

#### **Highest Minimum Wages**

1. Washington D.C. (\$15.20)

2. Washington (\$14.19)

3. California (\$14)

### **Lowest Minimum Wages**

Alabama, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming are all the lowest (\$7.25)



#### Increase Minimum Wage

- Increasing minimum wage reduces poverty levels
- Reduce government welfare spending (dependence on government benefits will decrease)
- Minimum wage has not increased with inflation
- Minimum wage is not high enough for people to afford housing
- Minimum wage is not high enough for people to afford everyday essentials

## Problem with Increasing Minimum Wage

A major issue surrounding increasing minimum wage is the increase of Labor Costs

Employers will need to pay their employees more, but the employer isn't necessarily generating more revenue

This can result in the employer reducing their number of employees, and costing people their jobs

#### Solution

The minimum wage should be a national minimum of at least \$10

Any state that currently has a minimum lower than \$10 has to raise their minimum, and any state above a \$10 minimum wage can keep their minimum wage where it is at

The minimum wage has to rise with inflation rates

\$10 is a nice round number

# Thank You