay in college with no fear of being unable to afford it.** This grant will afford students increased opportunities to pursue higher education.
- III. Party Polaris aims to stop the violence against women on native land. **Party Polaris will create self defense classes for anyone who feels unsafe.** These classes will be taught by police officers. All participating police offices will receive \$3000 dollars for participation. Along with self-defense classes, any individual wanting to become an officer will have tuition waived at police academies to create safer environments for all.

The Celestial Plan will cost the government around \$500 million over the span of 5 years. The United States has long mistreated Native Americans. Party Polaris aims to support native populations by providing the resources to fight the largest issues in native communities.



Budget Disclosure

Combined, the above policies result in a four year monetary surplus of 85 billion.