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Biography:

Bernie Sanders moved to Vermont after graduating from the University of Chicago. Bernie won his first election by just ten votes, defeating an incumbent to become mayor of Burlington. In 1990, Bernie was elected to his first of eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. First elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006, Bernie is running for re-election to a third term. Senator Sanders lives in Burlington with his wife Jane. He has four children and seven grandchildren.

Positions:

- **Creating jobs and providing a living wage:** As a member of the United States Senate, Bernie has proposed legislation to rebuild our nation's crumbling infrastructure. The Rebuild America Act would invest \$1 trillion dollars over five years to improve our roads, bridges, and railways, while creating 13 million decent paying jobs. These projects would provide much-needed upgrades to our electrical grid, expand high-speed internet access to underserved areas, and provide funding to update drinking water systems so that all communities have access to clean drinking water.

We must ensure that every American who works forty hours per week does not live in poverty. This means that we need to increase the minimum wage to a living wage of \$15 an hour. We must also fight to ensure pay equity for women workers.

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- **Medicare for all:** The United States is the only major country on earth which does not guarantee health care to all its people as a right. As a nation, we spend more per capita on health care than any other advanced nation in the world. Americans should not have to choose between paying their bills or picking up their prescriptions. Americans should not have to avoid going to the doctor because they cannot afford the co-payments. We must not go back to a system where an individual can be denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition.

The United States must move to a medicare for all, single-payer health care system.

- **Combating climate change:** Climate change is real, it is caused by human activity, and it is already causing devastating harm here in the United States, and to people all around the globe. Bernie believes we must act boldly to move our energy system away from fossil fuels, toward energy efficiency and sustainable energy sources like wind, solar and geothermal because we have a moral responsibility to leave our children a planet that is healthy and habitable.
- **Tuition-free colleges and universities:** Bernie believes that every student who wants one should be able to get a college education without the crushing burden of student loan debt that impacts so many Americans. In a highly competitive global economy, we need the best-educated workforce in the world. It is counter-productive to the best interests of our country that hundreds of thousands of bright young people cannot afford to go to college, and that millions of others leave school with a mountain of debt that burdens them for decades. That shortsighted path to the future must end. Bernie Sanders will fight to make sure that every American who studies hard in school can go to college regardless of how much money their parents make and without going deeply into debt.

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