



TOP AMERICA FIRST ACTIONS TO

UNLEASH AMERICAN PROSPERITY



The economic success of the Nation is driven by the will and genius of free men and women aspiring to achieve their dreams and advance prosperity for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Since its inception, America has been a country of pioneers and strivers. This spirit, cultivated and sustained by the constitutional framework of limited government, private property, and free enterprise, has been the driving force that made America's economy the strongest in the world. We will only maintain this preeminent position over countries that place greater faith in the central planning power of government bureaucrats and connected insiders by trusting the wisdom of free people.

The America First Policy Institute is dedicated to advancing public policy that puts the prosperity of American citizens first, restores and strengthens the American free enterprise system, defends workers and entrepreneurs, promotes growth that lifts up forgotten communities, and celebrates the innovative spirit of the American people. We recognize that our Nation's economic prosperity reached unprecedented heights through Americans' grit, ingenuity, and innovative spirit. When America First economic policies are followed, the opportunities for America to soar to new heights are boundless.

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1 Stop the Federal Spending Frenzy
At \$197,000 per second, excessive federal spending is fueling out-of-control inflation and siphoning needed resources from families and small businesses.

2 Permanently Extend the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act's Expiring Provisions
Tax increases make Americans poorer, cause U.S. businesses to be less competitive globally, decrease workforce participation, and reduce prosperity.

3 End the War on American Energy
Ending this war starts with regulatory reforms to streamline and accelerate the energy permitting process. This is necessary because an all-of-the-above energy strategy that creates a level playing field for all energy sources to compete without political interference will provide a stable and abundant supply of affordable energy.

4 Reinstate Two-for-One Regulatory Relief
The Trump Administration's Executive Order 13771 called for the repeal of two existing regulations for every new regulation. This crucial policy approach enabled businesses to focus on their customers instead of on federal bureaucrats.

5 End the Politicization of Investment
Americans desire control over their retirement savings and full transparency into how fund managers make investment decisions.

6 Ensure Able-Bodied Recipients of Public Assistance are Contributing
Policymakers should insist on work requirements to receive welfare benefits. America is a generous society but also one that asks everybody to do their part because we recognize the destructiveness of long-term idleness to the individual, the economy, and public budgets.

7 Allow Seniors to Work Without Penalty
The Social Security income test steeply penalizes seniors for working. At a time of labor shortage, seniors should not be punished for making valuable contributions to the economy.

8 Stop Using the Tax Code to Penalize Investment and Subsidize High-Tax States
Doing so creates economic distortions that undermine economic growth and prosperity. For example, indexing capital gains for inflation would create an additional 410,000 jobs, grow the U.S. capital stock by \$1.25 trillion, and boost GDP by approximately \$625 billion by 2031.

9 Bring Accountability and Transparency to Federal Budgeting
The current debt path is unsustainable, the budget process is broken, and it is time for the games to end. We must make it easier to eliminate failed programs, modify mandatory spending, and hold legislators accountable for unfunded obligations.

10 Adopt a Universal Licensing Recognition Policy
Allow practitioners licensed in at least one state to work across state borders because burdensome licensing requirements make maintaining an occupation more costly when moving to another state.