



The Raise the Wage Act

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READ

Cooper, David, et al. "Raising the Federal Minimum Wage to \$15 by 2025 Would Lift the Pay of 32 Million Workers: A Demographic Breakdown of Affected Workers and the Impact on Poverty, Wages, and Inequality." *Economic Policy Institute*, 9 Mar. 2020, www.epi.org/publication/raising-the-federal-minimum-wage-to-15-by-2025-would-lift-the-pay-of-32-million-workers.

This comprehensive analysis compiled in support of a minimum wage increase demonstrates the demographic breakdown of affected workers and the impact on poverty, wages, and inequality across America, particularly for people of color.

Hayes, Adam. "Does Raising the Minimum Wage Increase Inflation?" *Investopedia*, 7 July 2020, www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/052815/does-raising-minimum-wage-increase-inflation.asp.

A brief look at the differing views on whether raising minimum wage has a positive or negative impact on the U.S. economy and why it might differ depending on the circumstances.

"What Harm do Minimum Wages do?" *The Economist*, vol. 436, no. 9207, Aug 15, 2020, pp. 61-62. ProQuest, <http://proxy.scl.d.org/login?name=ProQuest&url=https://www-proquest-com.proxy.scl.d.org/magazines/what-harm-do-minimum-wages/docview/2434245031/se-2?accountid=1631>.

A summary of the research conducted over the decades about when minimum wage increases work to good effect and when they do harm. Economists use charts, graphs, and studies to show what we've discovered over time.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints

Access this resource at www.scl.d.org/opposing-viewpoints.

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WATCH

ABC News. "A Brief History of the U.S. Minimum Wage | ABC News." *YouTube*, uploaded by ABC News, 9 May 2016, www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhreonsZU4c&feature=youtu.be.

From textile workers' strikes to partisan debates in Congress, this offers a brief history of the minimum wage in the United States.

TIME Magazine. "A History Of The Minimum Wage | TIME." *YouTube*, uploaded by TIME, 3 Mar. 2014, www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQE0ldkiKo0&feature=youtu.be.

A timeline sharing popular music of the time and comparing minimum wage throughout the decades to the equivalent spending power in 2014 (the year this video was released). When did minimum wage have the most spending power?

LISTEN

Casselman, Ben, and Sheera Frenkel. "The Fight for (and Against) a \$15 Minimum Wage." *The Daily (The New York Times Podcast)*, The New York Times, 17 Mar. 2021, www.nytimes.com/2021/03/17/podcasts/the-daily/minimum-wage-stimulus-package.html.

Economics reporter Ben Casselman talks about attitudes toward minimum wage throughout the decades and what might happen if legislation increases the federal minimum to \$15 per hour.

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