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Upcoming Events

- **Debate Watch Party:** November 8, 8 p.m. at the Smith Stairs

November, 2023; 12 p.m.; Corns 312

Inflation and Debt



Dr. Ji Young Choi, Associate Professor of Politics and Government, Director of East Asia Studies, Affiliate Professor of International Studies

Dr. Franchesca V. Nestor, Associate Professor of Politics & Government

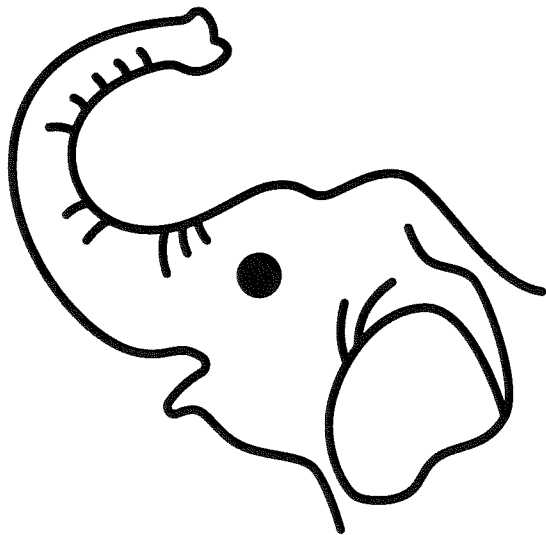
Dr. Goran Skosples, Robert L. and Mary C. Milligan Associate Professor of Economics

**OWU Mock Convention 2024
Platform Hearing #3**

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"The elephant in the room"

Every presidential election cycle, OWU Mock Convention represents whichever major party is not currently in control of the White House. This year, it is the Republican Party. As such, this hearing will focus on the platform of the Republican Party concerning moral issues in politics, as well as the issue stances of each candidate in the primary election.



Expert Spotlights



Dr. Choi specializes in international relations history and theories, international political economy, foreign policy, and East Asian security and political economy. Choi is attracted to developing policy-relevant theories grounded in a systematic study of historical patterns and experiences. His research interests are in the rise and fall of nations or great powers, building bridges between rationalism and constructivism, the politics of economic and financial globalization, East Asian regionalism, the rise of China, and Korean politics and economy.



Dr. Nestor teaches Equality and American Politics, the American Presidency, Congress and Legislative Process, Women and Politics, Food Politics and Policy, Environmental Public Policy, the Conduct of Political Inquiry, and Power and American Politics. Dr. Nestor's research interests include racial and ethnic politics, Congress, congressional committees, food policy, and increasing citizen interest in and understanding of regulatory policy. She has published in journals such as *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *The Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*; and *Science and Engineering Ethics*; and is a co-author on the third edition of *Contemporary Regulatory Policy*.



Dr. Skoples specializes in economics of transition, macroeconomics, development economics, international economics, research methods and economic principles. He encourages students to relate each lesson to current events to help them understand the underlying importance of government economic policies in their daily lives. His research deals with institutional changes in post-communist countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, banking and credit, and small business finance. Skoples teaches Principles of Economics, National Income and Business Cycles, Research Methods in Economics, and Economic Systems.

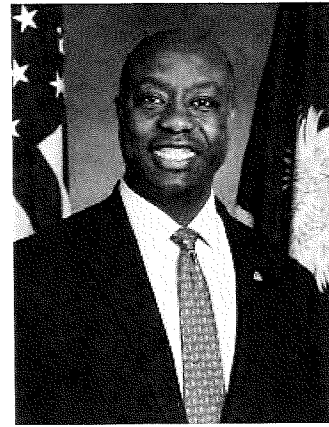


Nikki Haley

- Former Governor of South Carolina
- Former United States ambassador to the United Nations

Former Governor Haley has supported the reduction of taxes and the decrease in Federal Government interference in the market. She has called out both Republican and Democrat lawmakers for the current inflation and debt situations. Haley has also declared that any budget under her administration would require zero-based budgeting (budgeting that requires exact justification for every dollar spent). Her proposed economic plan, dubbed the "Freedom Plan," would specifically lower income tax rates and make small business tax relief permanent. If elected, Haley has pledged to meet with state governors every quarter to discuss ways to encourage economic growth across the nation and has cited her experience as the governor of South Carolina during a noted time of economic growth for the state.

Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.



