

Quotes from Leaders Using Progressive Economic Narrative

Quest: An Economy that Works for All of Us

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders



“Together we are going to create an economy that works for all of us, not just the 1%.”

Problem: The cost of living is way too high – many of us are living paycheck to paycheck. The super-rich and corporations use campaign donations and lobbyists to get even richer at the expense of everyday Americans.

Former Vice-President Joe Biden



“You see how companies have become so adept at squeezing every last penny out of their payroll, how good they’ve become at tilting the scales in their favor, but it’s not only making it harder for -- harder and harder to meet our basic needs.”

Governor of Colorado Jared Polis



“We hear that the economy is booming but for too many families it doesn’t feel that way. Wages simply haven’t kept up with the cost of living in Colorado. It’s getting harder and harder to buy a home, afford health care, pay for college, or save for retirement. It’s time to stop talking about fixing these problems and actually start doing it.”

Solution: Working families and the middle class are the engines of the economy. We all do better when we all do better.

President Barack Obama



“It is our generation’s task, then, to reignite the true engine of America’s economic growth: a rising, thriving middle class.”

“I believe that when middle-class families are doing well – they’ve got money in their pockets, they’re getting decent wages, they’ve got some health care security – then we all do better.”

How We Get There: Rewrite the rules ... By decisions we make together

Minnesota Attorney General and formers U.S. Representative Keith Ellison



“What we have is a jobs crisis in America. **We made a series of decisions** to over the course of years to deemphasize jobs and good robust employment and instead **made a decision** that if give us much money as we can to rich people maybe they will take care of us. That has been a failed experiment. And **we are making a shift away from this** and we are going to take this economy and make it to a job focused, high-wage economy.”

U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren



“Our fight is to change the rules so that our government, our economy, and our democracy work for everyone.”

Call to Action: An America that Works for All of Us

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka



“You and I are not ready to give up on America. We’re not ready to give up for having a good job for every last American who wants to work. We’re not ready to stop believing in America. We’re not going to give up on our country on ourselves. Not today, not next week.”