

Closing the Wealth Gap

Dr. Ben Carson joins the Economic War Room® to share his experience as the US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the opportunities he sees ahead. Dr. Carson's free-market approach brought accountability and results toward reducing urban poverty.

According to the August of 2020 from the Council on Economic Advisers, during Carson's time in office, poverty was reduced by 11%. This compares to Biden's new American jobs plan which could cost taxpayers about \$666,000 per job created. **Closing the wealth gap is solvable, but it only works with free markets. Through Dr. Carson's leadership opportunity zones lifted 1 million from poverty, yet Biden now wants to end them.**

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Closing the wealth gap is solvable! If America will put aside all the animosity and work together, it will benefit all of us.

With Marxism and socialism on the rise, it is time be brave and stand up! In this week's briefing you will learn more about how you can make a difference through the National Security Investment Consultant Institute (NSIC) and the American Cornerstone Institute.

Your Mission: Weaponize your money and your efforts to stand for faith, liberty, community, and life. It is time be brave and take a stand!

"Since the War on Poverty started, we spent more than \$20 trillion and we've made no progress. That is more than 2/3 of our reported federal debt." -Kevin Freeman

Ep. 4-142 (OSINT) Open-Sourced Intelligence Special Report. This briefing includes thoughts and comments with Dr. Ben Carson and Kevin Freeman in the Economic War Room. Dr. Carson, **Benjamin Solomon Carson Sr.** is an American retired [neurosurgeon](#), author, and politician who served as the 17th [United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development](#) from 2017 to 2021. He was a candidate for [President of the United States](#) in the [2016 Republican primaries](#). He is considered a pioneer in the field of neurosurgery.^{[91][41][5]}

Carson has received numerous honors for his neurosurgery work, including more than 60 honorary doctorate degrees and numerous national merit citations.^[17] In 2001, he was named by [CNN](#) and [TIME](#) magazine as one of the nation's 20 foremost physicians and scientists, and was selected by the [Library of Congress](#) as one of 89 "Living Legends" on its 200th anniversary.^[10] In 2008, Carson was bestowed the [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#), the highest civilian award in the United States.^[18] In 2010, he was elected into the [National Academy of Medicine](#).^[19] He was the subject of the 2009 TV film [Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story](#), where he was portrayed by [Cuba Gooding Jr.](#)* *Source: [Wikipedia.org](#)

1. Carson shares about his time at HUD and how accountability was critical to him.

"HUD was sort of the laughingstock. And there are always stories about the scandals and things that were going on there. And you don't hear those anymore. But it was because the Lord brought the right people there, starting with our CFO. There had not been an active CFO (in HUD) for eight Years." -Dr. Ben Carson

Case Study - Big Government can lack accountability.

"What with all those billions of dollars flowing through, bringing fiscal responsibility to all the offices across the whole organization made a tremendous difference. They couldn't even do an audit because there were so many deficiencies. All of those have been cleared. Last year was the first clean audit we've had in a long period of time. And I think those kinds of things make a big difference.

The IT systems, we were operating on a 40-year-old platform and the only good thing being that they were so old and out of date that no one could hack them. But bringing all that stuff into the modern era, having the ability to do virtual real-time monitoring of

where the money was, gives us the ability to give flexibility to the recipients. You don't have to spend all your time trying to figure out where the money is going. You can see it right there. Those things were extraordinarily helpful." –Dr. Ben Carson

2. America has been a successful, prosperous nation. The problem we have is there's a big wealth gap between the rich and the poor.

It's not that we don't know how to solve it, but we have to look at the data and be realistic if we want true change!

The Key causes of poverty

The Brookings Institute Study – Three things that reduce poverty.

Brookings is a left-wing institute. After a massive study on poverty, they concluded that there were three things that a person could do in a society that would reduce their likelihood of living in poverty to 2% or less:

1. Finish high school.
2. Get married.
3. Wait until you're married to have children.



Just three things, but we are sitting with a 17% poverty rate, because most of the things that I just talked about, those three things, are politically incorrect to criticize or even talk about.

“We're politically correcting ourselves out of prosperity.” –Dr. Ben Carson

» **The wealth gap is eminently solvable!**

Creating a victim mentality is hazardous to people's well-being. What doesn't work is patting people on the head and saying things like:

“You poor little thing...”

I'm going to take care of your needs,
I'm going to make sure that you have a place to live,
I'm going to make sure I take care of all your health care needs covered,
I'm going to take care of about your food needs and anything else that
you need,

...because I'm such a good, wonderful person."

