

FREE THE FACTS™

WE DON'T TELL YOU WHAT TO THINK, WE JUST MAKE SURE YOU CAN.

Free the Facts (FTF) is a non-profit organization that educates Americans - particularly those ages 18 to 35 - about the economy and fiscal policy. Founded by Laban P. Jackson, Jr., in 2016, our organization provides young people with reliable, unbiased information about the policies, programs, and problems that directly impact their future. Today, facts seem hard to come by, which is why **our goal is to arm smart people with good facts so that they can make better decisions.**

College Tour

The FTF college tour introduces students to public policy problems that are widely debated, but frequently misunderstood. College events follow a general outline:

- An issue presentation that provides historical context and the most reliable data available.
- A discussion session with a panel of experts who answer student questions about the problem and serve as a sounding board for student ideas about how to fix it.

The 2016-2017 Free the Facts topic is Social Security. The issue presentation covers:

- The history of Social Security
- How Social Security is funded
- Sustainability challenges
- Existing solutions and their potential consequences

It is followed by a discussion session with Jackson, a policy expert, and a communications strategist. Students who want to craft their own solutions are provided with opportunities for continued engagement through our social media channels and interactive website (freefacts.org).

In addition to learning about a specific policy problem, FTF events encourage students to develop and hone important skills, including critical thinking, research and data analysis, public policy formation, and communication strategies for reaching group consensus.

Friends of Facts Program

Colleges and universities that participate in our 2016-2017 events are automatically enrolled in our Friends of Facts (FOF) program. FOF institutions can book future campus events on new topics before they become available to other schools. Students at these institutions also have access to valuable resources and opportunities, including continued engagement with FTF experts, career and internship advice, and policy competitions.

"I love that the focus was on us fixing the problem, rather than leaving it for someone else to deal with."

University of Florida student

"I really liked how it was the brief introduction, just so we were all on the same page, and then it opened up into conversation. That was really interesting to me, rather than just someone lecturing at you."

University of Florida student

"I liked how candid and real they [the panelists] are, but informed."

University of South Florida student



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