

Some possible economic and political statements for cards

- We should be free to sell goods and services all around the world without too many rules making it difficult for us
- We shouldn't spend so much money on social services – we don't get anything back for it
- People should stand on their own two feet and not depend on the government to help them out
- Business taxes are too high – they make it difficult for companies to compete in the global market place
- We need more free trade – more choice will be good for everyone in the end
- We don't need a minimum wage – this just makes it harder for businesses to compete globally because they have to pay out too much to their workers
- Overseas companies should be allowed to set up businesses and buy land here, so we can do the same in their countries
- Laws to protect the environment and human rights are unnecessary – they stop us from competing successfully with countries that don't have these laws
- The government shouldn't own big companies like New Zealand Post because it gives them an unfair advantage over businesses trying to compete with them
- Overseas companies can buy services like those provided by NZ Post so we can go to their countries and run some of their services for them
- Private companies can provide better services like water and power than the government can
- We are global citizens – we can live anywhere
- It's better for the government to provide services like health and rental housing because then we know we will be taken care of properly
- Some of our industries, like farming and forestry, need to be protected from foreign competition so that we will still have jobs and on the job training
- The government should always be there to look after people who are disadvantaged, like the chronically sick and disabled
- The government should make sure that overseas companies can't own our property and businesses because it makes New Zealanders worse off
- The government should help our small towns and invest money in new businesses so that more people in rural areas have jobs
- People who earn more should pay a higher taxes to help those people who are worse off than then through no fault of their own
- We should pay for the services we use, like education, because we benefit in the long run
- Every person has a right as a citizen to a free education of the kind for which we are best fitted, to the fullest extent of our abilities, regardless of whether we are rich or poor
- Education for all is a good thing – we should all be educated so that our society is fair and decent
- Competition is good – it keeps businesses and service providers on their toes
- We should be free to choose which charities we give our money to – the government shouldn't take taxes from us and decide who the money should go to
- Bulk funding is the best way for schools to run – each board of trustees can then decide how best to spend it
- Parents should be able to shop around for the best education for their children even if it means going outside their school zone