Yet, that's the traditional government approach and it is not working!



ATTENTION: Focus on what works!!

"What we need to do is stop, getting into our corners and fighting each other over this and just look at the data. Look at things that actually work. You don't have to keep reinventing the wheel time and time again. Just look at what has worked and what has not worked. And let's work together to enhance those things that work and to eliminate those things that don't work." -Dr. Ben Carson

3. What creates wealth:

- » **Education** is key. Education is valuable.

"It doesn't matter where you came from. If you avail yourself of a good education, you can write your own ticket because you become valuable.

People need you and you're valuable. And interestingly enough, they pay you when they need you." -Dr. Ben Carson

- » **Innovation.** One of the things that has worked so incredibly well in this country is creating an environment where people can innovate, where entrepreneurial endeavors actually pay off.

"Entrepreneurial ventures have created some very wealthy people. But that's not necessarily a bad thing because, you know, I know a lot of wealthy people and they employ a ton of people."

"People don't like the term trickle down. But the fact of the matter is, wealth generates more wealth. And the way it generates that is through economic building and economic opportunity for more and more people."

-Dr. Ben Carson

4. Is Government the solution or the problem?

- » **Government** can be a solution and it can be a problem depending on how it's used.

If you look back at our founding, our government was there to help people experience life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. If it sticks to that, we're golden! But when it starts going beyond that, freedoms decrease.



KEY ISSUE:

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WARNING: The Biden infrastructure plan. An analysis using Washington Post data said that Biden's American jobs plan could cost taxpayers about \$666,000 per job created.

"Don't be duped into believing anything other than the fact that there are those who want to fundamentally change America into something else. You know, right now, we're the beacon of freedom, justice and liberty. Now, they want to change it to you give the government all control and they'll 'take care of you' from cradle to grave." -Dr. Ben Carson

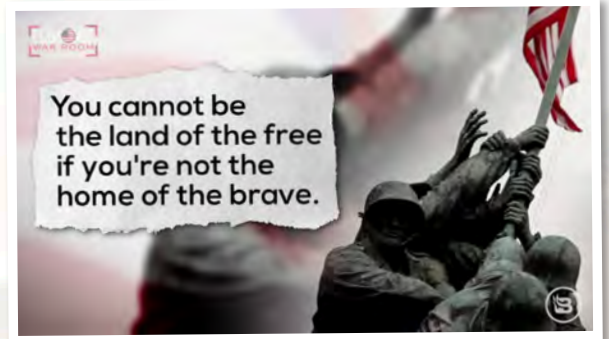
5. Dr. Carson shares his Game Plan for HUD while he was in office.

The game plan was to move away from creating dependency and move toward creating self-sufficiency.

Incentivize people to work:

Flaws in the system – Subsidies that do not incentivize:

- » You have a system, for instance, whereby if you're getting subsidies for your housing and if you make more money, you must report that so that your rent can go up.
- » Or if you bring somebody into the household who's now making money to support living, then your rent can go up.
- » That doesn't incentivize you or a family formation, and it doesn't incentivize working hard to get ahead.



The Goal: The Expansion of self-sufficiency programs

- » The focus was to eliminate some of those penalties.
- » We also created a program to give more flexibility to landlords and owners in terms of how monies were used so that they could come up with innovative ways of obliterating some of those disincentives.

"It's a long process because those things have been really in place for a long period of time. And, you know, we got started on it. We were making progress on it and now we are going to have to take at least a four-year pause right now. But **hopefully we'll be able to get back to it soon, empowering people, giving them the ability to accelerate in this society.**"



WARNING: Have you been hearing this?: "We need to take from them and give to them."

"There's a great tendency of people to try to create victimhood and say that someone else is causing your problems. The whole concept of reparations has come up. Now, how does that make any sense? Because how do you tell who gets what and what percentage of it they get?" –Dr. Ben Carson

6. Why Opportunity Zones worked well.

Over \$75 billion invested in just two years and local politicians on both sides came together.

Opportunity Zones and how they worked: Opportunity Zones were created as part of the 2017 tax cut and opportunity program in which zones that are designated as opportunity zones. There are 8,761 of them in total. If you create things and invest in those zones, you get a 10% decrement in the capital gains tax that you would owe on that original investment.

If you leave that capital in for:

- » 5 years, you get a 10 percent decrement in capital gains tax.
- » 7 years, you get 15 percent decrement decrement in capital gains tax.
- » 10 years. You don't have to pay tax on any capital gains!

