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Issue 1: Gun Violence

Claim / Statistic	Source & URL
330 school shootings in 2024	Education Week School Shooting Tracker https://www.edweek.org/leadership/school-shootings-this... 2024 annual data
Guns are the #1 cause of death for American children and teens	CDC National Center for Health Statistics / New England Journal of Medicine https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2201761 Goldstick et al., NEJM, 2022 — updated annually by CDC
92% of Americans support universal background checks	Quinnipiac University Poll https://poll.qu.edu/poll-release?releaseid=3803 June 2022 — consistent across multiple polls
202 House Republicans voted against background checks bill	House Vote #84, H.R. 8 — Bipartisan Background Checks Act https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2021/roll084.xml March 11, 2021
201 House Republicans voted against red flag bill	House Vote #215, H.R. 2377 https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2022/roll215.xml June 2022
34 Senate Republicans blocked gun safety after Uvalde	Senate Vote #207 — Procedural vote on gun safety legislation https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_votes/... May 26, 2022
Republicans introduced 26 bills to loosen gun laws in 2025	Giffords Law Center Legislative Tracker https://giffords.org/lawcenter/resources/gun-law-trendw... 2025
\$2.35 billion mental health funding in gun safety bill	Text of Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, S.2938 https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bil... June 2022

Issue 2: Healthcare

Claim / Statistic	Source & URL
66.5% of bankruptcies caused by medical bills	American Journal of Public Health — Himmelstein et al. https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/10.2105/AJPH.2018... <i>2019 study, based on 2013-2016 federal bankruptcy data</i>
530,000 families go bankrupt from healthcare costs per year	American Journal of Public Health — Himmelstein et al. https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/10.2105/AJPH.2018... <i>2019</i>
\$220 billion in total medical debt owed by Americans	JAMA — Kluender et al. / KFF Health System Tracker https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/27821... <i>2021 — updated by KFF annually</i>
Zero Republicans voted for the ACA	House Roll Call Vote 165 / Senate Roll Call Vote 396 https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2010/roll165.xml <i>March 21-22, 2010</i>
Republicans tried to repeal the ACA over 60 times	NPR / Congressional Research Service count https://www.npr.org/2024/11/21/nx-s1-5198483/trump-repu... <i>Through 2017; continued attempts documented by CRS</i>
217 House Republicans voted to gut pre-existing condition protections	House Vote #256 — American Health Care Act https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2017/roll256.xml <i>May 4, 2017</i>
Medicaid cuts of \$800 billion+ in 2025 Republican bill	Congressional Budget Office — Score of House Budget Reconciliation Bill https://www.cbo.gov/publication/61114 <i>2025</i>
56% of insured Americans have medical debt	KFF Health Care Debt Survey https://www.kff.org/health-costs/report/kff-health-care... <i>March 2022</i>

Issue 3: Climate Crisis

Claim / Statistic	Source & URL
27 separate billion-dollar weather disasters in 2024	NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information https://www.climatecentral.org/climate-matters/billion-... <i>2024 annual summary</i>
\$182 billion total cost of US weather disasters in 2024	NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information — Billion-Dollar Disasters https://www.climatecentral.org/climate-matters/billion-...

	2024
Average annual disaster cost \$149B per year 2020-2024	NOAA Billion-Dollar Disasters Historical Data https://www.climatecentral.org/climate-matters/billion-... 2024 — compared to \$22B average in 1980s (inflation-adjusted)
2024 first year global temps exceeded 1.5°C threshold	Copernicus Climate Change Service / WMO https://climate.copernicus.eu/global-climate-highlights... January 2025
Trump withdrew from Paris Agreement — twice	White House Executive Order / State Department Notice https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01... January 20, 2025 (second withdrawal)
Only 3 of 197 House Republicans voted to stay in Paris Agreement	House Vote #95 — Climate Action Now Act https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2019/roll095.xml May 2, 2019
IRA created 406,000 clean energy jobs	Climate Power / BlueGreen Alliance Clean Energy Jobs Tracker https://climatepower.us/resources/clean-energy-jobs-rep... January 2025
IRA triggered \$422 billion in private investment	Clean Investment Monitor — MIT/RMI https://cleaninvestmentmonitor.org/ 2025
NOAA disaster database shutdown in 2025	Washington Post / NOAA official announcement https://www.cnn.com/2025/05/08/climate/noaa-ends-disast... March 2025

