Good morning America, my name is Anthony Barnao, I apologize for not being able to attend today’s event, as I am currently at a peace conference in Washington DC. Why would someone like you vote for a candidate like me? Well, let me give you every reason why you should elect me as the next president of the United States. To start, I grew up on Long Island,New York, attended Wellington C Mepham High School, then moved on to Columbia University where I received my Masters of Business Administration. Growing up, having 3 much older siblings was definitely an advantage and played a huge role in who I am today. I would consider myself a melting pot of all of the traits and political beliefs of my brother and sisters. Throughout my teenage years, I saw myself as more mature than my peers because I was constantly surrounded by people wiser than me. My passion for politics started at a young age. I’ve always had a competitiveness and the drive to always be a leader my whole life and once I started being involved in politics, my hunger for success grew rapidly. I’m planning on using this hunger that has emerged to fix challenges in our country; education, our economy, and foreign policy.

If elected, my first goal in office will be to fix the education system across America. There are many problems with our education. Problems of our education include graduation rates, inequality in education between poor and wealthy communities, college affordability, our declining ranking in education around the world. The U.S is ranked very low in education rankings in the world. It’s no surprise that U.S is ranked 38th in science and 24th in math in the world. To increase our countries rankings in education in the world, I believe we should redo the entire education system. Students should be able to take classes that involve the careers they want to pursue in. They shouldn’t waste their time in classes they don’t want to take. Graduation rates have been fairly high in the past years. The average graduation rate in America is 84.1%. However low income communities have low graduation rates. In most low income communities education is poor and schools are not run as well in wealthy communities. I plan on fixing this problem by increasing spending on education in low income schools to improve their graduation completion rates and overall making their education experience better so they have a equal chance to graduate like everyone else. Next we plan on making college more affordable, especially for lower income families.College is very expensive and many people choose to not go to college because it is to expensive. Lowering college fees will increase college students and they have a chance to go to college and experience the college life and go into a career they want to pursue in. Standardized testing should be based on the career you want to do. It shouldn’t be about math, science and english but about what you want to do after high school and college. Also due to the high number of school shootings across America, I believe that school should increase security and the head of security should have a weapon like a pistol on them if someone enters the school with a gun to kill students. The number of school shootings is way to high and we need to put a stop to it.

Another goal I would have in office would be to lower the amount of debt America is in. On February 11th 2019 the government exceeded over $22 trillion dollars in debt. About two-thirds is debt held by the public and one-third is held by the government.There are many significant causes of the size of the national debt. First, the debt is an accumulation of federal budget deficits. Each new program and tax cut adds to the debt. These show up in budget deficits by president. The largest deficit goes to President Obama. He added $600 billion a year in military spending. These initiatives halted the 2008 financial crisis. Another cause of our country being in debt that is a very difficult thing to change is our taxes, increased defense spending, and expanded Medicare. Most presidents also suffered from lower tax receipts resulting from recessions. As president, I Would lower the debt by decreasing the amount of money that we put into all of our government spending.

We would cut military spending by a lot because the war is over in the middle east and we shouldn't be getting in the middle of problems that don't involve us. A decrease in military spending would result in less debt for our country.

In terms of foreign policy, one of the first areas I will address is the threat of terrorism from groups like ISIS. Al Qaeda and Afghanistan/Pakistan-based groups being my main concern in the sense that these two areas are the main core for the terrorist groups that have threatened our nation. There attacks over the years were very well known and i'm sure many know these attacks including the Attacks on 9/11, mass shooting in a nightclub killing more than 50 people, and a rented home depot truck plowing down pedestrians and cyclists in lower Manhattan on Halloween [killing at least eight people](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/new-york-attack-victims/). My goal is to fight these groups and at a goal put an end to these attacks, and counter these attacks. I believe we should send military forces in these areas with the best equipment, best guys, and the most important thing being a dream to end terrorism. They shouldn't get the right to walk away from these attacks and then plot even more for the future