

Background Briefing: Over \$20 trillion has been spent fighting the war on poverty. Yet, the percentage of those in poverty has not improved. There is a wealth gap in America that needs to be addressed. There's a difference between black households in America and white households. There's a difference depending on what part of the country you're from. There's a difference based on the education that you've had. Capitalism should be equal opportunity. It should not be equal outcome. The answer is moral democratic capitalism and not socialism. We invited a thought leader, Star Parker, to share her experience regarding the "nanny state," and how she is influencing change in America toward moral democratic capitalism.

"You have to couple Capitalism with the principles of Christianity (or what we would call a Judeo-Christian ethic). Our founders knew that without that, the whole thing would fall apart."

-Star Parker



Your Mission: The wealth gap can be solved by altering the role of government and allowing for people to tap into their virtues, gifts and talents. Your mission is to understand the truth of America's nanny state as it exists today, and look for new ways to end the problem of poverty.

Ep. 2.58 (OSINT) Open Sourced Intelligence Briefing with highlights. This includes quotes and summaries of conversations in the **Economic War Room with Kevin Freeman** and Star Parker. Star is the founder of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education. You may know it better as Urban CURE, a Washington D.C.-based think tank that really does offer solutions for wealth disparity and poverty. CURE promotes freedom and free market solutions. Star consulted on welfare reform in the mid 1990s. She then formed Urban CURE to bring new ideas to policy discussions. And in 1996, she was a featured speaker at the Republican National Convention. She's been on Fox News and the BBC. She writes a column that is creator syndicated and it reaches 7 million people weekly. She previously co-hosted *The View* with Barbara Walters.

"The difference between the black community and white community is that the black community came out of the legacy of slavery and Jim Crow and then a welfare state. So you have to catch up. It's kind of like I was talking to one of my friends. If you learned to play piano from the age of three, you're going to be more skilled than if you started at age 30. But if you learn how to play the piano, you can be successful regardless of the age you started. So what we want is equality in our society where anybody from any background can put their talents on the table. And you don't have that with government. When government interjects itself it has actually hurt the black community rather than shrinking the wealth gap. Because when government interjects itself, it controls what it touches. When it controls your economic destiny, you don't fare well." -Star Parker

1. Capitalism should be an equal opportunity.

There is personal responsibility that we must all live up to, our Republic depends on that. It was built around the 3c's.

- Christianity
- Capitalism
- Constitution

With those principals, anyone can excel from any situation, ethnicity, background, or brokenness if they make the proper choices in their lives.

"To shrink the wealth gap we need to diminish the role of government so people can tap into their own virtues, gifts, talents and put them on the table in a free society"

"When you talk about net worth, for instance, what we're seeing is a median \$170,000 for white households but in the black households you see is more like \$17,000. So it's only a tenth."

2. Government spending has not helped the war on poverty

The war on poverty has been going on since the 1960's with over \$22 trillion dollars spent. The percentage of people in poverty has not moved. The poverty percentage was and it is still at about 25 percent of the black population. Different people, but the same percentage.

What the war on poverty has accomplished:

"It destroyed family life – it set means test rules. 'Don't work, don't save, don't get married.' They have kept people as slaves to government dependency. I know because I lived it for seven years. I know firsthand that their rules didn't work."

–Star Parker

The poverty system causes Uncle Sam to make decisions for you. These decisions include:

- Where you educate your children.
- Decisions on your food, even if you are on the food stamp program.
- Do you get married or not. Should you have children out of wedlock?

It hinders people from being able to break the cycle of poverty. Liberty is everything.

"In addition to large government spending, the tragedy is that when you no longer consider marriage, you have really hurt yourself. If the husband is married to the children's mother, we don't see the big wealth gaps that we see when people remain single. When the government intervened in the 1960s, we started seeing marriage collapse, particularly in the black community. Other communities are catching up, but marriage totally collapsed for black families. It is so unappreciated that in the 1970s, black marriage rates were close to 70%. Today, they're 30%. This is what happens when you have government replace a husband in the home with the children."

3. What happens to the children under the government system:

This means:

- It changes their economic aspirations.
- Their education aspirations are limited.
- Crime rates go up.
- Promiscuity in homes, due to lack of leadership and destruction of the traditional family and religion.



