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This is a GREAT argument to pull up when talking to people about minimum wage. Some others nested below

> "it doesn't affect me if companies pay low wages"
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> In reality, you're paying for it. Over 50% of people on food stamps are actively working. The leading employers are Walmart, McDonald's and Amazon.
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> As taxpayers, you're subsidizing corporations to pay literal poverty wages.
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> — Dan Price (@DanPriceSeattle) February 11, 2021

A large number of new jobs being created are minimum to low wage, so looking for a new job generally won't increase pay.

Raising minimum wage helps things not directly related.

Helps Infant mortality? Yup.

Lowers Suicide? Yup.

Reduce smoking rates? You bet.

It also boosts the local economy! Minimum to low wage earners spend more % of their money, so an increase means more is spent, often in community!

Low paying jobs are often in sectors which would gain from this. More people spending money in your shop makes your business more money! Now you have more profits and increased labor costs are covered.

There have been something like 23 minimum wage raises in US history, and none have caused any increase in the inflation rate.

It isn't only wage for high schoolers. Many businesses are actually *open during school hours*. Who is making your lunch? An adult worker on minimum wage. 24/7 gas station? They are usually making minimum to near min wages.
This is millions of workers.

There’s no evidence prices would rise by any noticeable measure because of this to cover costs. As noted above: profits will rise. Also, looking to areas with $15+min wage, or countries outside USA with the same, there’s similar prices to most items.

On top of infant mortality and suicide rates, an increased minimum wage also helps people be healthier! They’re more likely to (be able to) eat well, see the doctor, sleep well, reduce stress and generally take care of themself!

We can’t separate this argument from racism! Increasing the minimum wage manages to help almost 40% of black workers, while it would help 23% of white workers.

Black & latinx workers are also more than 50% more likely to occur wage theft, specifically with non-citizen black women *370%* more likely to experience this than a white male.
370%!!!

An increased minimum wage could also help fund many of the programs we need to help our brothers & sisters in need. This is taking many people off of welfare who only need it because of starvation wages, opening these funds up to others who need it.

Increasing minimum wage for tipped employees would end the racist practice of tipping, and move the burden of paying employees onto the company, where it belongs.

Raising the minimum wage to $15(or more please) would lift almost a million people out of poverty* and help 17 million people directly.

*(poverty line is calculated poorly, it would realistically be way more than this)

(Sources available upon request for any objective claim made above. Also very easy to find.
You only don’t want to raise minimum wage for bad faith reasons.)
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