

VOICES OF THE UNEMPLOYED

Individuals who participated in the August 2011 survey were asked what they think government should do to help the unemployed and what one thing they think would be most helpful in getting a new job. The following were the verbatim answers that were received.

GP5. Is there anything else you think government should do to help the unemployed?

Some people genuinely need help while others milk the system for all it's worth. I wonder how the government can help the former without being taken by the latter. There's plenty of work to do in this country--the place is falling apart--so the government should put people to work the way the WPA did. Finally, the rich should pay their fair share of taxes and the maximum tax rates should be returned to what they were before Reagan. The rich don't drive the economy, the middle class does. Defeat the forces fighting to destroy the government and middle class.

Stop the loss of jobs by taxing companies who outsource jobs to foreign countries.

Bring manufacturing back to this country

Heavily penalize companies that out source their jobs

Stop pouring money (and lives) into wars with no clear goal, no clear enemy and no way to win. It is a taboo topic in the budget debates, but it is the biggest drag on the economy.

Temporay assistance by those who paid into the system and the amount of time they have paid into the system should received partial percentage of their Social Security Savings.

Rebuild electric grid, transportation infrastructure, and sewage systems.

Get out of the way. Lower taxes and regulations on business. BUSINESS MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND and it will never be the other way around.

Ensure they are actively looking for employment.

It should not tax unemployment benefits.

Assuming we are still talking about the Federal Government my answer would have to be to let the States, Counties, and most importantly, the Cities and Towns do more of the governing thus bringing the responsibility closer to the individual citizens.

Something needs to be done to help with health insurance for the unemployed but I don't have a solution to offer.

Offer food stamps for the unemployed.

Provide medical insurance.

Lower rates for low income or unemployed on utilities, food, etc.

Compromise and then they may actually pass some important bills.

This country needs a well-educated population to compete in an increasingly technological world economy. Free public education should be provided not just for K-12, but also beyond, at least for the first 4 years of college. Private institutions would still be able to compete, as they do in the K-12 arena, but being able to obtain a no-cost, or low-cost quality education through college should be a major goal of our government, whether federal or local.

The Politicians should listen to what they say. It is obvious that they are not listening to the people who need help the most. They listen only to their wealthy contributors - businesses, banks, health insurance and gas companies. They say work until 70 and yet no company is hiring a "worker" who is over 40! The politicians work to get re-elected definitely not for the people.

I was unemployed for two years before I retired there was not much help for someone my age to find work.

Training in new skills is the most important, career counseling could also be done.

Crack down on illegal immigrants who take jobs from the citizens of the United States. get rid of high corporate/business taxes and reduce regulations.

Help to underwrite the cost of medical insurance when a person is laid off from there job.

Give tax breaks only to those companies that give a large percentage of the work force good jobs. For instance if you have 100 employees and hire 10, you get the tax break. If you have 100,000 employees and hire 100, you don't.

Higher taxes for companies that send their factories overseas. Big tax breaks for bringing their companies back to America.

Stop Section 8 benefits. Pause/Stop Immigration.

This Country is in a bad state of affairs and unfortunately the politicians do not care about actually fixing the problems. They only care about the money in their own pockets. Everyone knows this, but there is nothing which can be done.

Reforming the individual tax code to a flat or sales tax basis, and eliminating deductions, would go a long way to reduce the uncertainty this government has created in the country. Also, eliminate corporate income taxes. These two actions would bring capital (and therefore) jobs back to the U.S. Give control over social security and medicare accounts to the indiv. taxpayer, get the government out of the nanny business. The entrenched rhetoric of the main political parties has only served to perpetuate the crisis. Today, it is about those people staying in office, their careers are more important than their oaths. They need to go...all of them. Replace them with new faces, and then replace those folks too. Elected office should not be a career, it should be a short term obligation of citizenship. It is astounding that since the early 1990's the federal gov't has more than doubled annual revenues, but is spending at almost a tripled rate today. Enough already.

Stop wasting money giving it to the people who created the problems in the first place.

Stop allowing jobs to go overseas. Fix the trade deficit.

America's choices have gotten her into this mess. Continue feeding of the Military Industrial Complex, renewal of USA as COP to the world is draining the blood and treasure of the nation. Additionally we are mired in believing that the old days are still upon us. The facts are that we haven't kept up with the times. The entire economic model needs an overhaul.

Companies who do not pay fair taxes or are based overseas should not get government contracts. Then, when the govt assigns jobs (infrastructure, etc.) to employers (yes, the govt won't always be the employer) only these 'legal' employers will benefit. This along with tax credits for 'fair tax' companies will add employees and cause them to re-consider their strategy of off-shore HQ and foreign tax-free employees. Also, the tax rate for the wealthiest 1% must be raised very high- much higher than it is now (remember the 90% rate under Eisenhower?- well not necessarily that high). If these '1%'ers want to lower their rate they must invest in America (not in lobbyists and politicians). They would get tax credits for various forms of job raising investments- job raising investments only!

Stop giving breaks to businesses raking in millions to billions in profit which are yet unwilling to hire US workers or keep their factories in the US.

Quit spending money, no earmarks, no foreign aid keep the money here. work on our own people to make country strong again.

End illegal immigration for a start. then begin to address the other broad issues that impact employment in this country.

Instead of throwing money down a garbage disposal, start taxing companies that are not from the US!! Raise the taxes on the rich that are not paying taxes now to help with deficit and unemployment insurance and get rid of illegals taking American jobs. No one from other countries should be working in the US until the unemployment is below 4-5%. If companies should start back with on the job training instead of using people from other countries. Take care of US first!!!

It's important to get the housing market back on it's feet! That's one of the only large industries left in this country!

It is time to help our own American People first.....not Countries overseas!

Only give tax credits to companies that have created jobs and maintained in the U.S. Stop rewarding companies with tax credits that don't create jobs. The more jobs or more impact the jobs create the more tax credit the company gets!

Tell the Republicans to vote for tax increases on the rich in order to fund the programs for the unemployed because it is obvious that cutting their taxes does not create jobs.

Free trade is a joke. China steals our IP and still imposes duty on many of our products that come in to their country. We need to apply their rules to products we import from them. Free trade indeed. Same for all of our other trading 'partners'.

The problem seems so overwhelming to me. I wish that we could do what they did during the depression where they had the WPA and we had all of those wonderful parks and bridges built by unemployed workers. Those have lasted over 50 years and are still giving pleasure to our population. But in those days, people WANTED to work and earn their pay rather than wanting to get unemployment. I know many people who have turned down job offers because they were making more on unemployment.

I'm trying to change careers now. At the suggestion of the unemployment office, I tried consulting, 18 months later I am not making any money and can no longer get unemployment. I tried to get some information as to what were reasonable career paths given my age and background and got really no concrete advice. It would be great if someone could provide a realistic assessment of what paths are open to new careers. Not to mention it seems I somehow need to get about 2 years of education without any income coming in.

Drop the regulations on new business start ups. Drop regulations by the epa. Open the country for drilling without regulations to lower energy cost. Pull back all troops in occupied countries. Stop all foreign aid.

Close tax loopholes for corporations so they pay their fair share, and use that money to help fund unemployment programs.

Become stable businesses can only plan if they know what is happening. Washington can change things on a whim, and then start a new war. All unstabilizing.

Have equal laws to help unemployed people the same in all fifty states.

Health care needs to be addressed; can't afford COBRA if you aren't working...

Government regulation and the legislated costs for hiring additional employees is killing the economy. This is on top of high corporate income tax (compared to other countries) and costs associated to government regulation. Government needs to get out of the way and allow the market to steam forward.

Eliminate government pensions so there's more money to help unemployed.

Make some of the training programs free or reduced rate to those seeking jobs.

Spend money. You can't create jobs by cutting spending. Loosen credit restrictions. There's been an over-reaction to the credit problems that helped create this crisis. We always over-react to problems which just creates more problems. Money has to circulate for there to be a healthy jobs market.

By creating at an atmosphere for businesses to hire people.

Back off and let business take care of business - government is too invasive to do or accomplish anything!