"When you compare homes where you have a white husband married to the mother of the children to homes where a black husband is married to the mother of the children, we can barely measure the economic and educational differences. The crime differences are so small. It's when we have brokenness in the family that we see the severe gaps." –Star Parker

4. There are 8,700 zip codes that the Trump administration has determined economic war zones. Opportunity Zone initiatives are being established.

"Trump's administration has some incredible initiatives on urban affairs and we're really happy about the relationship that we have. We can actually go in and fulfill what has been promised through a lot of Republican administrations to fix what's broken down and to focus on that weakest link among us. And this President, when he ran for office, said he wanted to fix the inner cities. He promised and he wants to do it. And so he's welcomed many voices, not just mine, to say, what do you think we should do? So we're very pleased with some of the progress there." –Star Parker

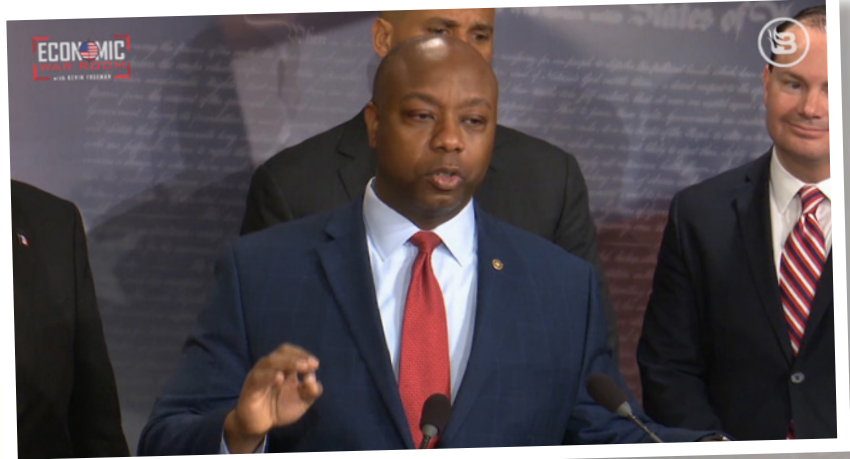
- Dr. Ben Carson, is trying to reduce the bureaucracy and allow more freedom. There is a list of good things happening in urban affairs.
- There is an opportunity to move the block grants from the federal to the state level. All the anti-poverty programs should not be D.C. based.
- “Well, one thing we do know is that when people have a little bit of money in their pockets and they can breathe, they make better choices over their lives. We want our low-wage workers and our government dependents to start being able to at least breathe.” –Star Parker
- The administration is making significant changes on how we do welfare business. This includes to stop paying people not to work, not to marry and not to save any money.
- We’re beginning to see a lot more flexibility for people to be more mobile with their choices. Because once you get that little money and you start making better decisions, you have the opportunity to then think differently about your children and live beyond just today. You can plan for tomorrow!



5. Private capital flowing to economic zones are a good thing!

The private enterprise zones are getting a lot of bad press from the mainstream media and liberals because it is so successful – Private Capital is impacting these economic development zones.

"Under the leadership of Senator Tim Scott, a provision was made that if you put capital into some of our more distressed zip codes, you won't have to pay a capital gains tax. And now the investors are starting to look at these zip codes very, very differently. Instead of going abroad, they're looking into these 8,700 zip codes and saying, "What kind of opportunities are there for us to start building jobs right outside of your door?"



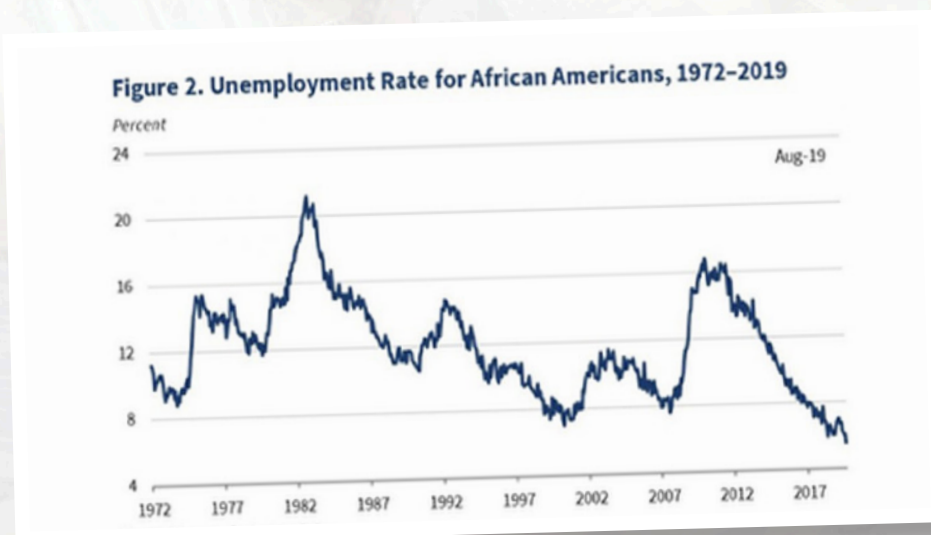
New allocated capital produces growth and economic growth is essential to solving the poverty problem.

