

WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WERE PRESIDENT?**By Andre T., 9th grade**

My major concern would be about the people getting sick and people not having cures for them. My concern is for other countries as well. The diseases that I am concern about having cures are heart diseases, cancer, and AIDS. Why I have concerns about that because it's enough people dying, and I don't want more people dying. I would make a law that nutritious food would cost less money. It would be fighting heart disease. I educate people about sunburns and smoking so that they will not get lung and skin cancer. It would be a law that people would educate other people about getting AIDS. I would hope to accomplish that people would stop dying from disease.

My other major concern is good schools, poor people.

By Myanna S., 6th grade

If I was president, I'll lower gas prices, make sure at least 100 people in each neighborhood are employed, and make sure kids are getting good education.

Kids in Africa and India have enough food. People in war are coming home safe and alive to see their friends and family.

That people can come together and make peace.

By Adrian H., 3rd grade

If I were a president I will help people. I will get people jobs. I will give people houses. I will make sure there were no bad wars. I will make America a good place.

By Daniel A., 9th grade

If I were president I would help people get jobs, stop the war in Iraq and help other countries that have problems. I would do something about the economy. If I was the first president that is Mexican, I will help my Mexican people and my American people and other races. I will make everyone equal, and stop immigration for any races. This is your President.

By Malik S., 6th grade

Dear Barack Obama,

If I were President my major concern would be to lower state taxes because Illinois has the highest taxes in the U.S.A.

I think that's not fair at all. How would you feel if I raised a bag of chips to \$1.00? You would be mad, right? Chicago's environment is falling down in our money budget mostly because of jobs and stock markets. So, Obama, please help lower our taxes.

From, A Great Citizen

By Malik S., 6th grade

If I were President my major concern would be lowering taxes, because Illinois has the highest taxes in the U.S., because Governor Patrick Quinn raised our taxes and not the other states. I'd say that's wrong! Also, in Illinois most people are unemployed, and I would raise the employment jobs so everyone anywhere will have jobs. I would make new jobs like more construction worker engineer, and to fix bank unemployment. The only way we can get out of our economy is by spending money. But we can't because people don't have a lot. Even the stock markets are crashing. I hope Barack Obama gets this essay.

By Yulisa R., 6th grade

If I were President I would help Mexican people who are not citizens become citizens. Then when they are citizens they could vote. As President I would shorten the school day to 8:30 to 12:30. I would also give every student their own teacher.

I would also make new events at the schools. Events like: Dance class, cheerleading, basketball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, bowling, ice skating, dances. There will also be classes to teach kids how to behave. I would also make sure all kids get presents for Christmas.

As president I would help my parents to have a bigger house. I would also make it possible for my parents to visit Mexico every year for 8 months. For my siblings I would like to: for my sister Marleni to have dance class and art classes; I would make sure my brother Kevin was in Karate class; and for my sister Lili to get acting classes.

By Kimberly L., 5th grade

If I were the President's daughter, I would make the chef cook me anything I wanted. I would play bowling every single day. I would watch every movie in the theaters. I will buy anything I want. I would swim in the pool and then sip smoothies in the sun. I will want to still go to a elementary school. I will have a sleep over with my friends. I will get a Doberman and I will call her Chloe and it will be a girl. I will play with her every single day. I will teach her how to swim so we could swim together.

By Ambar A., 8th grade

If I were President of the United States my major concern would be to lower the violence in the city. We should stop selling guns in the city and people that already have guns should give them to police so it could stop the violence now. That is why we should build more jails, shelters, and no more guns, because it could help a lot of people. The law I will like to make is that there should be no one selling guns or have guns. I'll also want more jails and shelters to be built. We need this because every bad people that did something bad, they deserve to go to jail. That is why we need to build more jails. We also need to build shelters because some places you went or when you go to the stores you might see a homeless guy or woman asking for change. They sometimes look for places to stay warm that is why we should build more shelters. My last thing we should do is to stop selling guns because almost every day you would hear in TV that someone got shot and sometimes they just use it for scaring people. I will also tell people at their community to clean, like picking the trash up so it could be a better community and a better place to live without violence. Stop violence Right Now!

By Cordell Y., 5th grade

If I were president one of my major concerns would be lowering taxes! I think that this is a major concern, because if you lower taxes people will get more money on their pay checks. You also get more money than you had on your paycheck. If homeless people have little money and the things they need have taxes, the homeless would get the things they need for the money they have. They don't have to pay taxes. They just give the clerk what they have.