Issue 4: Money in Politics

Claim / Statistic	Source & URL
\$2.7 billion spent by super PACs in 2024 election	Federal Election Commission / OpenSecrets https://www.opensecrets.org/outside-spending/super_pacs 2024 election cycle
\$2 billion in dark money spent in 2024 election	OpenSecrets Dark Money Database https://www.opensecrets.org/dark-money 2024 election cycle
21 billionaire families outspent millions of small donors in 2022	Brennan Center for Justice https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports... 2022
90% of voters say money in politics is major problem	New York Times/CBS News Poll https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/06/02/us/polit... June 2015 — consistent across multiple subsequent polls
Citizens United decided 5-4 by	Supreme Court — Citizens United v. FEC, 558 U.S. 310

Republican-appointed justices	https://www.oyez.org/cases/2008/08-205 January 21, 2010
Senate Republicans blocked DISCLOSE Act repeatedly since 2010	Senate vote records — multiple votes 2010-2023 https://www.senate.gov/legislative/votes_new.htm Multiple votes: 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2022, 2023
One Nation dark money group spent \$145M in 2022 midterms	OpenSecrets / IRS 990 filings https://www.opensecrets.org/orgs/one-nation/summary?id=... 2022
Conservative dark money outspent liberal: \$2.6B vs \$1.7B since Citizens United	OpenSecrets Dark Money Totals by Ideology https://www.opensecrets.org/dark-money/basics Through 2024

Issue 5: Economic Inequality

Claim / Statistic	Source & URL
2017 TCJA tax cut for richest 0.1% was 277x larger than for teachers	Tax Policy Center — Distributional Analysis of TCJA https://taxpolicycenter.org/publications/distributional... December 2017
Richest 1% averaged \$50,000 cut; bottom 80% averaged \$645	Tax Policy Center — TCJA Distribution Tables https://taxpolicycenter.org/feature/analysis-tax-cuts-a... December 2017
Corporate tax rate cut from 35% to 21% under TCJA	IRS / Tax Foundation https://taxfoundation.org/research/all/federal/trump-ta... 2017
Corporations used windfall for stock buybacks not raises	Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco / Just Capital survey https://www.frbsf.org/economic-research/publications/ec... 2019
Amazon paid \$0 federal income tax on \$2.3B profits in 2024	Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy https://itep.org/corporate-tax-avoidance/ 2024 filing year
\$90,000 average tax cut for millionaires under 2025 Republican bill	Congressional Budget Office / Tax Policy Center analysis of reconciliation bill https://www.taxpolicycenter.org/taxvox/preliminary-anal... 2025
Largest cuts to SNAP in history in 2025 Republican bill	Center on Budget and Policy Priorities https://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/house-bud... 2025
Federal minimum wage stuck at \$7.25 since 2009	U.S. Department of Labor https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/minimum-wage/history Longest stretch without increase in history

Top 10% hold 3x the wealth of everyone else combined	Federal Reserve — Distribution of Household Wealth in the U.S. https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/z1/dataviz/dfa/... 2024 Q3 data
IRS funding to recover \$114B from wealthy tax cheats	Congressional Budget Office — Inflation Reduction Act score https://www.cbo.gov/publication/58227 August 2022