"The difference between this and other development zones is that this one has no government strings. This is just you as the investor. Go do it. And so that means organic growth, which is really, really good!"

Other positive trends: -

Black unemployment is the lowest level in history.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/u-s-unemployment-rate-remains-at-near-historic-low-of-3-7-percent-african-american-unemployment-rate-hits-new-series-low/>



"And this is a good thing. Money is good. Capitalism is good. Profit is good. It's the engine for tomorrow. And people need to understand that so that they can work. Every time people complain to me about, oh, so-and-so so wealthy and they have a yacht. You know what? Some people depend on cleaning that yacht so they can send their kids to school." –Star Parker

Case Study– African American voting and the opportunity for real change:

- A. Star Parker shares the voting patterns of African Americans vs. other ethnic groups.

"When you look at African-Americans, a lot of attention is being placed there because this is one of the ethnic groups that doesn't vote the way it polls. When you think about the voting patterns of, let's say, the Asian population, 29% poll as conservative and 29% vote Republican. And in the Latino community, 28% poll conservative and 28% vote Republican. **But in the black community, 22% poll as conservative, but only 8% poll and vote Republican. So that 14 points is what's up for grabs. And that's one of the reasons that the Democrats are so adamant to play the race card and try to keep they keep attention off of the economy and the fact that the black community fares much better under President Trump.** And they've been dead even under Obama."

Whenever you find one party and you say, that's my party forever, no matter what they do, you lose all your voice and political power.



B. The Black community could come back to the Republican Party with the right set of circumstances.

- We are seeing some of those circumstances with appointments to the courts. The black community, black church community is very, very concerned about some of these social issues, in particular abortion and how they've been targeted there.
- Economic issues really do matter as well. Finally have enough breathing room to think about where you're going to send your child to school and or whether you can afford to buy a house. These things matter to everyone.

6. The solutions are not more welfare, but opportunity for ownership.

- The solution is not more welfare, it is opportunity for ownership. Ownership is the key to freedom. When you own it, you are more responsible for it.

Another idea for ownership:

- Creating personal retirement accounts. Get people to send money to their IRA's instead of the IRS.
- Steve Moore and others have developed the idea of a payroll tax not going to the IRS but put into an IRA. If people started young they could become millionaires before retirement.



“Social Security - It’s always been a Ponzi scheme. Everyone thought and everyone knew it was. In fact, the Supreme Court has ruled twice. It’s only a tax. You don’t own it. You can’t transfer it to your heirs and you get a lousy rate of return. If you took that same money 40 years ago and put it in a personal account today, you’d be very wealthy. That’s money that you’ve now given to the government. They expect you to come and ask them. And in fact, they demand that at age 65, you come to them to get your entitlements.

The challenge for us as a country is that the entitlement pyramid scheme has turned upside down. Fewer Americans have produced children and as a result, the pyramid is upside down. So the system is going really broke really fast. And this is going to fall on the backs of not just our young, but disproportionately on those that are poor, those that are having trouble already making ends meet. This vastly increased our government debt.” –Star Parker

7. The Nanny State or Self Government?

- Does the government do things better than we can ourselves? Can we self-govern? These are questions our founders asked.

“Can a society self-govern if you have principles of a faith that we believe in God and that there is an eternity that will keep evil at bay? If we have the virtues of capitalism, where anyone can put their talent on the table and lift themselves up and you have the protections of the rule of law and the Constitution, can we do this? And I think it’s still an open question.