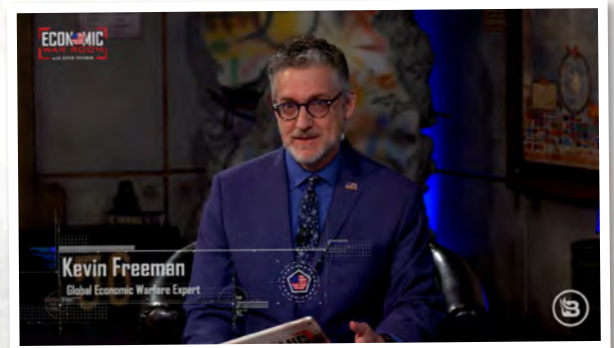
And the new money that was realized as a result of that investment was significant!

Beware of the Counter Argument:

There were those who said, "That's not fair. It's just a way of making rich people richer. And all of this is just a scheme."

Newsflash. Rich people are going to get richer anyway. They're going to invest their money somewhere anyway. So if you can incentivize them to invest that money in the areas that are economically neglected instead of where they would have invested it anyway, that's a win-win situation.

"It's a Wall Street axiom.
Money goes where it's
best treated." -Kevin Freeman

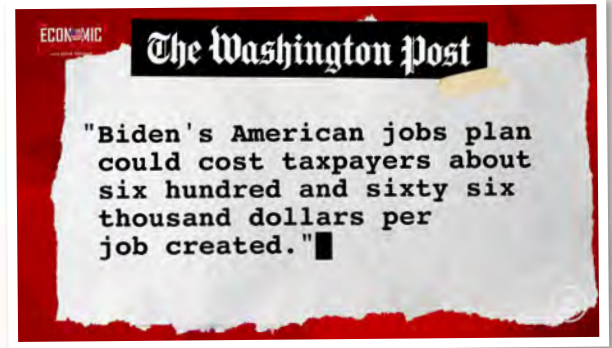


The Results: This was a tremendous success! Many jobs have been created! There's a new report out that shows opportunity zones are on track to lift one million Americans out of poverty. The poverty rate to be reduced by 11 percent. That came out in August of 2020 from the Council on Economic Advisers.



CAUTION: The Biden Admin wants to end this. Normally, it's very hard to fight good results unless you can come up with something that's better.

"We've already seen what happens when you just wholesale go in and say the previous admin did this, so let's take it out. The border being a good case. You know, you must have a plan. You got to have something to replace it with that actually makes sense. And, you know, I hope people are learning their lesson. I'm not one whoever wants to create resentment, animosity. I just say I hope that they will learn from these situations that are going on." -Dr. Ben Carson

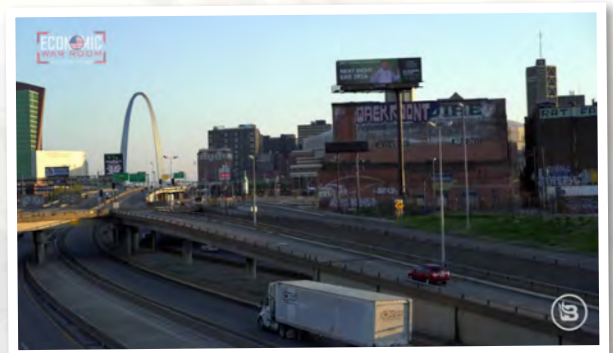


"I have no problem with people being able to make money. You know, I grew up in dire poverty and I don't have any financial issues anymore because of a system that allowed that to happen." -Dr. Ben Carson

CASE STUDY: Opportunity Zone project – St. Louis – Community Concept – Dr. Carson shares:

The Power of Community

St Louis - There was an old, abandoned foundry there, and the whole area around there was decimated and it was in an opportunity zone. So they decided to go in and restore that. They created a grocery store in the area, entertainment area, workforce housing. The whole area just blossomed. And then everything around started blossoming.



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And, you know, what was really great is when I went there to visit, the governor was a Republican. The mayor was a Democrat. Congressmen and senators, from different parties. But they were all reveling in this. They were all together and they were all so proud of what was going on.

This is the power of community! Dr. Carson discusses it more with as part of his American Cornerstone Institute.

“We don’t ever want to love money. The love of money is the root of all sorts of evil. But if we use money effectively to help others, there is no feeling that is better. I can tell you, having worked a long time as a pediatric neurosurgeon, there is no feeling that is better than helping somebody back to hope and health.” –Dr. Ben Carson

7. Individual investors can make the difference – The NSIC and the Cornerstone Institute.

What we do with our money, with our investments, spending and giving can make a difference!