Make it illegal, nationwide, to hire illegal immigrants.

Government create programs like the w.p.a. like after w.w.2. to fix roads, bridges, and infrastructure and the national power grid.

Create an excess profits tax applicable to incomes exceeding \$1,000,000.00 and all earnings corporations hold world-wide. How would God justify such extreme disparities in income and accumulated wealth?

1) Stop the wars 2) Bring all the money home 3) Money brought back here equals jobs and social programs. 4) Vote Congress out !!!!!

Extend COBRA coverage from 18 months to 36 months. I don't mean the decrease in premiums. I mean the actual amount of time people can be covered by COBRA.

Growth without abundant cheap energy is impossible. Devise and implement a rational (NOT ethanol) energy plan! Devise and implement a rational (NOT high speed), ubiquitous inter and intra city rail system.

This is a now win situation. Sending people for training is great, but if there are no jobs to get when they are done it makes no sense. We already give business some tax credits I thought for hiring new workers.

Least wise that was my impression. As for government making jobs, that is not a bad idea but make those jobs ones that fill a current need to assist people who are already working or fill a need in agencies that are not getting things done because of budget shortfall. Building trails, park upkeep, road work, general labor. The unemployed get check and things that need to be done get done.

Quit spending money on the WAR.

Make private health insurance premiums tax deductible.

Give incentives to hire long term unemployed to businesses.

Pass trade bills that encourage manufacturing & job creation in the USA

It's time for the government to spend a little money and put people to work on our infrastructure and other much needed work. Despite the deficit, at this time it would benefit workers and the economy to invest in people and infrastructure. When the economy improves and stabilizes we can work on the deficit. I favor closing tax loop-holes for the super rich and corporations. This added revenue will help the economy and workers in general.

End the idea that American companies can station out of the country for cheaper labor. Invest in infrastructure Invest in clean energy technology

Truthfully, I have no idea. This is a really sticky situation we are living in now. The only thing the government can truly do is enact social policies that could take the sting out of costs for basics :food, shelter, healthcare. But we don't have the money for that, and no one wants to do it anyhow. We could raise taxes on the 1%, but people don't want to do that either. Seems like all any of us really want to do is just let the government fail utterly.

Start projects that rebuild the "infrastructure"; corroding water pipe-lines, crumbling bridges,etc.

Get their act together and do what needs to be done for the country and stop the games !

The main way to help the unemployed is for more of the 'little people' to have some regular cash to spend. If the vast majority of the nation is broke, then the economy won't get off the ground. Ever again. For over thirty years Republicans have said if we just make the really, really, really rich folks even richer everything will be just fine. This is short-sighted, stupid thinking that favors a few at the expense of the nation as a whole. Money is a finite resource. You can print more, but that just devalues it. Largely through Republican efforts over the years, wealth has been concentrated in the hands of so few, that unless those few are immediately prepared to spend like the rest of us would if that wealth were somewhat redistributed, and we seek as a goal to return to a financial model where CEOs and sports stars are paid (proportionately) like they were in the 50s and 60s, then ultimately we will perish as the nation that we once were, or hope to be.

I don't think helping the individual is as important as creating incentives for business to hire, funding massive infrastructure projects that are very necessary, funding research into new technologies, etc.

All elected government (Legislative and executive branches) must keep the focus on helping people and on the tasks at hand. If they could focus on the work to be done, they could "get over themselves" and learn to work together to solve these problems. Government needs to work together effectively or nothing can get done.

Stop being so buddy buddy with corporate america.

The tax breaks need to stop for corporation, companies who operate here and have the companies registered in another country to pay their fair share. People who get farm subsidies and do not need them to survive their humble farm to get lost. People who make large sums of money with current tax codes who pay less than what they should with all the loops get real and pay like the average Joe.

They should get the hell out of the way, cut out all the idiotic rules, regulations and barriers they put up to make it hard to make it in business, including excess taxes and "fees" so that the small business has a chance to succeed in the business environment. That would be a good start.

I think that the government cannot take full responsibility for the actions of its citizens. The government should put safety nets but citizens need to also be fiscally responsible for themselves whenever possible. There needs to be a balance and limits. I have seen an increase in jobs in my area. things are getting better(I hope).

Overhaul our current medical system and do not allow HMO's to run the show. This would make medical care more affordable and also improve the care we receive.

Change the country's corporate tax structure so that companies that have over say 75% of their employees in the US, don't pay corporate taxes. Those with more than 25% of their employees overseas would pay taxes depending on percentage of employees that are in the US.

Create an economy that will better build businesses and create jobs.

Quit mucking up the economy. quit creating more debt. let the natural forces of supply and demand prevail. close our borders to reduce illegal aliens from free loading our system. re-work social programs so people can get off of them instead of it being easier to be dependent on them.

Tighter control.

Claw back jobs that were outsourced.

Stop spending money.

Get out of the way

Get off the backs of businesses with all the over regulations and make it easier for them to hire.

Cut regulations, privatize most of the Govt agencies and reduce taxes on all. Businesses never pay taxes, they just become part of the cost of doing business and become part of the costs of goods and therefore passed on in the sales or service prices, ergo consumers pay it indirectly.

Stop playing favorites. i.e., come down hard on Wall Street and banking in general when they act in a manner hurtful to the general public.

President Obama needs to stand up to the Republicans. The Republicans and Tea Party people need to admit to their stupidity and support our good President Obama.

Maybe they could include in their nondiscrimination policy that you cannot discriminate due to monolinguality.

Maybe the banks could be more flexible before they foreclose on so many people. Ex. their mortgage could be a percentage of their unemployment for a year of 2. The amount of foreclosures in the past couple of years as really hurt all segments of our economy. The gov't bailed out the banks but they don't seem willing to be flexible to help out us out.

Get off their butts and stop the fighting and work to fix the economy and creat jobs. THEN there wouldn't be as many unemployed.

Not allow companies to lay off employees and send there jobs overseas.

Yes.... cut the waste. no one in congress seems to want to do that. I see advertisements all the time talking about the waste in government. Why won't they deal with it? No matter who we elect, democrat or republican, they all seem to ignore the problem. That is why I have no faith in government anymore.

Close the tax loopholes used by the rich & corporations.

Make decisions that will benefit as many Americans as possible. Do the job they were elected to do.

Another stimulus plan to focus on needed services: high speed rail, infrastructure, modernized grid, green energy production, monies for teachers, police & firefighters

Solve the credit problems.

Bring manufacturing jobs back to the United States by limiting the shipping of raw materials to other countries. Limit imports that were produced with raw materials exported from the US. We could also convert old abandoned military facilities to be used as housing and education centers for people receiving federal assistance. Many people are unemployed but not officially counted as unemployed and receive emergency assistance (Food stamps, etc). Instead of just giving money away for nothing with no monitoring, people instead could move into a federal assistance center. Services such as parent education, daycare, vocational training, drug abuse education, etc would be provided as a condition of receiving support and food and board. Jobs would be created because the military bases would need to be maintained and repaired. The American people would support it because the people receiving assistance are earning their way and being productive.

Although I hate the idea of more government involvement, the idea of providing jobs - like the WPA, CCC, etc., may be required to help us out of this problem - unless, we QUIT SPENDING on unnecessary things, like foreign aid to countries who continue to hate us!

Get a universal health care plan/benefits in place that includes all citizens of U.S.

Support any reasonable efforts by the government to help the unemployed.

BECOME RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION THAT WE ARE IN. ASSESS FINES AGAINST THE BANKS AND MORTGAGE COMPANIES WHICH CREATED THE MESS AND PASS THIS ALONG TO UNEMPLOYED HOMELESS PEOPLE CREATED FROM THIS GREED.

Some training with comensurate job effort put forward by the unemployed

Fix the national deficit.

Stop meddling with policies that threaten business owners with uncertain costs. bring jobs back to the U.S.

1. Health insurance for unemployed 2. Tax on companies that outsource jobs outside of the U.S. 3. The government undermines the economy by flirting with the idea of federal default. Just stop posturing, act like adults and get back to work.