Can men self-govern? There are those in our society who really don’t believe so. And they really want a nanny state. They have no belief that people can actually make good choices for themselves, whether it’s drinking out of certain straws, or the soda size or being an armed citizenship. I mean, this is something that we are going to debate. I have a new book coming out. It’s called **Necessary Noise**,

and it's talking about this. The Trump administration and how he does inflame the cultural war. But also, why this is good news for our society because it's a debate we should have. Are we a people to self-govern or are we a people that need a nanny state?"

"What gets less attention, but is vitally important, is the morale of the people. You know, I travel the world. And one thing that we have that is exceptional to our country, because of the way that it's been designed, is that we are happy and joyful people. Of course there are the depressed times, when you have no money. But when there's growth, people are happy. Then they treat their neighbors well. And this is something you want, it's a good thing for people to have economic stability. And even if it's not equal, if we all are exactly the same, making exactly the same thing, like they want in socialism or what some of these presidential contenders want, then no one's happy either, because no one's ahead." –Star Parker

8. The Cultural and Social issues being taught today:

Many government-controlled schools have been teaching a worldview to our youth that say "patriotism is not a good idea."

The worldview being taught in schools:

- Religion is not a good idea.
- Building big family is not a good idea. New studies are showing that the whole generation has bought into that idea.
- Patriotism is not good, in that America has done things that are wrong.
- Today's youth are being taught collectivism rather than individual liberty.

- That we all have to buy into the same ideas and agendas. There is no independent thinking.
- That corporate America should be social engineers rather than thinking about their stockholders.
- That abortion is good.

“So I don’t believe in my country more than myself. That hits patriotism. I don’t believe in my fellow man more than myself. That eliminates religion. I don’t believe enough in my own family and my kids than myself. It’s very selfish. What we’re doing is indoctrinating people with selfishness, which is, I believe, socialism. Well, socialism indoctrinates you into selfishness. But in the end, everybody ends up worse off, not better.” –Kevin Freeman

“They’re convincing us that we should be suspicious of one another. And, you know, we should be sharing. And they think that the climate is the number one problem in society and in the world. So they don’t want us to make goods and services anymore, or to have choices. No one should have straws. No one’s getting hamburgers. No one’s getting this. No one’s getting that. No one’s getting.”

But you know what? I’m very hopeful because the American people are hearing this. I am so thankful that we no longer have to be dependent on ABC, NBC, CBS, or to only get our news from what The New York Times, The Washington Post and the AP controlled news say. We now have TV shows like yours and other ways to get information to Americans. And Americans are hearing it. They’re seeing it. And I think that they understand that they don’t want to live in that type of society where someone else makes all choices for them. We don’t have any problem going into the grocery store and picking our own products.”

–Star Parker

Why you should care?

- After \$24 trillion without meaningful results, it is time for a change in how we address the wealth gap.
- Since the 1960's, your tax dollars have been wasted and actually causing more harm to those who need help discovering their own talents.
- America's policies to help end the poverty cycle are actually perpetuating it.
- We need meaningful change across all America through Moral Democratic Capitalism. All should feel hope and understand the three C's of Capitalism.
- We want a patriotic America, yet the virtues of patriotism are under attack.

In the Economic War Room, we encourage Americans to be the "small ships that make the difference." You cannot rely on the government or the president to solve your problems. You have to make a difference. It is up to you to help take our country back and create a voice for economic liberty.

Action Steps:

1. Share this Economic Battle Plan™ with friends to reinforce the importance of the 3 C's and American patriotism.
2. Check out and subscribe to **CURE** (<https://urbancure.org/>). Founded and run by Star Parker, the **Center for Urban Renewal and Education** is a non-profit think tank based in Washington, DC. The mission is to fight poverty and restore dignity through the message of faith, freedom, and personal responsibility.

3. Look for Star Parker's new book **Necessary Noise** to learn more about how to make a difference in America and keep America from becoming a Nanny State.
4. Look for ways you can mobilize/weaponize your money toward things that strengthen America and constructively fight the war on poverty. There may be some economic development zones that align with your investing strategy. Nominate your financial advisor for our advisor training classes at EconomicWarRoom.com/advisor.

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**“The legacy of American socialism
is our blighted inner cities,
dysfunctional inner-city schools, and
broken black families.”**

–Star Parker

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