“I am delighted with your organization. We’re excited to be able to work with you (NSIC) and other groups. Those of us of similar mindset really have to adopt the same mindset that the left has had and work together.” –Dr Ben Carson

We are all focused on solving problems with free market opportunities.

“When I was running for president, I kept making the point. If we can get some of these onerous regulations out of the way and reduce taxation, we will create an environment that’s conducive to economic growth. Well, that’s exactly what happened.

I said it’s not going to take very long, and it didn’t take very long. But we can kill it quickly, too, if we do exactly the wrong thing.” –Dr. Ben Carson

Today, Biden’s talking about, raising taxes and increasing regulation. Unfortunately, there is going to be a price to pay for that.

“Here’s a question. Do you want your free Obama phone, or would you like the freedom that you can start a business, give phones to your whole family, live in a better house, and have a better future?” –Kevin Freeman

The NSIC will partner together with American Cornerstone Institute as we train financial advisors and help ordinary Americans make a difference.

Wall Street’s not showing opportunity zones to investors. We have to reach out to the actual investor through their client-facing advisor. As financial advisors are trained, they qualify to be part of the National Security Investment Consultant Institute (NSIC).

“We say national security because national security requires a strong economy and a strong culture.” –Ben Carson

8. Working together, A look at some of the beautiful that we can achieve.

Understanding culture and history is critical. In order to give people the kind of advice they need, you need to know your history.

- » **America needs to understand what has happened in the past and what our foundations are in this nation. In other words, what are we about?**
- » **One of the things that people don’t understand is what the world was like before the United States became the world power. There were all these despotic leaders going around trampling people just because they were bigger and stronger.**
- » We don’t tolerate despotism. But it was the way of the world, and it will become the way of the world again if we allow it.

Unity and working together.

“You know, those of us of similar mindset really have to adopt the same mindset that the left has. Even though what they believe in is probably not conducive to peace, they are very good at working together.”

That strength of unity is massive. And that needs to develop on the side of those who love America, who love our principles, who love other people, and who want to work for the good of mankind.” –Dr. Ben Carson

Remember, we are fighting for freedom!

RINO’s – Don’t let your personal agenda get ahead of the big picture.

“We have a lot of people; they like to call them RINOs (Republicans in Name Only) or what have you. But what they really are people who put their own personal agenda ahead of the big picture. Right now, we are fighting for the maintenance of freedom in this country and fighting against socialism and communism. People need to realize that is the primary goal. And if you put your own little agenda before fighting that, it’s going to end up getting crushed anyway.” –Dr. Ben Carson

9. Fixing the wealth gap through a free-market system that works.

We want to work to help everyone have liberty and the ability to pursue happiness!

- » Look at what was accomplished in the African American communities with tremendous employment opportunities. **Free markets led to the lowest unemployment rate ever recorded.**
 - The same thing in Hispanic communities.
 - The previous admin helped with justice reform.

“If the president is a racist, he is the worst one ever, you know. It just doesn’t make any sense. And yet you have a media that gloms onto this narrative. I don’t care what it is, it’s racist. The whole society is racist. Little babies are racist. Dogs are racist. People actually buy into it. We need to start using our brain.” –Dr. Ben Carson

Freedom of speech, freedom of thought, it is all critical. That is what we are fighting for.



ALERT: “People need to realize that you cannot be the land of the free if you’re not the home of the brave.” –Dr. Ben Carson

We've got to help people learn the history, train young people, weaponize their money, take free-market choices and love others. All the things that you're talking about with the American Cornerstone Institute.

"The American Cornerstone Institute is one of the true shining beacons for our society going forward. It's a place we can turn. Knowing that the current administration is trying to take the opposite approach. Trying to hide from us the truth, trying to keep people in dependency, trying to make those who succeeded look evil for their success. All those things. And you're standing against it. You're living proof that that's a lie."

-Kevin Freeman

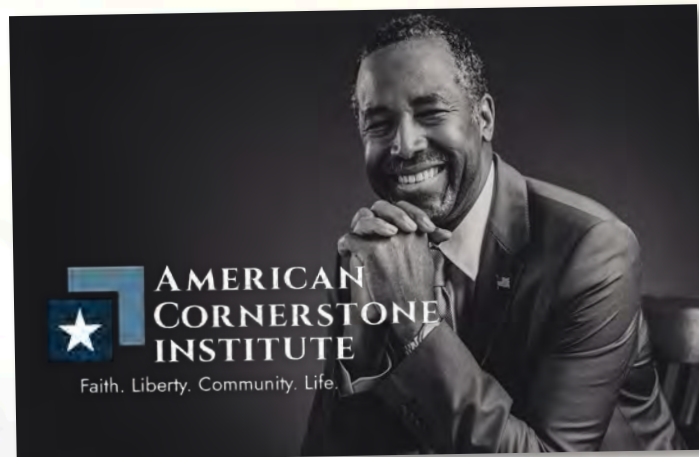
10. About the American Cornerstone Institute.