Stop messing with the private sector over-taxing

Stop giving tax credits to companies that are sending all of the jobs overseas. If we went back to a country of producers instead of insatiable consumers, we would grow our economy. The government needs to help in this though, because companies will continue to send our jobs overseas as long as the government rewards them for doing it.

Government should be creative by utilizing its position in the marketplace to do multiple tasks in job creation. One thing alone would not do the trick. Government needs to stir the economy, so that people are willing to spend money and move the GDP to higher ground. The biggest job is to move the housing market which is the strongest hold on the economy. The credit for new home buyers is one thing that should continue.

If they are older than a certain age (55?) give them an option to sign onto Medicare. COBRA is a joke for most older unemployed people

Stop supporting wars that we have no business being involved in, bring home all troops, use them to secure our borders, stop all imports and start making everything we need at home.

Have the jobs stay in the us instead of to Chia etc.

Provide transportation if they need it

Increase taxes for everyone making more than \$100,000.00 per year.

Stop enabling people. Allow the unemployed help themselves by doing community work to earn their paycheck instead of making it easy for them doing it online. Welfare and unemployment is ruining our nation like the union killed America's strongest company...GM. And this is only the tip of the iceberg.

When it comes to getting hired unemployed workers over 40 have it twice as hard as younger people. The government should try to find a way to incent employers to hire older people. My benefits ran out August 2010. There was no help for me after that the government should extend benefits- for people when they run out. I wanted to go back to school but was unable to get any grant money because I already have a degree. There should be assistance given to people when their degree has become obsolete

Do something to monitor businesses to make sure they do not over price items. The unemployed are struggling already, they can barely pay rent much less pay inflated prices at supermarkets and clothing stores. control the banks that caused this melt down and are now screwing us again with high credit card rates and stealing peoples houses.

Yes, help people with finding jobs through agencies, have more government agencies, produce.

Be more supportive. Offer free or cut-rate job training for those unemployed whether they are receiving benefits or not. Some of us cannot afford the higher tuition at the universities. In fact, I think that the colleges and universities should cut their tuition rates to something more affordable for the masses. This is not just for the young but for the older workers too.

I have said this before but I'm saying it again. Congress and other politicians could cut their pay, let go of a few houses, cars, JETS, etc. They should get paid minimum wage and do the things that are "for the people" Slum it down some. Then I think they will try to make things better for us and not just line their pockets and cut a hole in ours!!!!

I think the government should give tax breaks and should help business pay unemployed workers who lost their jobs due to the economy. make it a a 50% covered by the business and 50% by the government to cover the first years salary of new employees who lost their jobs their old business closed , were laid off to reduce work force , or their jobs are obsolete.

Relief from heavy credit load. For instance lowering standards so unemployed people can qualify to refinance mortgage in order to lower monthly payments

Raise the minimum wage without prices going up even higher thereby having zilch extra money for spending and raising the economy.

There is not much the government can do. Until the economy improves, there will be no new hiring.

Cut about a trillion pages of regulations. That ought to cut about half of the ridiculous regulations and cut government by 1/3 That should actually create jobs.

yes quit causing companies to go overseas do not tax their benefits

Need programs like 3C's to keep people working after benefits run out.

Collect taxes in an equitable manner. Specifically, get rid of corporate welfare (tax breaks. Govern for the benefit of the many, not the few. Stop the wars. Impose term limits on the legislative branch of government.

Stop making the suffering worst for the common people and giving all of the benefits to the rich.

there should be a penalty on US companies that send jobs to other countries. It is hard to digest that a company can say they are headquartered in the USA with more than 50% of it's work force in other countries. this is where government is wrong to give business tax credits. Also, businesses who move into a state are also given tax credits. They bring in jobs temporarily yet then do a layoff 1 year later. Again, they should be penalized for not keeping their end of a bargain in retaining and bringing in more jobs to the state.

Encourage Corporations not to outsource jobs overseas.

The government can do some, but companies have to stop sitting on their 3 trillion dollars and start hiring. And they should without ridiculously high standards.

Government needs to shift priorities from defense to domestic programs generally. Okay to raise taxes, too, if the extra money goes to a safety net (universal health care, etc.), although cutting business tax loopholes and reducing the obscene amount spent on defence would free up revenue for sure. Universal healthcare would be the single best thing that would help the unemployed--and the underemployed. Hight time the government and the people of the U.S. decided that we are all in this together and not all out for ourselves!!!

Get their acts together and learn to work honestly. Together.

I don't think "Government" is the answer. I think intelligent conscientious people should develop a plan to solve the unemployment problem and the government ought to be forced to follow the plan. I think gov't should stop rewarding the irresponsible and leave the fixing to the people. As Thomas Jefferson said - that government governs best which governs least.

Give more greencards or work permits to immigrants.

Provide training at free or reduced costs, at government-affiliated institutions (universities, hospitals, etc) with possibility of forgiving some tax responsibilities while training. Have targeted training for specific fields where workers are needed.

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Settle the deficit ceiling crisis as quickly as possible before economy falters again

stop spending and wasting so much

supply babysitting so that people could afford to take a lower paying job and not have to worry about child care

Hang the Banksters - activate NESARA - Funds exist to reinstate the republic - but it would require the criminal element to be arrested and put on trail

Ensure the unemployment system is not riddled with fraud.

Instead of bailing out large mis-managed institutions, the stimulus package should be something like paying off a large percentage of college loans and credit card debt. Without that millstone, I'm sure spending would re-kindle.

The republicians have control of congress for now and their policies will ruin the country. They must agree with Persident Obama about taking away the tax breaks for the rich. They haven't created any jobs anyway. Republicians only want to get richer on the backs of poor people!

Stop any and all tax advantages for companies that have exported jobs overseas. Stop favoring union shops with money grants.

Bring our jobs back from overseas!

The republicans are greedy and need to pay hirer taxes. Jobs make the econmy better and create new jobs. I hope things get better soon. Stop sending any jobs over seas and find a way to buy american more.

There are too many hoops to jump through just to get unemployment it needs to be more simple.

Yes, the government employees (including Senators & Congressmen) should have to pay Social Security and foot part of their benefits just like the majority of American workers. Maybe then we'd have some extra money for the unemployed. There should also be special incentives to keep companies from moving to foreign countries and we need to stop paying Union workers extravagant salaries.

Cap amount of COBRA premium that can be charged. Lengthen COBRA eligibility time time from 18 months to 24 months.

Quit spending money on unimportant things that and allow the tax code to help business instead of hurting it so they will stay and make jobs in this country and put people back to work

Fix the tariffs to even the playing field globally.

Stop spending, cut taxes and balance the budget.

Yes stop spending all of our money in foreign countries and start spending it here to help us by creating jobs and getting our economy back on track !!!!

get rid of republicans who are trying to destroy this country. Long jail terms for people who lie about what is really happening in the news. Long jail time for government employees (ie elected officials) who block attempts to help the people who hired them (ie the people of the country). Reinstatement of WPA and CCC. Whoever claims the government never gave anyone a job who has a government job -- ie senators and congressmen - should instantly lose their jobs and all benefits. Get rid of all benefits to senators and congressmen who are trying to take away anyone else's benefits.

You can offer many different programs, but its how you implement them and what kind of structure to ensure long term success is what has, in my opinion, been the effort where the government (and some businesses as well) needs the most improvement. If you can match people's skills with their interests to current or expected job openings, this should lead to improved success getting people from unemployed to employed.

I have a BA in Sociology, and have been looking for decent work for over 5 years now. I am willing to work, but because I am not fluently bi-lingual, or a member of a minority, I have been passed over for jobs many times over. I understand the idea that we are multi-cultural, and I am in no way a racist, I just wish I could get a job helping people, which is why I went to college.

Get out of the way of business. Stop unemployment after 6 months.

