

**Name: Bernie Sanders**

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?458403-1/senator-bernie-sanders-launches-presidential-bid-brooklyn-york>

6:30 to 40:23

**State:** Born: New York

Current resident: Vermont

**Current Position:** US Senator

* **Committees**
* **Education:**
  + Brooklyn College
  + University of Chicago
* **Experience:**
  + Mayor of Burlington Vt
  + US House of Representatives
* **Position on Issues:**

#### Crime

#### Criminal justice reform

#### No private prisons

#### Drug costs

#### Lower cost of RX drugs

### Economy

### $15 minimum wage

### Rebuild infrastructure (13 million jobs)

### Eliminate tax breaks and loopholes for top 1%

### Education

### Tuition free tertiary education at public colleges and universities

#### Election issues

#### Environment

#### Transfer energy policy away from fossil fuels toward energy efficiency and sustainable energy sources (millions of jobs)

#### Foreign Policy

#### Reduce military spending

#### More diplomacy

#### International cooperation – emphasizing labor rights and environmental concerns

#### Guns

### Healthcare

### Universal and single payer healthcare

### Housing

### Under Sanders, Burlington became the first city in the country to fund [community-trust housing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Community_land_trust).

#### Immigration

#### Comprehensive reform

#### Pathway to citizenship

#### Legalize DACA

#### Mailorder system for asylum seekers

#### Monopolies and government intervention

#### Opioid epidemic response

### Social Issues and Civil Rights

### supporter of [veterans' benefits](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans%27_benefits)

### affordable childcare

### raise Social Security benefits

#### Working class

#### Pro labor rights & unions

#### Reverse income inequality

#### Paid parental leave