Issue 6: Voting Rights

Claim / Statistic	Source & URL
425+ voter restriction bills introduced in 49 states after 2020	Brennan Center for Justice — Voting Laws Roundup https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports... 2021 — ongoing tracking
33 restrictive voting laws enacted after 2020	Brennan Center for Justice https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports... 2021
21 million Americans lack qualifying government-issued photo ID	Brennan Center for Justice — Citizens Without Proof https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports... 2006 — subsequent studies confirm similar numbers
Every Senate Republican blocked For the People Act — twice	Senate Vote #210 (2021) and subsequent votes https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_votes/... 2021 and 2022
Every Senate Republican blocked Freedom to Vote Act	Senate cloture vote — S.2747 https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_votes/... October 2021
Shelby County v. Holder gutted Voting Rights Act	Supreme Court — Shelby County v. Holder, 570 U.S. 529 https://www.oyez.org/cases/2012/12-96 June 25, 2013
Texas announced voter ID law within hours of Shelby ruling	Texas Attorney General press release / Washington Post https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/texas-enacts-st... June 25, 2013
Georgia made it illegal to give food/water to voters in line	Georgia SB 202 — Election Integrity Act of 2021, Section 33 https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59827 March 25, 2021
Republican state rep admitted goal was to reduce young voter turnout	New Hampshire House floor debate, Rep. Barbara Griffin https://www.concordmonitor.com/gop-lawmaker-same-day-re... 2012 — widely documented
8.5% drop in Milwaukee voter turnout when polling places cut from 182 to 5	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee study https://uwm.edu/eti/spring-2020-absentee-voting/ 2020

Issue 7: Rural America & Farmers

Claim / Statistic	Source & URL
160,000 farms lost between 2017 and 2024	USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service — Census of Agriculture https://www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus/ <i>2017 and 2022 Census of Agriculture (most recent available)</i>
34% of dairy farms lost since 2017	USDA NASS Milk Production reports https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_Subject/index.p... 2024
130+ rural hospitals closed since 2010	Chartis Center for Rural Health https://www.chartis.com/insights/2025-rural-health-stat... 2024 — ongoing tracker
300+ rural hospitals at immediate risk of closure	Chartis Center for Rural Health — Rural Hospital Vulnerability Study https://www.chartis.com/insights/2025-rural-health-stat... 2024
4 companies control 85% of beef market	USDA / Open Markets Institute https://openmarketsinstitute.org/explainer/meat-and-pou... 2023
Trump's trade war — China halted US soybean purchases	USDA Economic Research Service — Agricultural Trade https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/international-markets-u... 2018-2019
\$28 billion in trade war farm bailouts	Environmental Working Group Farm Subsidy Database https://farm.ewg.org/ 2018-2019
2025 Republican budget cuts \$70B from rural hospitals via Medicaid	Center on Budget and Policy Priorities — Medicaid analysis https://www.cbpp.org/research/health 2025
Republicans cut 1,200 Farm Service Agency staff in 2025	American Farm Bureau Federation / USDA announcement https://www.fb.org/market-intel/usda-staffing-cuts 2025
Rural Medicaid expansion states 62% less likely to close hospitals	Health Affairs — Kaufman et al. https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2016... 2016 — confirmed by subsequent studies

