

COMEBACK STATEMENTS

Know What to Say.

Say It with Confidence.

Whether you're facing a heated political comment, a tough pushback, or a claim that doesn't add up, the right response matters.

This brochure gives you fact-based, sourced comeback statements on today's biggest issues— the economy, taxes, healthcare, voting rights, and immigration.

Because the best argument isn't the loudest one — it's the one backed by fact.

Holding Your Ground Without Losing Your Cool

Knowing what to say is only half the battle — How you say it matters. These tips will help you stay confident, factual, and composed, no matter how intense the conversation.

Make Your Values Clear — When you respond with facts, composure, and conviction, you're showing what you stand for.

Listen First, Really Listen — Before you respond, make sure you've heard what was said. People are more open when they feel respected.

Stay Calm — Emotion is the enemy of impact. A measured tone carries more weight than a heated one.

Lead with Agreement — “That's a fair point, but . . .” disarms aggression and signals good faith.

Stick to Facts — Opinions invite argument. Evidence doesn't. Every comeback includes data and sources.

Your Real Audience Is the Room — The person may have made up their mind. The people around them haven't. Respond accordingly.

Know When to Walk Away — Not every conversation is worth having. Disengaging isn't defeat — it's strategy.

Prepare, Don't Improvise — Know your facts before the conversation happens. That's what the comeback statements are designed to do.



HEALTHCARE

Statement: “We can’t afford healthcare for everyone.”

Comebacks:

- “The U.S. already spends more on healthcare per person than any other country in the world — the problem is not that we can afford it. It’s that we spend it inefficiently. We’re not underfunding healthcare — we’re mismanaging it.” --*Peterson-KFF Health System Tracker / OECD data*
- I want to live in a country where getting sick is a medical problem — not a financial death sentence. In the wealthiest nation on earth, that shouldn’t be a radical idea.
- I believe if a president can make over \$1 billion in one year, we can provide affordable healthcare for everyone.
- “~91 million Americans (over 1/3 of the population) now struggle to afford quality healthcare.” – *Gallup, West Health survey*

ECONOMY (Housing, Food, Gas)

Statement: “The economy is great because the stock market is great.”

Comebacks:

- “A strong economy should lift everyone — not just the wealthy. “55% of Americans say recent price increases have caused financial hardship. – *Gallup Poll, Apr 2025*
- “Half of America owns no stocks. A rising market means nothing when you’re drowning in rent, medical bills, and groceries.” – *Statista*
- “1 in 3 middle-class households across America cannot afford basic necessities (food, housing, childcare).” – *Brookings Inst., Dec 2025*
- “When gas goes up (43% since Mar 1, 2026), everything goes up — groceries, deliveries, utilities. It’s a tax on working people that nobody voted for.” – *AAA Fuel Prices*
- “A typical home now requires a \$121,400 income to afford — pricing out teachers, nurses, and firefighters, people our communities depend on.” – *Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta / CBS News 2025*

TAXES

Statement: “We need to give tax breaks to the rich.”

Comebacks:

- I believe an economy should work for everyone— not just for people who are already doing well.
- “88 corporations — including Tesla, Disney, and CVS — made \$108 BILLION in profits in 2025 and paid \$0 in federal income taxes. Not a reduced rate. Zero.” – *Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP)*
- “The Big Beautiful Bill (BBB) gives the richest 10% ~\$13,600/year in tax cuts. Middle-class families earning \$78K save about \$720 — roughly \$2 a day. -- *Yale Budget Lab; Center for American Progress / CBO & JCT data, July 2025*
- The poorest 10% face a tax increase and lose an average of \$1,600 in Medicaid and food assistance under the BBB.” – *Yale Budget Lab; Center for American Progress / CBO & JCT data, July 2025*
- My values push me toward supporting working families and people who are struggling to get by.

VOTING RIGHTS

Statement: “The SAVE Act protects election integrity by ensuring only U.S. citizens vote. Requiring proof of citizenship is common sense.”

Comebacks:

- “The Conservative Heritage Foundation’s nationwide database found only 99 total cases of suspected non-citizen voting going back to 2000.”
- “The SAVE Act risks blocking eligible voters
 - — especially married women, seniors, students, and voters of color — from exercising their constitutional right to vote.”
- “No one is saying voter fraud never happens — it does, and it should be taken seriously. When it’s found, it’s prosecuted.” – NPR
- For me, democracy only works if we’re careful not to undermine it without serious evidence.
- “Roughly 400–500 potential cases were identified out of 156 million votes cast in the 2024 Presidential Election. That’s 0.000003%.” – *Heritage Foundation Election Fraud Database*