By Alejandro S., 8th grade

If I was President of the United States I would help anyone in need. One of my major concerns is education. I would make sure kids go to the best schools. The government can make sure teachers make enough money and that the best teachers are treated right.

I will also help Mexican people. I will make it easier for them to become citizens. I will give them great jobs. I will make sure all of them know English. I also want to stop gangsters. I will make the police patrol the neighborhood.

If health care is not free, I'll make it cheaper. I will help the homeless in need. I'll give them jobs and opportunity and homes like a hotel for homeless so they won't sleep outside in the cold.

I'll give good things for poor kids or poor people. I'll give them shelter. I will make people recycle more and not throw garbage on the streets. I will ask people to use less gas and use public transportation or use their bikes.

"I hope everything will change in a new way for the United States." I hope that everyone will be healthy, smart, and happy.

By Hirut N., 8th grade

If I was a President, I would like to ban the ownership of guns, by all people who are not police officers. Private people shouldn't have guns, because they might kill each other. I saw on the news too many people getting killed by gun shot. I would hope all private people would get rid of their guns and fewer people get murdered. If a person had a gun in his or her possession, he or she should have a penalty.

I believe that Americans are throwing too much food away. There are many countries who are starving. We should send food to them so they don't starve. If I was a President I would suggest to the Congress that we should raise taxes on food. The taxes will be used to buy food for the hungry in another country. In America food will cost more and people won't waste it.

When I leave my Presidency, I would hope there would be fewer murders and people would be living in peace. I would hope Americans would waste less food and be grateful for what they have.

By Fredy F., 5th grade

One of my major concerns is to make people be polite to each other. This is one of my concerns because people are always mean to each other. People should call the police to arrest the person. I would like to accomplish that people would be nice to each other.

By Corzay Y., 8th grade

If I was the president the major concern I would worry about is taxes. I would lower taxes so that people can afford what they want. I would also lower taxes so that people wouldn't have to foreclose their homes. I would lower taxes every year so that people would not lose homes and have somewhere to live.

If I got elected for president I would build more shelters for people in need. I would lower interest rates on mortgages, so that the people would have somewhere to live. I would help the people get loans so that they can live in a house they can afford.

I would hope to accomplish all my goals as president. I would let the people get loans and just take the money out of their tax checks. I would help people afford things they need but not need as many loans.

By Jasmine T., 10th grade

If I were a president, it would be a really hard job. The job of a president would be hard because of all the responsibilities I would have. Some of my responsibilities as a president would be education, health care, the economy, and public health and safety, and there is a lot more that I would have to take as responsibilities.

My major concern as a president would be to let everyone have a chance at education so they may have more choices in life. The media can encourage people to receive their education. The media can encourage people to help other people to get their education.

Another concern of mine would be to help the homeless people. To help the homeless people I would give them more public service jobs, so they can probably move up to better jobs.

By Efrain M., 5th grade

What's a boxer's favorite drink? Fruit punch. What does that have to do with being president? Nothing, but I think I got your attention. My three F platform is fighting, fun, and family.

I want to stop the fighting because many people are beginning to die. To fix this problem I will ban serious fighting.

I will make a game day on May 10th, so that is a day so families can be together. It's an official holiday so that parents do not work but be with their family.

I will make less school days for kids and make the family time. It starts on May 3 and ends on May 8. Then the day after that is when Fun Day starts, and the government will pay for family time through May 15. When that is over kids stay home and that all is normal. Parents can go back to work and everything goes back to normal other than kids going back to school.

By Cortez Y., 7th grade

If I was President I would live in a big house, I will own a lot of cars and I will change the USA. I will stop debt for people from being poor. I will also have a day called "Feed the Poor Day." It will be on the 5th of every month. Whoever does not feed the poor will get sent to jail.

I will change the USA by stopping debt. I will do that when someone comes to the Mayor and says they need money, the Mayor will make them take a lie detector test to see if they are lying. If they are they will be sent to jail for 15 years to life. If they are not lying, they will get the money, but they can only get \$1,000 or less.

By Leslie A., 6th grade

If I were president I would make sure that everyone had equal opportunities. I would try to fix the economy. These are my concerns because they affect the world and everyone that survives in it. The laws I would make are to have more equality in the U.S. I would also suggest a law that says the people should not start panicking because of the economy. I think that our country would be perfect.

By Jaime F., 5th grade If I was president of the U.S., I will send police to the bad parts of the city, so that bad people will be put in jail. Therefore, our city will be safer.