

Read “The \$675 billion platform”, <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2012/sep/06/the-675-billion-platform-chattanooga-free-press/>, at timesfreepress.com

In order to obtain the cost to taxpayers of the proposals found in “Moving America Forward,” the 2012 Democratic National Platform, used in “The \$675 billion platform”, <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2012/sep/06/the-675-billion-platform-chattanooga-free-press/>, only proposals with legislative history were included. The cost estimates come from independent sources such as the Congressional Budget Office, the text of the bill itself and the White House’s own figures, and consider new spending and increases over existing spending.

The platform is available at: <http://assets.dstatic.org/dnc-platform/2012-National-Platform.pdf>

QUOTE: “[E]xpand the successful neighborhood stabilization efforts in [Obama’s] American Jobs Act.”

COST: \$453 billion over ten years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/s1660.pdf>

QUOTE: “And we continue to fight for measures that would strengthen the recovery and create jobs now, including keeping teachers and first responders on the job,”

COST: \$34.99 billion over 5 years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/s1723.pdf>

QUOTE: “[P]utting construction workers back to work by investing in our roads, bridges, schools, and water supply,”

COST: \$56.51 billion over 10 years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/s1769.pdf>

QUOTE: “[W]e continue to fight for...reformed and expanded universal worker training proposal to provide more training and job search assistance”

COST: \$27.41 billion over 5 years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/hr4297.pdf>

QUOTE: “The President has laid out a plan to prevent more teacher layoffs while attracting and rewarding great teachers. This includes raising standards for the programs that prepare our teachers, recognizing and rewarding good teaching, and retaining good teachers.”

COST: \$28.095 billion over 5 years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/hr3990.pdf>

QUOTE: “The President also proposed to double key investments in science to educate the next generation of scientists and engineers, encourage private sector innovation, and prepare at least 100,000 math and science teachers over the next decade.”

COST: \$10 billion over 10 years

SOURCE:

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/curriculum/2012/07/president_obama_today_brought.html

QUOTE: “President Obama has encouraged innovation to reach his goal of generating 80 percent of our electricity from clean energy sources by 2035.”

COST: 18 percent increase in the cost of electricity

SOURCE: <http://www.rff.org/RFF/Documents/RFF-DP-12-20.pdf>

QUOTE: “Democrats support making America the world’s leader in building a clean energy economy by extending clean energy incentives that support American businesses and American jobs in communities across the country.”

COST: \$5 billion one-time cost

SOURCE: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/112/hr5187>

QUOTE: “We support more infrastructure investment to speed the transition to cleaner fuels in the transportation sector.”

COST: \$18.4 billion over 10 years

SOURCE: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr1875ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr1875ih.pdf>

QUOTE: “We will fight for ...the creation of a national infrastructure bank to help modernize our infrastructure, put hundreds of thousands of construction workers back on the job, and help businesses grow.”

COST: \$10 billion one-time cost

SOURCE: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2011/09/12/infrastructure-bank-may-boost-cost-obama-jobs-bill/>

QUOTE: “President Obama has committed to ensuring that 98 percent of the country has access to high-speed wireless broadband Internet access.”

COST: \$5 billion one-time cost

SOURCE: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/02/10/president-obama-details-plan-win-future-through-expanded-wireless-access>

QUOTE: “We are committed to...support the Paycheck Fairness Act.”

COST: \$15 million over five years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/ftpdocs/95xx/doc9599/hr1338.pdf>

QUOTE: “[T]he country urgently needs comprehensive immigration reform.”

COST: \$8.215 billion over 10 years

SOURCE: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112s1258is/pdf/BILLS-112s1258is.pdf>

QUOTE: “[W]e support passing the Healthy Families Act.”

COST: \$24 million over 10 years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/ftpdocs/81xx/doc8133/s910.pdf>

QUOTE: “[W]e support...broadening the Family and Medical Leave Act.”

COST: \$1.876 billion over 10 years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/ftpdocs/101xx/doc10152/hr626.pdf>

QUOTE: “[T]he President has proposed a new Veterans Jobs Corps/”

COST: \$6 billion over six years

SOURCE: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112s3457pcs/pdf/BILLS-112s3457pcs.pdf>

QUOTE: “We will improve access health care for rural veterans.”

COST: \$1.57 billion over five years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/ftpdocs/96xx/doc9646/hr1527.pdf>

QUOTE: “President Obama has proposed increasing funding for research and development to improve agricultural productivity and continue to pursue global food security.”

COST: \$6.523 billion over five years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/ftpdocs/101xx/doc10105/s384.pdf>

QUOTE: “[G]reater support for American Indian and Alaska Native languages.”

COST: \$45 million over five years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/ftpdocs/29xx/doc2965/s91.pdf>

QUOTE: “The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports Roe v. Wade and a woman’s right to make decisions regarding her pregnancy, including a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay.”

COST: \$980 million over 10 years, if the federal government covered 10 percent of current estimated abortion costs.

SOURCE: http://www.blackwomenconnect.com/cgi-bin/blog.cgi?cid=10&blog_id=194745

QUOTE: “[E]xpand the Promise Neighborhoods Program to prepare more students for college.”

COST: \$350 million over two years

SOURCE: <http://philanthropy.com/article/article-content/130762/>

QUOTE: “President Obama and the Democrats in Congress have also sought to increase the budget for the Peace Corps.”

COST: \$64.6 million one-time cost

SOURCE: <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS21168.pdf>

QUOTE: “Democrats pledge to continue showing international leadership on climate change, working toward an agreement to set emission limits in unison with other emerging powers.”

COST: \$772 million over five years

SOURCE: <http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/ftpdocs/82xx/doc8204/hr2420.pdf>