Unemployment does not cost the government. Unemployment taxes were paid by businesses to cover this. Leave that money alone along with Social Security and use it only for the purpose it was collected. The government should keep the extended benefits going, however, really monitor those receiving the extended benefits to help those who are just receiving and not truly look for a job. The tax credits given to employers should be for hiring older people and women. I have been out of work since 12/29/09 when I was laid off. At that time I was 61. Now at 63 it is getting tougher and tougher to find a job. I don't want to retire. I want to work.

give help with medical insurance

make sure they receive some sort of health-care

any help would be nice

To create a department with well-known specialists in small business administration, so people who want to try to create their small business can star and be a source of several other new jobs for other people as well.

reduce regulations on businesses

Incentive to hire older workers. I (aand I know of several others) cannot find a teaching job due to the salary required to put me back in the classroom. Incentives to hire older professionals would be great.

stay out of the private sector

Offer food stamps to those really struggling, using a means test for assets.

Stop giving them handouts, unless they pass a drug test EVERY month to receive benefits and enter programs to teach them how to be independent and responsible with money

They should increase the pay for low wage jobs to a living wage so more people are willing to do those jobs. The nations and especially California roadways need to be improved and updated. This should create thousands of

Stop shipping jobs out of the country!

I think that for business to receive the tax credit for hiring new workers they should have to hire them for long term employment with benefits at a decent wage. Not short term with no benefits

control the deficit

Stop the tax breaks for millionaires and close tax loopholes for large corporations. Curb pork barrel spending.

stop telling if they take a new training if will not affect their present income, because that's a lie, I tried to work on a training to help pay rent and they took most of my SSI now I can't even pay my rent and I'm no longer training due to illness.

quit giving themselves raises and doing the stupid things they are spending money on really "treadmills for shrimp"?????????

Reduce taxes for everyone! Reduce government spending.

do background checks on people collecting unemployment so people in prison can't collect them

Federal programs similar to those implemented during FDR's term might be appropriate at this time. Of course they would need to meet the needs of the present time.

less business taxes and lower health costs.

get their act together!!!! they act like children on a play-ground arguing over who gets the ball first. meanwhile we as a whole in America suffer from their indecisions and lobbying and backstabbing!!!!!!!!!!!!

cut all government elected positions pay in half.

Helping them create their own jobs while on unemployment.

Stimulus spending on infrastructure projects would help, but the deficit situation makes this impractical.

not be so generous to those who try not to find work, than those who do try.

Make the business environment more employer friendly. In CA for example, the government makes it difficult and expensive to run a business.

To help the economy get rid of payroll taxes and increase sales tax to 10%.. This way everyone is paying into it, just not those working "legally" in the United States. Unemployed, give them some assistance but these extensions are terrible. Every person I know who has received them has used it as an excuse not to look for work.

Give money to schools, colleges, companies, students, workers to finance education and jobs in the sciences and math; we can educate and encourage students and workers to create products and invent solutions to our and the world's problems. We need the government to finance creative medical research so we put our healthcare dollars to reduce diseases, not patch the problems. The government needs to reward those who succeed in the sciences and do a constant campaign that it's cool to be in the maths and sciences and you can be the next "Bill Gates"...not the next rock star or sports hero.

I retrained so I know that works, but the jobs have to reappear. Maybe small businesses have not been able to borrow money to expand. The major investment firms and big banks are doing well, but I don't think that are lending/ passing on the money the government bailed them out with.

the government should give unemployed people free job training or education to qualify for a better job or different job and unemployment benefits to support them until they finish and find a good job in their new field.

Stop the "rich" from running this country.

Along with giving companies tax breaks for hiring new employees it should be under the stipulation that they will be employed for a certain length of time

I am in a training program for seniors at minimum wage. Without Social Security and savings I could not survive.

stop the practice of allowing companies to send jobs overseas

Stay out of hiring processes.

I think the government should come together and really think about the working class of people that are in need of jobs

Employment comes from the private sector. If they pay less tax, it makes it easier for them to hire again.

It is painfully obvious that the only way the unemployment rate will come down is if there is a massive increase in economic activity in the PRIVATE sector that will ignite consumer spending. This president is utterly clueless about how business works in America. Get the government off the backs of businesses and allow them to do what they do best which is to take risks, make a profit, and then have a reason to hire people again.

give the people the ability to care for their health needs as well as the work related needs

provide job search assistance

With the high cost of Petro today they should provide a voucher to receive enough Petro to get to interview and back home or to employment office until they get hired. The government Ins. only covers food stamps and money but not enough to cover travel required for interviews they send you to. It costs more today to travel and it's not covered by Government benefits.

make companies stay here instead of going overseas with their companies so they can hire cheap labor for inferior products

Offer training and support to those who are willing to start new businesses.

IF: The govt went unemployed for a period of time. Had bills mounting up on them. Looked for work and only could get something way way WAY below the payscale they are used to. IF ONLY they would take that job and have to scrape on the bottom of the foodchain for a while to see what it's like to have employers walk all over you because they know you are "desperate" for employment. Then and ONLY THEN - will government come up with a REAL solution to the unemployment situation and realize how URGENTLY it needs addressing!!!!!!!!!!

maybe government should look to the successful governments that have kept their state thriving example. texas, alaska, and avoid government tactics from states that are failing...new york and california if something isnt broken it doesnt need to be fixed. why would they follow things that have been proven failures.

help small businesses to stimulate the economy and create new jobs

Place constraints on "Wall Street" and the financial institutions that caused this mess by their unethical and out of control business practices. I believe our business model is broken. Our legislators don't have the courage to fix it. The stock market is just one big game and I'm afraid we are doomed to another collapse (or we won't recover from this one) if something isn't done. When I was a youngster "entitlement" was a derogatory term used to refer to the attitudes of habitual welfare recipients. Now it's wealthy corporations and individuals who think they are entitled to big profits regardless of how their enterprises are performing. Yes, the government needs to stop wasteful spending, but stop corporate welfare, not social services!

Tax credit for hiring company.

I think the stimulus package was a waste of money. We got about 1% employment in Oregon from it (if my facts are straight). Try something new.

tax credits for companies that hire and keep new workers and short term job training programs with guaranteed job when pass course

Stop giving huge tax breaks to companies that send jobs overseas.

find us jobs or bring them back

Stop supporting the oil companies, the pharmaceutical companies, big food companies and any of the other giants. Hold the mortgage/banking industry accountable for the crisis they created. Become, once again, a government for the people, not the greedy corporate giants. Perhaps then people would have a chance to find work and feel better about themselves and be able to take care of themselves. Stop entitlement programs. Expect that if people need help, have them work for it in some fashion. This does not include social security and medicare. I do not see them as entitlement programs.

Really, the problem is one of culture, not government. If the government could somehow miraculously both realize that and put in place policies that would fundamentally alter our culture, away from greed-based practices and toward practices that promote human virtues such as genuine care for others, taking appropriate pride in creating something of value (whether product or service), and leaving the world a BETTER place for one's having been in it, many, many problems would be solved. Only God knows whether it is even possible for men to do this, however.

Penalize the greedy people who worked at Wall Street and in the banking industry and make them pay back the money they stole! Then use that money to create new jobs for people that are currently unemployed. The government should also provide free health insurance for every US citizen!

Force(American) big companys that do work overseas back operating into the US

GET THE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS PREPARED FOR A JOB WHERE THEY CAN BE READY FOR A BETTER PAYING JOB

Many unemployed get unemployment insurance without any proof of trying to get a job. There should be stricter rules on this. If the rules were stricter, people would look a lot harder for work. Free training programs are really beneficial. I am in the technology industry, and when I was unemployed, finding a really good class was impossible to find. If I could have one that improved my skills, I would have been more marketable for a job.

Leave businesses alone, stop trying to redistribute the wealth and repeal obamacare. While they are at it impeach this sham of a president!

force companies to use a certain % of their tax break money to hire new employees.

keep gas prices low and stable.

tax suspension program.

Stop giving tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas.

Simplify the tax code. Get rid of NAFTA and bring jobs back to America. Make it so that it's not cheaper for companies to send material overseas to have it manufactured cheaper. Penalties for US companies sending jobs overseas or to other countries period. Last, but not least, get the government out of our lives period. We don't need them to tell us what to do or how to do it. And get rid of Obama. He's against anything American.

