

# Covid-19 Economic Response: Cancel Student Loans by Executive Order.

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***Trillions could be injected into the economy with no tax money needed, and nothing added to the national debt.***

President Trump needs new ways to stimulate the economy. After having thrown an astonishing \$9 Trillion into the economy, (and adding roughly that amount to the national debt), Wall Street is bouncing back stronger than ever, but 50 million citizens have lost their jobs, and many of those jobs will not come back. This is hurting young people particularly hard. The President has very few options left, and every conceivable

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**...EXCEPT CANCELLING STUDENT LOANS BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.**

*The President could issue an executive order cancelling all of the student loans that the federal government holds- about 85% of all student debt. Nothing would be added to the national debt, and no tax appropriation would be needed. This is- by far- the least expensive, and most expedient way to inject trillions into the economy.*

**MAKE NO MISTAKE: Before the Covid-19 crisis, this was a FAILED lending system:** 55 million borrowers and cosigners are struggling under \$1.8 Trillion in debt (up from only \$175 billion in 2000). Over \$100 Billion in interest alone is being sucked out of the economy every year. The default rate for 2004 borrowers is 40%, and borrowing has tripled since that time. According to the recently resigned Chief Operating Officer of the lending program, 80% of all borrowers will never be able to repay their loans.

**Unlike all other loans in this country,** student loans have been stripped of fundamental consumer protections like bankruptcy rights, statutes of limitations, and others. **Without these protections, student loans have been weaponized against the very citizens they were supposed to help.**

**The Result:** Lives and livelihoods are being wrecked en masse. Young people aren't getting married, starting families, businesses or buying homes. Older people are being forced to cash in their retirements. Families are being torn apart. People are fleeing the country. Some are even committing suicide.

**This is not right. This was never right.**

Analysts have predicted that cancelling student loans will increase GDP by about \$100 billion for the next ten years, but they do not take into account the *borrowing capacity (and thus spending)* that such a move would free up. This would be another \$1 **Trillion** injected into the economy in the near and medium term. **Some experts even believe that debt cancellation is the only way to avoid a depression!**

**THE PRESIDENT- WHETHER THIS ONE OR THE NEXT- MUST RESET THIS FAILED LENDING SYSTEM.**

President Trump has **decried the fact** that the government was making so much profit on the loans. The President should create a far more efficient higher education financing system that doesn't wreck the citizens, hyper-inflate the price of college, and enable a national threat such as what the Department of Education has become.

Rest assured, the taxpayers will be fine. The federal government has been profiting **wildly** on this lending system for ten years running. Many years of White House Budget data confirm that the Department of Education is- astonishingly- even making a **profit on defaulted loans!** While no one can say with accuracy how much of the **\$1.5 Trillion** in outstanding federal loans is interest vs. principal, it is likely that the former is significantly larger than the latter. So on balance, the taxpayer should more-than break even on such a move.

Bureaucrats, lobbyists, and other defenders of the lending system in and around the Department of Education will surely protest such a move, but 40 million citizens who are being crushed under the weight of these predatory loans will cheer, and the economy will flourish.

*This is an historic opportunity for the President to cure a recession, drain the swamp, create a better higher education financing system, and strongly endear himself to tens of millions of voters who would otherwise have, by and large, opposed him this coming November.*

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**WE WILL WIN OUR FREEDOM FROM THIS DEBT WHEN YOU STEP UP AND DO YOUR PART.**

***Alan Collinge is founder of StudentLoanJustice.Org and author of The Student Loan Scam (Beacon Press) Facebook***

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**Cancel Student Loans. Please contact a reporter/news org.**

**Hey All-**

**We REALLY need to get more media coverage for our petition. Will you PLEASE contact a reporter or news organization and tell them to report on our petition?**



**student loan justice.org**

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## Reasons for signing



**Donna Mandell** · 5 months ago

People who have loans in the thousands can't get a job for the degree they received for that amount of money spent. People haven't been able to get a job in their educated degree field for decades yet still be haunted & wage deducted that most can't afford to live anymore bc gov is still TAKING! Other countries give free education, if America is so great then why don't we? We are failing in way too many ways our people who are trying to keep this country strong while our government is breaking us down!

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**Gordon Wayne Watts** · 5 months ago

Alan is right: Even a COMPLETE cancellation of ALL student loans, President Trump, would cost almost no taxpayer dollars: We own (not guarantee) most of these loans, thus the money's already been paid out. Moreover, a mass cancellation would scare the HELL out of the sole lender (the department of education), and convince them to STOP loansharking loaning huge amounts of OUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS to students who CAN'T REPAY these price-gouging monopoly inflates tuition prices, thus saving \$TRILLION\$. .. Lastly, it would be a good stimulus for this economy. Naturally, as we're both Conservatives who oppose free college or loan forgiveness, I personally think hr2648 and s1414, the student loan bankruptcy equality bills, would be more fair, and more Constitutional given the Constitution REQUIRES college bankruptcy be uniform, see Art1 sec8 c4 of the U.S. Constitution, the Uniformity clause. But given how we bail out WALL STREET banks in NON-EMERGENCIES, why not bail out MAIN STREET middle-class in the Coronavirus TRUE EMERGENCY. Thanks. :) Gordon Wayne Watts in Florida. Google me for more info.

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