

Talking Points: Elizabeth Warren
Spoken by the candidate
Event: Town hall with college students regarding student debt

- My name is Elizabeth Warren, I have been a Senator for the great state of Massachusetts for the past 6 years and I love it. But I want to do more, so I'm running for president of the United States in 2020 so I can represent every generation of Americans in the White House.
- I wasn't born into wealth and privilege like so many politicians in Washington. I grew up in a middle-class family in Oklahoma City. My parents worked hard for everything they were able to give my brothers and me. But like so many other middle-class families in this country, it wasn't enough to be able to afford college. So I worked hard, and landed a debate scholarship to George Washington University.
- As a Senator, I fought hard to reintroduce student loan refinancing legislation to the Senate. This legislation would've allowed students with outstanding loan debt to refinance their loans for lower interest rates. This legislation could've made getting a college education easier on families like yours and mine.
- I publicly called out corruption between major student loan collectors and the United States Department of Education when one of these companies cheated students like all of you out of billions of dollars. I went straight to the source and asked Betsy DeVos why the Department of Education would pay this company \$100 million to cheat and steal from students on the tax payers' dime.
- After getting the opportunity to meet and talk with so many of you today and hear about your experiences, I am more motivated than ever to continue this fight and take it all the way to the White House.
- If elected, I am calling for a complete overhaul of the student loan system. Because the Department of Education exists for you, not for student loan companies. A total student loan balance of \$1.3 trillion is a disgrace.
- In my plan, we will put students and their families first. We will punish companies that try and cheat students out of their money. We will make student loan companies work for you, not the other way around. We will be more transparent about student loan data. And we will force Betsy DeVos at the Department of Education to conduct more oversight of student loan companies.
- I know that it's hard enough being a student today. Students should be focused on learning skills and preparing to be the leaders of today and tomorrow, not focused on paying off your debts.

- Student loan collectors don't like me. Wall Street doesn't like me. People like Betsy Devos don't like me. They don't like me because I hold people accountable for their actions and I tell them what's what.
- Students should be allowed to be students again. If I can count on your support in the 2020 presidential election, I promise to make student loan reform one of my top priorities.