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2020 Agenda: Increase economic inclusion, reduce inequality at reasonable public cost

- Raise minimum wage with annual COLA (option: give states some leeway to adjust ↓ to reflect cost of living/labor).
- Five PAID sick days annually for ALL workers.
- 100% of Americans with health coverage by 2025 - with strong cost controls (any number of payers will work).
- Universal retirement savings system with minimum \$500 annual government contribution (thus, all Americans own working capital, have stake in market economy).
- No surprise medical bill >\$500.
- Cut cost of college/expand apprenticeship programs.
- Improve Social Security benefits for bottom 50%. Achieve long-term solvency through higher taxes mostly on top 20%.

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Exploring economic inequality - Advocating for the bottom 50%

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Resources:

All Workers Should Have A Few Paid Sick Days. The President And Congress Can Make It Happen – Health Affairs

https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20181220.167994/full/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Prescription+Drug+Policy%3B+Paid+Sick+Days%3B+Health+Care+Trade-Offs%3B+ACA+Litigation+Round-Up%3B+Retail+Outlets+Using+Telehealth&utm_campaign=HAT

A Widening Gap in Life Expectancy Makes Raising Social Security's Retirement Age a Particularly Bad Deal for Low-Wage Earners - February 2020

<http://inequalityink.org/resources/social%20security%20progressivity%20-%20final%20-%20202-06-2020%20reviewer%20edits.pdf>

Op-ed: Half of Americans have no retirement savings — here's how Congress can look out for them – Washington Examiner

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/half-of-americans-have-no-retirement-savings-heres-how-congress-can-look-out-for-them>

Growing inequality has shrunk Social Security's tax base. Revitalizing it could restore solvency without cutting benefits.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/theres-a-way-to-save-social-security-but-it-involves-taxing-the-rich>