Dr. Carson formed the American Cornerstone Institute to focus America on faith, liberty, community and life. We have to show people not to engage in propaganda, not engage in revenge, but to be loving, kind-hearted Christian people.

America is an idea. It's an idea about freedom and liberty and justice for everybody.

Its four core pillars stand for:

1. **Faith**- First on the list of those cornerstones is our faith. We had faith in God, and it was that relationship with God that taught us to have relationships with each other. Love your neighbor, forgive people, work together, Judeo-Christian foundational values.



When you're dealing with communism and socialism, their goal, of course, is to replace God with government.

2. **Liberty** - Our nation was conceived in Liberty. Why did people come to America in the first place? Because they wanted to be free. They wanted to be able to live their life the way they wanted without somebody with their foot on their neck, telling them everything they could and could not do. Sort of like what we're experiencing with the covid-19 pandemic, but on an even broader scale.

3. Community – Community is what gave us so much power.

In the past, America had communities all over this country, but many cases they were separated from everybody else by 50 or even 100 miles. They had to learn how to work together. If a farmer broke his leg during harvest time, everybody else, helped harvest his crops. They didn't ask about his politics. They would just help. It was that ability to work together that made us into strong communities, made us into strong states, made us into a strong nation.

4. Life is the fourth cornerstone. You know, there was a time when we valued and treasured every life. But now we have less reverence for life from cradle to grave. Babies are being slaughtered in our society. The homeless, the drug addicts, the mentally ill are just being shoved out of the way so they don't get in our way. You know, this is not who we are and that's not valuing life. Jesus died for everybody. Every life is precious. And we need to understand that. It will drastically change the way that we treat people.

Why You Should Care:

- › America's identity and values are under attack.
- › We're politically correcting ourselves out of prosperity.
- › Working together we can make a difference. Unity from all Liberty loving Americans is critical.
- › The Biden admin is considering eliminating opportunity zones despite their success.
- › It is time for freedom-loving Americans to work together against the Marxist/socialist threat. If we get caught on personal agendas and lose the big picture, we lose everything.
- › We can help close the wealth gap. Opportunity zones delivered proven results and brought local politicians together from both sides of the aisle. It is time to put politics aside, look at the facts, and build real solutions.
- › "As Government grows your freedoms decrease." –Ronald Reagan
- › Through the NSIC, Individual investors can work together to make a difference to help close the wealth gap.
- › We need more brave Americans! In a loving way it is time to fight back with education, understanding history, free thought and free speech.



Action Steps:

1. Learn more about The American Cornerstone Institute (ACI) and unite around the mission. (ACI).
2. Sign up for their newsletters at AmericanCornerstone.org.
3. Consider donating to this thinktank/do-tank and find out how you can be a part of the ACI vision and action plan.
4. **Weaponize your money toward your values and nominate your financial advisor for the NSIC** at EconomicWarRoom.com/advisor and let them know you think this would be a great opportunity for them. Classes are launching soon, and our list is growing fast.
5. **Also, if you have not already done so, please consider the following:**
 - o If you are following Economic War Room you will be on the leading edge as it relates to global threats, geopolitical analysis, and how you can weaponize your money to strengthen America. Your money, livelihood, and way of life are at risk and these tools are designed to mobilize America to protect their economic liberty.

In the **Economic War Room**®, we encourage Americans to be the “small ships that make the difference.” You cannot solely rely on the government or the president to solve America’s problems. You have to make a difference. It is up to you to help take our country back and create a voice for economic liberty. [The small ships are based on Churchill’s Operation Dynamo that rescued the British Expeditionary Forces in the Miracle of Dunkirk.

We need more Economic Patriots on the team! Consider what you can do now to help strengthen America or even help someone in need. Keep in touch with your congressional representatives. Choose from the list or set your own goals:

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- ✓ Do this now! Have a financial action plan based on multiple geopolitical scenarios developed now. Advanced preparation is key. Trying to figure what to do when an economic event happens is usually too late.

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“We’re politically correcting ourselves out of prosperity.”

– Dr. Ben Carson, Former Secretary of HUD

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