Tim Scott

- Senator from South Carolina
- Former Representative for South Carolina's 1st District
- Former South Carolina State Representative

Tim Scott considers the economy to be central to the election and has largely condemned "Bidenomics," particularly focusing on inflation, and has touted his own plan. He intends to make the Trump-era 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent, as well as cut down federal regulations on energy and agricultural production, specifically stating that he hopes to double nuclear energy production over the next 10 years and move the departments of energy and agriculture to Tennessee and Iowa, respectively. He has strongly advocated for cutting taxes for all Americans. He has also criticized the Biden administration's handling of student loan debt, promising to eliminate such government assistance programs.

Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.



Donald Trump

- Former President of the United States

Former President Trump has claimed to have caused massive economic growth during his time as president and has claimed to have increased the median household income. Recently on the campaign trail, he has floated the idea of raising tariffs to 10% on all foreign products without regard to country as a baseline. These tariffs would accompany a tax cut similar to the one that was accomplished during his time as president, which included a corporate tax cut rate slashing from 35% to 21%. He has cited his economic changes while president, boasting record low unemployment for traditionally marginalized groups, including African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and women. He has advocated for increased fossil fuel energy, aiming to open federal lands for drilling access and exiting the Paris Accords.

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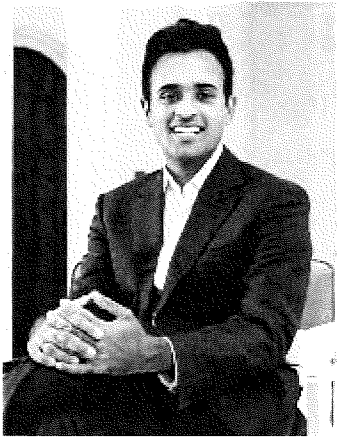


Ron DeSantis

- 46th Governor of Florida
- Former Representative for Florida's 6th Congressional District

Ron DeSantis sees that "elites" are ruining our economy, and wishes to reverse the nation's trade deficit with China, imposing strict laws against the import of items that are the result of copyright infringement and wishes to end China's preferential trade status. He additionally wishes to bar the trade of critical technologies with China. In addition to his foreign economic stance, Ron DeSantis also wishes to incentivize US businesses to invest domestically, by reworking the tax system and slashing regulations. He primarily wishes to slash regulations on the energy sector of the economy. He sees "woke" as the primary issue in our regulations, causing our economic decline.

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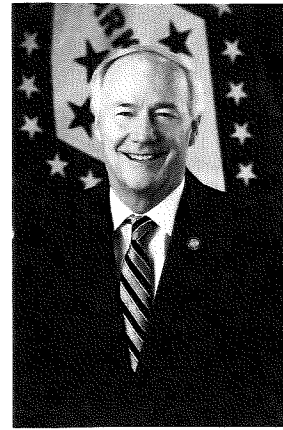


Vivek Ramaswamy

- Entrepreneur

'Drill, frack, burn coal' is a line Vivek Ramaswamy uses to describe how we should "unleash the American economy". He sees the climate issue as one of the leading causes for our economic decline, and calls it a massive hoax leading to money wasting. He additionally wishes for people to return to work, and wants to dismantle the idea put forth by Lyndon Johnson of the "great society". Vivek Ramaswamy also sees majors, such as gender studies as part of the reason for our economic decline, and wishes to see trade schools regain prominence. He has also stated that he wishes to limit the federal reserve to more narrow their goal to only stabilize the US dollar, and reduce regulations put onto the economy.

Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.



Asa Hutchinson

- Former Governor of Arkansas
- Former Representative for Arkansas's 3rd District

Asa Hutchinson claims that he stands alone in terms of his experience and leadership. He holds the economy as a very important aspect to the election and criticizes Biden's "Bidenomics", saying that hard working American families are being double hit by it. Hutchinson blames inflation on government spending and says that under his presidency the burden of the government will be reduced thus lowering the federal deficit. Hutchinson also emphasizes work and claims that he would require able-bodied people on welfare to work as he feels that the Biden Administration is paying them too much. He wants to add as many people to the job pool as possible and holds the millions of job openings as a big issue. Overall Hutchinson seeks to ignite economic growth and enact pro-growth policies to stimulate job creation, propel expansion, and increase wages.

Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.



Chris Christie

- Former Governor of New Jersey
- Former United States Attorney for New Jersey

Chris Christie holds his economic past as a key reason for support in the primary election. He has stated that fixing Social Security and Medicare is extremely important to improving the economy. He has advocated for an income cap, raising the retirement age, and means testing to make Social Security more selective. He has cited excessive spending as the core problem with the current economic situation and has encouraged mending the entitlement programs. He cites his experience as the New Jersey governor as an example of how he would handle the economy, encouraging less government spending and no tax increases. Specifically, he has advocated for zero-based budgeting, which would require the government to justify every dollar spent for the year.

Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.