Prohibit foreign companies from taking over American companies. I have several friends and family who have lost their jobs because American companies are being bought by foreigners and the jobs are going overseas. We need to increase trade restrictions on imports to give American companies a competitive edge.

Stop giving tax breaks to corporations that send their jobs overseas, there should be NO tax breaks for anyone that sends jobs overseas.

Create jobs by investing in rebuilding the infrastructure.

Stop playing politics and support ideas and programs that will help people in the U.S. get back to work! And I think that the government can support infrastructure maintenance by employing workers.

raise tax on product of those company moved their production line out of US

Not increase taxes, get rid of much of the government regulations recently implemented, reduce the government in general, balance the budget and let the economy recover.

I do not think it should be extended as long as it is unless people are in training or in an education program of some type. It becomes too easy to sit at home and collect. When my husband was laid off quite a few years ago, he took a job for \$6.50 an hour (and he had been making triple that) until he found a better job. People are not willing to make less than they did and will draw unemployment as long as possible. Not all unemployed people are doing that, but a good number are.

My uncle's in the union for construction and has only worked a few weeks each year for the past 3 years. Then he's laid off and requalified to collect unemployment and gov. health ins.. this is why the health care is failing. he should have to take a job to keep the benefits. he said he'll lose his pension if he does?

Offer jobs that help our infrastructure. Very similar to what FDR did in the 1930's. NOT more federal employees.

With unemployment so high, a program like the CCC during the depression may be required. While it would cost money for cities and states and the federal government to put people to work, a workforce created in that way could undertake many of the projects and services that have been neglected like infrastructure repairs, Park maintenance, even IT system upgrades, etc. People working rather than unemployed would put money into the economy, increase tax (like sales tax) revenues, and lead to economic recovery faster than any sort of hand out or assistance to tide people over. Jobs create a healthy economy just as much as the other way around!

Stop trying to get involved with small businesses. Telling them they have to have healthcare The government sticks its nose in places where it doesn't belong.

The federal government needs to stay as much as possible out of the economy. The more that the federal government attempts to influence, and even control, severely hampers the ultimate recovery and sustaining of our economy.

The government should relieve many unemployed people of their debts, such as student loan payments. If you are unable to find even low paying jobs in this economy, it makes no sense to continue paying high interest student loans (to banks that are already making millions of dollars) when you can barely afford the basic necessities. The economic system is set up for people to always stay in debt, no matter how educated you become.

Remove the red tape for businesses to grow and operate.

Stop squeezing business opportunities with OVER THE TOP regulations. There is a better way to keep our water and air clean and have safe jobs AND encourage business/manufacturing growth. BTW - an example of excess regulations would be requiring job training to receive unemployment insurance (which I stated to support), to require that training of those with professional degrees.

You can train people all you want but if there are no jobs once the training is complete it is still all in vain. Our government needs to stop getting larger. Time to remove the redundant bodies and streamline. We do not need state, federal, county and city governments. Reduce and remove all pensions. Put EVERYONE into the social security system. This way they will be robbing their own money and not just once again taking advantage of the working class.

Quit sending our jobs over seas keep jobs here in America

Some education programs would help for career retraining.

- more SBA loans to encourage people to start their own businesses - training on how to start a business

reduce military spending

Reduce government pay, pay for their own benefits and retirement like the rest of us do.

FORCE CORPORATIONS TO BRING THERE WORK BACK TO USA AND HELL WITH CHINA AND JAPAN

End incentives to businesses to ship jobs to foreign countries. Require companies doing business in the U.S. to make a better effort to use domestic production until the jobless rate declines significantly.

I think Obama is doing a good job, however he is faced with a lot of rebellion because the house are treating him like a child and have no respect for his authority. I have never witnessed anything like this before and it is a shame that the world have to suffer for other people's stupidity.

get government out of the way. we all need to know that tax rate will be low long term. Obama care must go away

Handle their health care needs.

Yes get the HELL out of the way and let capitolism do it's thing.

Obama, Reid and Pelosi resign

people should be less dependent on HANDS OUT..it is akin to slavery....no independent thought, no amition just taking what the govt/slave master will give.

The government needs to get out of the way and let the free market do what it is supposed to do. The direct cause of our current economic trouble is the Government and several decades of interference in the free market. The best thing the government can do to help the economy is to stop spending, stop the welfare state, reduce its size by 2/3 and tell people to stop sticking out their hands, get off their lazy butts and find a job. I was unemployed for 1-1/2 years. I did not give up and I did not take a hand out. I took care of my family, never missed a payment and found a job. It is ri-

diculous to think that the government is the answer when it is clear that the government is the problem.

support the individuals that appreciate and work the program. Do not base gov. aid on race, minorities , statistics,.. base this help on qualifications, proof of work history and a desire to do well for the good of all.

Tariffs. They worked for several hundred years, our spinout started with Nixon opening the floodgates to China, why innovate here when you can just buy a cheaper Chinese equiv. Because we are in so deep moves in the right direction will RESULT IN MASSIVE but necessary issues until our financial house is set right. Another good move is to remove personal federal income tax, move back to corp taxes, reverse the military industrial complex so the personal income taxes are unnecessary, bring the troops home. Deregulate the oppressive requirements on CNG cars so any car can be converted to a home made fuel. Then remove the influence of corp medical companies on government and FDA. Ban paid political TV advertising and move to open debates only, require a listing of what bills each condidate voted on/created and what they actually accomplish so people can view what candidates actually do, so the deceptive lies are not a basis for a vote.

keep on it. This is difficult to fix and won't happen overnight.

the governments should do the PWPA and extend benefits.

make sure that unemployment does not run out

Stop giving tax credits to companies that send their work overseas

PREVENT ECONOMIC DESTABLIZATION

I support Obama 100%. Unfortunately, greedy corporate CEO's (Dems and GOP) are purposefully ruining this country for their own gain. This is not what the founding fathers intended and it's so far past being able to correct that Obama couldn't fix it even if he were supported!

No, republicans and Dems need to work together for the better of our great country. The debt deal is just to much and i blame the republican party for all the problems. They want ot give tax cuts and cut everything they can. everything falls on the backs of the working class in this country. I make \$42,000 per year and i'm willing to pay more taxes for the better of my country. Tax cuts were in place when country went into recession so why is republicans saying that if taxes are raised it will hurt job creation. 9.2% unemployment rate with tax cuts in place.

Government should encourage new businesses by reducing taxes and encourage manufacturing units within the state. Government is inherently and automatically inefficient because there is no oversight. healthcare

Make then work for the government/community to get their benefits.

Yes. They say their is a change in science and computer fields which will be the future of the united states. The government has not said i need the people to study this train in that..By doing so people will have focus direction and hope. List the jobs that businesses want to hire for.

government creating jobs - should be based on fulfilling national needs such as infrastructure rebuilding. Not meaningless jobs -

Training for jobs in their original field of work. More help perhaps with the interview process.

Force business to bring back factories they sent to other countries.

MAKE THE REQUIREMENTS EASIER FOR GOVERNMENT JOBS

job placement

Yeah, look at how Denmark runs their country.. ESPECIALLY when it comes to education and health care!!!

Report the facts, not the myths, of the fate of the unemployed...when stating that unemployment rates have dropped, state how many have found work and how many have just run out benefits and are now homeless...there are so many moronic Americans thinking that unemployment rates have any correlation to the economy...

Stop jobs from going overseas. Stop illegal immigrants from having jobs here. Eliminate the Federal Reserve Systems.

they should have let their friends who are too big to fail, fail and we wouldn't be in this mess. Stop hiring all these people to do nothing for a federal paycheck. Stop providing medical treatments that cost \$100,000/ year to add six weeks to a person's life and remove all the quality just for the sake of making money off the dying. Bring anti trust action against the AFLCIO for its monopoly over government workers, you can't work for the union and be a public servant, it is a conflict of interest.

