



C2 Education's Campaign Speech Writing Contest

Second Place Entry

"Welcome! My name is Joshua Yen, and as you all know, I am running for president. I believe that we the people deserve more than either candidate is promising to do over the next four years, and I promise to bring the people a better future.

If I am elected president, I will reduce the national debt by a third, keep jobs in America, and improve education. Our national debt is over sixteen trillion dollars, which is unacceptable. To close the deficit, I will close loopholes, cut unnecessary spending, and allow each and every dollar to be used in the most efficient way possible. I will do this by personally ordering an independent committee to investigate the spending of the federal government and to point out where spending could be made more efficient or simply cut. The instant the results are released, I will personally oversee the full process of putting these measures into place. Moreover, I will cut all tax cuts for the rich. After all, they are rich enough to not need tax cuts. Furthermore, because small businesses are more likely to keep jobs in America, I will encourage small business by creating tax exemptions for them, which will help America become more competitive. Finally, I will implement a merit-based system for teachers while taking into account the demographics of an area. Those teachers who are the most effective will be rewarded. Our children are the future of America, and we should give them the best education possible. I want to leave to our children the best legacy we possibly can so that we will be remembered for decades to come as the generation that worked together to save America.

In our present government, Democrats and Republicans are bitterly divided and constantly blame each other. I am an independent, and I will reach to both Republicans and Democrats to pass the bills that America needs to come roaring back. I believe that government's purpose is to help the people, not to play a blame game. As a result, I will reach across party lines to bring politicians together for change. These changes will carry America to its golden age. Moreover, I have a dream that the people of America will wake up to a superb America. As of now, I am the only candidate who can bring this dream about. If you share my dream, vote for me."