Issue 8: Immigration

Claim / Statistic	Source & URL
\$14.5 trillion fiscal surplus generated by immigrants 1994-2023	National Academies of Sciences — The Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Immigration https://nap.nationalacademies.org/catalog/23550/the-economic-and-fiscal-consequences-of-immigration 2016 — <i>flagship comprehensive study</i>
\$89.8 billion in taxes paid by undocumented immigrants in 2023	Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy https://itep.org/undocumented-immigrants-taxes-2024/ 2024
\$8.9 trillion projected GDP boost from immigration 2024-2034	Congressional Budget Office — Budget and Economic Outlook 2024-2034 https://www.cbo.gov/publication/59946 February 2024
46% of Fortune 500 companies founded by immigrants or children	American Immigration Council https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/con... 2024
Immigrants commit crimes at lower rates than native-born Americans	Cato Institute — Criminal Immigrants in Texas https://www.cato.org/immigration-research-policy-brief... 2020 — <i>multiple studies confirm this finding</i>
4.1 million US citizen children have undocumented parent	Migration Policy Institute https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/undocumented-immig... 2023
Republicans killed bipartisan border security bill in 2024	Senate vote on S.4361 — bipartisan border security bill https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_votes/... February 7, 2024
Mass deportation estimated to cost \$500B+	American Immigration Council — The Cost of Mass Deportation https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/mas... 2024
Mass deportation would reduce GDP by up to 7% by 2028	Peterson Institute for International Economics https://www.piie.com/research/piie-charts/2024/mass-dep... 2024
Cato Institute: without immigrants US debt would be above 200% of GDP	Cato Institute — Immigration and the Federal Budget https://www.cato.org/immigration-research-policy-brief... 2019
Immigration raised wages for American workers by 0.8% 2000-2022	National Bureau of Economic Research https://www.nber.org/papers/w30960 2023

Issue 9: The Economy Myth

Claim / Statistic	Source & URL
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GDP growth 4.3% under Democrats vs 2.5% under Republicans since WWII	Blinder & Watson — Presidents and the US Economy: An Econometric Exploration https://www.nber.org/papers/w20324 <i>NBER Working Paper, 2014 — updated through 2024 by multiple economists</i>
Job growth 2.5x faster under Democratic presidents	Bureau of Labor Statistics / Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis FRED database https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/PAYEMS <i>Calculated from BLS payroll data by administration</i>
10 of 11 recessions since 1953 began under Republican presidents	NBER Business Cycle Dating Committee / BLS https://www.nber.org/research/business-cycle-dating <i>2024 — NBER official recession dates</i>
Every party switch: economy improved under Democrats, worsened under Republicans	Blinder & Watson — Presidents and the US Economy https://www.nber.org/papers/w20324 <i>2014 — "statistically overwhelming" finding</i>
Trump said in 2004 economy does better under Democrats	Wolf Blitzer CNN interview with Donald Trump https://transcripts.cnn.com/show/se/date/2004-03-25/seg... <i>March 25, 2004</i>
Reagan tripled the national debt	U.S. Treasury — Historical Debt Outstanding https://fiscaldata.treasury.gov/datasets/historical-deb... <i>Debt grew from \$994B to \$2.9T 1981-1989</i>
Clinton balanced the budget — only balanced budgets in 50 years	Congressional Budget Office — Historical Budget Data https://www.cbo.gov/about/products/budget-economic-data <i>Surpluses 1998-2001</i>
Bush turned Clinton surplus into largest deficit in history (at that time)	CBO Historical Budget Data https://www.cbo.gov/about/products/budget-economic-data <i>2001-2009</i>
2008 financial crisis — 8.7 million jobs lost	Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Employment Statistics https://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.toc.htm <i>2008-2010</i>
Trump added more to national debt than any president in history — \$7.8 trillion	U.S. Treasury — Historical Debt Outstanding https://fiscaldata.treasury.gov/datasets/historical-deb... <i>January 2017 - January 2021</i>
S&P 500 averaged 11.2% annually under Democrats vs 6.9% under Republicans	Macrotrends S&P 500 historical data / Stock Trader's Almanac https://www.macrotrends.net/1320/qqq-historical-price-d... <i>Calculated from 1945-2024 data</i>
Biden IRA and CHIPS Act created more manufacturing jobs than any recent administration	White House Council of Economic Advisers / BLS Manufacturing Employment https://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/manemp.htm <i>2022-2024</i>
Business investment higher under Democratic administrations	Bureau of Economic Analysis — Fixed Asset Tables https://www.bea.gov/data/investment/nonresidential-fixe... <i>Calculated from BEA data by administration</i>

A note on sourcing

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