Stop taxing and regulating everything. Most businesses are reluctant to expand and hire do to what they see as a very anti-business administration.

stop spending \$ over seas to assist so many countries.stop regulating so much. open up more job opportunity in drilling for oil,natl.gas,build nuclear plants,build refineries.reduce the size of govt.to make more taxpayer \$ available to the recovery.support israel,return to principles of the constitution and put GOD back in our country.

help with training for unemployed people to get insurance

absolutely..fix what caused 97% of the problem. send ALL of the illegal immigrants back to their own country (even the Cubans!) and make them take their anchor babies. This would ALOT more money back in the general fund and would also reduce the necessary budget needed to run law enforcement/corrections. (get rid of the illegals in the prisons, ship them back to their country)

give up their pay for a month and see how they feel working for no \$ like the everyday workers have to do just to stay busy because companies aren't hiring. Most ppl I know are volunteering their time now, working hard, not getting paid at all, just to get out of the house because there are no jobs. Would like to see the government try this for 1 month and see how it feels to work your ass off and never get paid for it.

Heavily tax the profits of companies that close plants in this country and take the jobs to other parts of the world.

Temporary tax breaks

Other than providing unemployment offices with computers to help people find a job, the government should stay out of it. I fail to see how "creating" jobs is any security. If a company has a need for someone, they will hire someone. If there is no real need, why create a position?

Yes, stop people coming to this country and taking the jobs we who are born here could do, but if you don't speak Spanish here in my city, county, state your not going to get a job if you get laid off from the job you've had for the past ten years, I can't shop in stores here because the employees don't speak English, yet I can't find work because I don't speak Spanish. Bilingual means TWO languages, not just Spanish, unless I've moved & didn't know it!! I thought I lived in the USA...guess not????

Have a effective trade and engery strategy. Replace employer SS and medicare tax with a consumption tax on all goods.

create jobs for people and dont make it so difficult to get unemployment it seems there for the employers not the workers!

the world economy is in trouble, what the USA does can help only so much.

health insurance... no money.. you can't get sick...all your savings will be gone.. doctors very expensive, unemployed person.. should get a brake when goging to the doctors

No telephone calls to unemployment it must be done in person or by computer not on the phone because the phone service makes mistakes and the unemployment office blames the people making the calls instead of understanding that the phone

service it self made the mistake. Don't blame people blame the phone computer they do make mistakes you know.

Make employers think twice about letting over 55 year olds go. I know they aren't supposed to but they cloak the procedure with fancy reasons...and it has happened all around me that it makes me sick. Then the public is angry the older unemployeed can't find jobs and they are on unemployment benefits.

Stop the offshoring of jobs and help companies stay in America by offering tax incentives.

How about working to bring back jobs to this country that have been shipped off shore? I would like to see manufacturing concerns come back to this country.

The current economic problems of the U.S. can all be laid at the feet of Republican policies and ideas that only help those already wealthy and cravenly greedy for more.

create employment opportunities for those who have the educational background, but just need an opportunity that suits them

reduce the debts that the government has and not get more debts

Prevent jobs/companies from going overseas to produce the same product.

I think the unemployed need to provided tips on how to overcome loosing a job, and steps on how they can get back on there feet. For example give them a list of job agencies that can provide them with places hiring. I think by helping people get back into the work field, it'll be a better option then wasting the tax payers dollars on people sitting on their butts at home.

Tax credits for businesses is not what creates jobs. Businesses create jobs to meet demand for products or services

Prime the pump with more government spending on infrastructure projects, paid for by increased taxes on the wealthy.

Keep jobs in America.

Give money to people to bail them out like they bailed out the banks. We would of done more for economy then they did.

WHY IS IT THAT WE NEVER HEAR ABOUT GOVERNMENT WORKERS, ESPECIALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS, TAKING PAY CUTS AND CURTAILING THEIR BENEFITS?

Build confidence back in our economy, by developing positive programs and job hiring incentives for businesses. Stop using the situation as a political tool to hurt the opposing party!

Support the creation of vocational training for skilled trades, including computers, electrical, construction, automotive, culinary, etc. These programs could start from high school level onwards, then give incentive payments to the unemployed for entering one of these programs and completing each stage of training. Job placement assistance in the last stage would be paired with a special section for young people on how to enter the workplace; while older workers would receive assistance with resume building and job search.

Basically, in plain English: the government needs to get its act together and quit arguing among themselves like spoiled children. extend benefits

Many people prefer unemployment to working. If the government gave tax breaks to companies for hiring the unemployed, then the people who are employed would have very little chance to advance in the job market. This is especially true to people who have untrained jobs.

Not taxing their unemployment benefits would help. The government can help our unemployed my stopping illegal aliens from entering or from staying in this country.

No. The government can help with training programs at little to no cost but ultimately, people have to be willing to work any job until they can do better.

Quit being stubborn and come to an agreement on the budget. That will help the economy.

Make the banks start loaning money (after they themselves were bailed out at the taxpayers expense) to small businesses. Stop giving HUGE TAX BREAKS TO CORPORATIONS THAT TAKE JOBS OFFSHORE. Throw the bankers who nearly tanked the entire economy of this country IN JAIL WHERE THEY BELONG. Get rid of tax loopholes that favor the super-rich, and corporations. Small business creates the majority of jobs in this country.

Enforce the RICO statutes they routinely themselves violate

Give tax breaks to small business owners and not the large corporations.

Decrease the complexity of the tax code.

Create jobs for disabled people that cannot function any more for long periods of standing, or physical exertion;

we do not need to re-invent the wheel; Franklin Roosevelt showed us how to do this, and we should do the same, no less.

education is the best way to help the unemployed. train them for today's jobs.

First of all, I resent people who say there should be no extensions and only pay on the certain period look back to determine the amount of unemployment one should get. I started putting money into the system when I was 15 (am now 65) and worked almost completely over all those years making a pretty good wage. I would be entitled to receive that money back in the need for unemployment compensation. I think it is unfair to only allow for 26 (original) weeks in normal times and that the extensions are fair. But putting people to work (govt creating jobs) would be even better as people would have an opportunity to learn new skills and make more money than unemployment payments would pay and put more money back into the system.

Drop corporate taxes to encourage companies to stay or return to the US

Rebuild our infrastructure!! Invest in alternative energy!

Give tax incentives to employers who hire new workers

Let CAPITALISM work

back in the day the gov't had the WPA and other programs, why can't they be brought back

Tax imports like other countries do to preserve American Jobs.

Having been unemployed since 2008 and now working three part-time jobs to make ends meet and pay my mortgage, I believe that President Obama does understand the complexities of unemployment far more than the Republicans. I also believe there needs to be government programs like there were during the Great Depression of the 1930's such as the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp) so that people can get back to work as soon as possible. Sitting around waiting for jobs to materialize when none exist is demoralizing, so jobs need to be created.

Tax the crap out of everything coming in from China and India to encourage our corporations to return to the United States.

It's not really the job of government to "create" jobs, but our whole tax system is so messed up I don't know if there can be a solution under the current circumstances.

Yes, I think that the Government should make it easier for those who are unemployed to go back to school and get a better education, by absorbing some of the school costs or by providing training programs that will help those who want to move ahead in their careers.

yes. I think it is counter productive to small business creation to not allow folks who are unemployed with a good business idea that may eventually create more jobs locally, to work on creating the business and start it up with the free support of the services the Unemployment Office offerws; but, not allow them to collect the unemployment benefits that they could get if they were not working toward starting a business. I think they should be able to collect unemployment and work toward the start of a business. We are actually incentivising folks to not start businesses when they need the unemployment \$ to have time to start a business.

stop the overspending

Cut unemployment in half after 6 months and cut it off completely after 1 year. And I know what it's like. I was unemployed for almost 1 year, but was seriously looking for a job full time.

I think people are relying too much on the government and on handouts. Somebody who wants to get ahead can do a lot of things to help themselves. Learn a marketable job skill, a trade, or get an education. There's no such thing as a free ride.

Cut Spending by 40-50 percent Reduce deficit by reducing duplication in government and by doing away with NEA, EPA, Do not let unions into federal employees.

I think that there should be more jobs. Try to create more jobs instead of outsourcing.

Increase taxes on corporations shipping jobs offshore and for the top 1% who are millionaires.

give every tax payer 1 million dollars and not the banks or other large corps the economy will jump back to life, employment will improve and the idiot in dc will get the boot

CU6B. What is the one thing you think would help the most in getting you a new job?

Government Action

A republican president, house and senate, period.

Meaningful enforcement of anti-age discrimination laws

get obama out of office

government hiring fed, state, local

Require employer's to explain what characteristics the person hired had that I didn't have. How was that person superior to me.

More social programs for helping the unemployed.

Improved Conditions for Business

Tax reductions for the employee and to the company for a three year period. No taxes for the company for three years, provide that amount to the employee for three years.

businesses begin hiring again

Give tax credits to small businesses. They will begin to hire when the US economy becomes more stable and predictable. We do NOT need the Federal/State Governments to grow anymore.

tax credits to employers for hiring older people

tax incentive for hiring new workers

Perseverance/Networking

HAVING A FRIEND WORKING FOR A COMP. OR BUSINESS THAT ITS HIRING, IN OTHER WORDS POLITICS

I have found networking with those I know to be far more helpful than all other aspects combined. It's not what you know, it's WHO you know.

For the LORD to grant me His Favor in my job search

having a friend help me get hired where they work

to keep searching and not give up keep looking

Meeting the right contact.

Networking

Networking

increase networking

Having good connections with important people in a company.

positive attitude and looking for a job that does not have 25+ applying for the same job.

a more aggressive/assertive personality and approach

Faith

Friends, family and former business associates assisting on my behalf.

having a friend or contact help me get into their company

Networking with the right people. Job fairs are a waste of time.

I know my age should not be a factor, but it is, so I would be younger if I could

contact friends

Word of mouth. Now days "It's not what you know, it's who you know."

knowing people with jobs

networking

getting more feedback from potential employers. Konwing about the jobs that don't make it to Craigslist or Monster

Pray

knew a lot more people in my community continue looking

part-time work with that the particular company

Spending more time actively looking for work.

networking with friends

Become more active.

knowing more people that are involved in hiring

The right contacts.

Voices of the Unemployed

Knowing someone directly that can hire me. Now a days its who you know! Education and degress have no impact any longer.	retraining more school
my personality and dependability	More schooling
The right connections.	less things you have to go thru and back- ground checks and rules too much drama to get a cheap job.uneducated , non col- lege people cant get good jobs .
search harder	
networking	More education in seeking a new career path
Friend with their own business.	
Knowing the right people	Certification or some kind of training class- es.
KNOWING SOMEONE WHO AS A POS- TION AVAILABLE	Getting free training or schooling from the government along with unemployment as long as we are getting new education for a job.
Word of mouth.	
knowing someone who is already working there and using that connection to get in. knowing the hirring manager	have affordable training
Training	Finding out what I want to do and develop- ing the skills for it, through research (i.e., going to the library).
more education	
Going to a school to learn a trade.	having a college education
companies not requiring one to have a four year degree but base hiring on experience.	Retraining
New training but I think the job's lost will never come back. I think we are done as a nation	I think that more training would help me at this time in my life, the 50's.
A job opening, retraining for a different job.	Tuition assistance for additional training.
Further Education, Training in a new field new training and new clothes	Getting my CNA certification.
Another degree....bachelor or a masters; training for new 21st century jobs.	If I could get another degree and have some program to help guide me to one that would get me employed and help pay for it. Computer training and learning a new ca- reer.

Employers are not willing to hire and train as long as they believe they can wait and find someone already trained. I would like to find out what technical skills employers are looking for so that I can aggressively train myself in those areas. I have wasted much time studying skills that are not in demand or in which employers demand years of experience.

going back to college for computer programming

Getting more education in a new field that I can not afford or getting help with living expenses while I start a business that would make \$ two years from now, but, in my mind would be a permanent solution to this constant in & out of jobs based on economic decline of industries in sales.

job availability

more openings locally

Education

education

get more training

CPR Training/Certificate, & Other Training

jobs

grow economy

being trained in a certain skill

Job training. Help with my resume.

A skilled trade

Having a degree.

better training in computers

Training... I have no skills.

I really don't know anymore. I'm 27 years old and a very intelligent woman. However, I don't have a college degree and I'm not going to get one anytime soon considering that I make \$2.13/hour plus tips as a waitress. I can't get a chance for any kind of a decent job considering that my competition usually have masters' degrees these days.

Being able to afford college to get a degree. job and educational training.

Finishing my degree.

Being able to afford college. My credit card debt is such that I cannot afford to do anything but work as much as possible and afford it when I can after much saving. I never owned a house and had great credit but because others defaulted, my APR's skyrocketed and now my financial status is in shambles without a salary.

Education

job training

Second Language

Relocation

relocation

moving

Living in the area where the job market is stronger

moving to china

moving off this small Island...only, can't afford to...

Not being unemployed so long! Or, moving to a bigger city.

If there were more places hiring in my area.

Relocate

Moving from the city I am presently in to another.

move to a different location

Less Government Interference

The actual availability of the type of job I'm looking for. And that would be helped dramatically by less government obstruction.

government cutting wasteful spending

Being Younger

being younger

Availability of jobs in my field for people my age

I feel Age discrimination is evident due to LinkedIn and Facebook network which employers browse to determine prior to contacting candidates or calling for interview.

Not much. I'm almost 62 and no one wants me.

Having inside contacts with someone I know who can let me know when a job opening becomes available.

Being younger and less monies previously earned

If I was younger !!!

potential employers taking into consideration a persons experience and hiring them based on that and not their age .

I really don't know. My age, the fact that I was a stay at home mom for 20 plus years, and having no sellable skills makes it very difficult to know what I should do to get a job that pays a much better salary then the one that I have. I also know that if I were given a chance, I would do everything possible to make a new employer happy with my work. Getting the opportunity to prove yourself isn't available.

Being 20 years younger! That seems to be the sole reason for my lack of employment.

I work as Early Interventionist with special need kids. 1. I "search about the creation of new services" and therapy for these kids. There are more requirements for Autistic kids, I applied, but also discovered that Agencies rather to hire younger w/no experience people and not older people. They look low rate payment than experience and quality. 2. Contemplate the idea to create my own service agency.

Finding someone willing to hire a valuable resource with more years behind than in front of me.

Being younger

I don't know. Employers want experience and younger employees. I am older and need to work. The competition is tough. I have even worked a few temporary minimum wage jobs to help make ends meet. Even went to school but that hasn't helped - employers want someone with more ex-

perience in that field and how can one gain experience if one can't get a job? It's still who you know and being in the right place at the right time.

being younger! Age discrimination is rampant..

If I were younger, prettier and weighed less, less experience and had a contact within the organization

right now i feel that it may be that not being young could be a factor in not finding a job. most places i've checked on later for the same job, have gotten a much younger person for the job.

Younger Age

If I was younger and wasn't such an "expensive hire" at my old job title in education.

Being younger! No matter what the laws are it is just common sense to hire younger workers. In my experience they learn the job more quickly, and gripe less. Not that they are having an easy time finding jobs either.

Maybe someone might have an open mind and accept the idea that older people can be reliable, hard working, capable individuals that can learn new techniques. When an interviewer suggests to me that I should re-invent myself I know they have not read my resume! My career has been one of reinvention.

Really it's sad to say, but having an inside recommendation. Based on my age.

If I were 20 years younger

Some how become younger and bigger chested. Around here, jobs go to the prettiest, youngest and the best figured(big boob) girls. Very few jobs available so employers can pick and choose by looks on the ladies. Not fair at all!!!

Potential employers judging me by what I have to offer instead of my age (62)

Not sure - my age works against me and my field is limited

being younger and having more education

Being 30 years younger

I wish I was younger. My personality. I like working with people in person and on the phone.

Being younger

Being 27 years younger. Of course I know that is not possible, but it is the most true reason of my unemployment. I may start my own business again. I'm only 77 years old.

More places to apply for jobs. There have been very few openings for my skill set and I have applied at many places below my skill without success because I am "over qualified" or "too old" although they don't say that. They say i am too experienced and wouldn't be satisfied with min wage pay.

Being given a chance. Not written off because of age and the fact that last 'real and meaningful employment' was before moving to USA and before kids.

Since I am 59 years old, I guess a company willing to hire older people without thinking that they will leave the first chance they get for more money.

being younger

Get the economy in good shape again by giving business confidence that government will not institute high taxes and expensive mandated programs.

if i was younger

I am an older worker and acutely aware that my age is against me. There is more age discrimination out there than I would have guessed.

More Jobs

Overall Economic Improvement

General economic confidence in the U.S.
A better economy

economy turning around

businesses were actually hiring

Employers that are really seeking to hire new employees.

There being positions available for professionals

more job availability

better economy

More jobs meaning easier challenge for positions.

More openings

Jobs being available to begin with.

for the economy to improve - I've worked over the last 3 years but have been laid off (no fired) from 3 jobs

Resurrection of the Homebuilding Industry
more jobs

Companies spending money on new hires.
jobs being available in my field

It there were more jobs.

The economy is so bad that many businesses are still closing or holding employees to a minimum amount. I would like to see the government 'advertise' the jobs that they are creating (online or through television)

more job openings.

The recession ending.

morer openings

The economy improving to the point where media organizations can add positions. long lasting (i.e., several months) job growth in at least one of the two sectors of the economy where jobs in my field are typically plentiful in my geographic area, namely state/local government and private sector construction.

available openings

more options

more opportunity..everytime I go on an interview it's like over 30 people there applying for the same job.

Bussinesses coming to area

Having more positions available as there are easily 100 people applying for one open position, even more if it's a city, county or some other more secure position.

Jobs

many jobs.. commision only, they want you to walk the streets, spent your gazoline, no benefits at call...lots of call centers, commision only..those jobs..lots of them

Employers actually hiring people. And giving older people and laid-off people a chance.

more opportunity

A job being available

employers hiring more

Your survey is confusing; I said I work part-time but want full time work. If the economy picks up, my current job could be full-time. That is why I am not really actively looking for work. I would like to remain doing what I am doing where I am doing it (it is a professional position in my field). I just don't know how long I can hold on with part-time work and no benefits. Reliable and affordable health care and a recovered economy (so I could have more clients) are what would help me to be able to make a living.
more jobs

Improved economy.

If the economy picked up, we would need more teachers.

improved economy

If the level of economic uncertainty would come down in the general population, and people and businesses did not fear for tomorow.

better economy

better economy

better economy

If there were more jobs to be had.

economy gets better

If the economy picked up and more people were building, my trade is construction.

An improved economy.

someone hiring new people

More of them (jobs)

more job availability

a favorable change in the economy

improve the economy as a whole

there is a lot of jobs then each employer will not receive 100 resumes for one job. Only then will I have a chance to get a job.

economic recovery

new jobs

companies hiring new employees

Just having more jobs available. Most businesses are still firing people. Not hiring new ones.

If companies would hire more people and cut the prices, people could buy things and the company would make money. Rejecting people because they are "over qualified" is the stupidest reason ever. Homeless people need more support to get back to living in a real home instead of boxes in an alley or lice infested shelters!

Better economic conditions that would provide more employment opportunities

improved economy

Having more opportunities in my own field which is getting smaller and smaller and having potential employers be more open-minded and realizing skills can be transferred to almost any area. Most of me experience is that stereotyping is an issue. People want exact backgrounds from job to job and are not willing to take a chance.

More jobs available

more jobs from a more stable economy economy

the economy to stabilize

More job openings, and less picky employers.

LUCK

luck

There has to be a demand for workers. i don't know but getting new jobs closer to home

having a reliable car

my experience

economy turning around

A change in the mindset of those in my profession.

Miscellaneous

A miracle that would cure me of the three disabilities I have to disclose to potential employers.

having more positions available and more experience on my resume

stop immigration stop section 8 stop government spending

employers being more open to hiring people who have been out of work for an extended time

I am not sure.

Luck

availability of jobs and fewer applicants for the positions, the application process is flooded

using staffing agencies who specialize in my field.

Getting an interview.

An end to the stigma put on hippies.

no credit check

nothing

don't know

i really don't know

?

find a company willing to hire

having a job while seeking a better job

Having a potential employer be willing to take a chance on me. I am very knowledgeable and a hard worker but I probably will only be able to work for another ten years. I work two part time jobs right now.

Having a coach to be accountable to during my job search.

a chance

Getting in the door.

A MIRACLE

the school year would start and I could have 1 to 3 possible schools to sub for.

hiring overqualified people

Don't Know

Advertize it more often to the person looking for employment.

I would like employers to interview and hire a person based on their skills, experience, and knowledge of the job at hand. I have interviewed too many times with employers who are more interested in hiring a "short skirt" than a seasoned employee. A pretty face is more apt to get the job than a knowledgeable brain.

Stop giving away our money to banks. Make banks accountable for causing this mess.

don't know at this point

As a single parent with no family, finding childcare that would allow me to accept a Job with hours that do perfectly mesh with my son's school schedule. We do not have bus service where we live, otherwise I would let him be a latchkey kid. We live in the country far from school.

lowering my standards (or looking for work anywhere rather than just in my career field)

accommodate my disability

NOTHING WOULD HELP

more flexibility in company policies; i.e, consider more part time or job sharing

bringing our jobs back from over seas

Repudiating the fraudulent so called 'debt' which was conjured out of a mere book keeping entry

Bringing jobs back from overseas.

I have a specific skill -- but the best thing that could happen would be tariffs on businesses sending the work out of the country and then bringing the product back in to sell. Make it too expensive to go outside the country to use essentially slave labor.

At this point, I really don't know. I have not actively looked in a month or better because I am in the middle of a divorce with my spouse.

having experiance

Minimize volunteers allowed to do the work.

no comment

If the employer were to overlook a felony I was convicted of in 2000, and my credit history

Having a stable schedule at current job

Help with my resume and interviewing. I've been out of work so long I really need help working with the employment gap.

Older workers retiring

i like the job fairs to keep you informed.

Resources to find who needs me.

Voices of the Unemployed

A revolution. This country and it's Rich have it all and will do anything they can to Keep It That Way: has to end.

interview tips

a new line of work

Getting rid of Obama and NAFTA. Bring jobs back to America.

idk

stop sending them overseas and flexibility in the eworkplace for families with children with disabilities

have about 65,000. in student loans and need a full time k=job.

transportation

It will help in making better payments toward clearing Mortgage.

not sure

some faise teeth

I wish I knew.

Luck.....

Employers understanding that workers WANT to be employed and are MORE THAN WILLING to work at levels below their previous positions

If I had previous experience in my field, that would help. No one wants to hire a new teacher when they can have their choice of people with all kinds of experience and degrees.

I'm highly unmotivated and feel like I'm not worthy of a job. I would probably do best with something to improve my self image. It's hard to sell a product (myself) that I don't believe in. I'm well skilled in a field that is hiring but I can't make myself send a resume.

finding th right co!

Perhaps interviewing better.

THE CALL

getting my self confidence back

BRING ALL BACK TO USA AND HELL WITH JAPAN AND CHINA AND OTHER COUNTRYS

Owning a vehicle to drive to and from work. someone to give me a chance

knowing that they are hiring and that u will qualify and prayer.

I don't have an answer because 've tried just about everything I can think of to get my foot in the door. I don't know how to get my portfolio to the top of the pile for the employers to view closer.

govrment should gives us jobs

IF THEY WOULD NOT JUDGE Color are skills just give people an oppertunty to see what thay con do.

Transportation and finding someone to keep my kids or get them from school when they become sick.

maybe more experience

I am not really sure.

i do not know

Not sure.

Being able to afford transportation
transportation

union working harder on our behalf

Attitude!!

lazy or can't do any job they throw at me.
And the personality tests are stupid. You
apply online take the personality test and
if the answers you provide don't match
up to what a computer program says are
the correct answers you're application
doesn't even make it to the store. There is
no person to person contact for applying
anymore. Get rid of those and more people
would have jobs.

Reducing corruption

i dont know

no

Experience

More entry level job openings.



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