

United States President

THE ISSUES



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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. "Every woman should have the right to make decisions about her own body." "This fight is about freedom." With Biden, strengthened <u>abortion pill</u> access and abortion patient <u>protections</u> , <u>overturned</u> Trump Planned Parenthood federal funding ban. Would sign national <u>abortion rights</u> bill if Congress passed.	Ban. "After 50 years of failure, I was able to <u>kill</u> <u>Roe v. Wade</u> ." Did so <u>by appointing</u> three anti-abortion Supreme Court <u>Justices</u> . It was "a <u>miracle</u> ." <u>States</u> should decide for themselves, potentially monitoring women's pregnancies and <u>prosecuting</u> women for getting abortions. Abortion is "really <u>not that big</u> of an issue."
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Yes. We're seeing the climate crisis "every day...in real time." "We must do more." Cast the <u>deciding vote</u> to <u>commit</u> \$369 billion to climate and clean energy, the <u>biggest investment</u> in US history. <u>Supported</u> \$1.2 trillion in <u>infrastructure</u> ; includes <u>reducing</u> greenhouse gas emissions.	No. Climate change is a "hoax." The world will "start <u>getting cooler</u> ." <u>Withdrew</u> from the Paris climate pact. Will <u>expand</u> coal and oil production. "I want to <u>drill, baby, drill</u> ." Asked oil and gas executives to <u>donate</u> \$1 billion so he could <u>reverse</u> Biden's climate initiatives.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Police are <u>dedicated public servants</u> . As a prosecutor <u>increased felony convictions</u> by one third. But "public <u>safety</u> requires community trust." <u>Has supported</u> better training, banning choke holds, and prosecuting police misconduct.	Police are "under siege." <u>Cut back</u> active federal oversight of excess force, though supported a <u>database</u> to track it. <u>Admires</u> Chinese approach of quick trials and a death penalty for drug dealers so there will be a "zero drug problem."
ECONOMY How to improve the economy and make daily life more affordable.	<u>Expand</u> child tax credit. <u>Give</u> tax credits for affordable housing builders and subsidize first-time home buyers. <u>Restrict price gouging</u> on groceries and <u>lower drug costs</u> by negotiating prices. <u>Supported</u> bipartisan infrastructure bill.	Increase <u>taxes (tariffs)</u> on imported goods. Cut housing demand with <u>mass deportations</u> . To lower prices, would <u>deregulate</u> businesses, rein in "wasteful federal spending" and unleash American energy. <u>Opposed</u> infrastructure bill.
EDUCATION Limit teaching about racism and gender identity?	No. In Florida " <u>extremists... passed a law, 'Don't Say Gay'</u> , trying to instill fear in our teachers." Now, "they want to <u>replace history</u> with lies," teaching "that enslaved people benefited from slavery." Children should be " <u>taught the truth</u> ."	Yes. Certify teachers who " <u>embrace</u> patriotic values." Would " <u>cut</u> federal funding" for any school "pushing critical race theory, gender ideology." <u>Restricted</u> diversity training for federal employees and contractors.
ELECTIONS Did Joe Biden win the 2020 Presidential election?	Yes. "The [election] results were <u>certified</u> by state after state and reaffirmed by court after court." "On January 6, <u>we all saw</u> what our nation would look like if the forces who seek to dismantle our democracy are successful."	No. Called the election a "Big Lie" and a "Massive Fraud" that would justify "termination" of parts of Constitution. Called those who stormed U.S. Capitol " <u>unbelievable patriots</u> ." Would <u>pardon</u> them fully.
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun regulations?	Tighten. "Every person deserves the freedom to live <u>safe</u> from gun violence." <u>Supported</u> the bipartisan gun safety bill and <u>required</u> background checks for gun show & online sales.	Loosen. To NRA, " <u>no one will lay a finger</u> on your firearms." Plans to <u>roll back</u> Biden gun restrictions. <u>Reversed</u> Obama-era background checks for those with mental illnesses.
HEALTHCARE Repeal or expand the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare?	Expand. "Health care is a <u>right</u> , not a privilege." Cast a tie-breaking Senate vote to expand ACA & <u>lower</u> Medicare drug prices, including a \$35 monthly <u>insulin cost</u> . <u>Would link</u> drug costs to costs that comparable wealthy nations pay.	Repeal. "Terminate." "Obamacare is a <u>catastrophe</u> ." As President, <u>promised</u> to replace it with "something terrific," but repeal failed in the Senate by one vote. <u>Supported</u> an unsuccessful lawsuit to overturn it.

ISSUES	HARRIS (D)	TRUMP (R)
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for "DACA" participants brought to the US as children?	Supports "comprehensive immigration reform." Backed the bipartisan Senate border security bill. <u>Rejects</u> mass deportation of undocumented immigrants. "We are a nation of immigrants... let us all <u>address</u> [the issue] with the urgency and seriousness it requires." Supports pathways to citizenship for <u>DACA participants and undocumented spouses</u> of citizens.	Illegal immigrants are " <u>poisoning the blood</u> of our country." Will use the National Guard and local police, with possible detention camps, to deport <u>15 to 20 million</u> illegal immigrants. <u>Opposed</u> the bipartisan Senate immigration bill. <u>Tried</u> to end DACA; Supreme Court <u>overruled</u> . <u>Would</u> renew his Muslim ban and end automatic citizenship for everyone born in US.
ISRAEL/GAZA Response to Israel's invasion of Gaza following October Hamas attack?	" <u>We need</u> " a cease-fire & a two-state solution. "Israel has a <u>right</u> to defend itself." But " <u>too many innocent</u> Palestinians have been killed... Civilian suffering... [is] devastating." Palestinians and Israelis both " <u>are entitled to security</u> ."	Has <u>supported</u> Israeli action, "get the job done." Says Israel <u>releasing images</u> of bombed Gaza buildings loses "the PR war." Gaza protesters are " <u>raging lunatics</u> and Hamas sympathizers." <u>Would</u> <u>deport</u> student protesters.
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	<u>Easier</u> . " <u>Unions built</u> " the American middle class. "We are fighting to protect the <u>sacred right</u> to organize." Backs pro-union <u>laws</u> . <u>Walked UAW picket line</u> . Build " <u>an economy</u> where every person, not just the wealthy," can thrive.	<u>Harder</u> . <u>Made it harder</u> for unions to <u>organize</u> . <u>Restricted</u> federal employee collective bargaining. Praised employers who <u>fire</u> striking workers: "They go on strike...and you say... 'You're all gone.'" Striking Auto Workers were " <u>sold down the river</u> by their leadership."
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	<u>Expand</u> . In 2004, <u>officiated</u> some of the nation's first same-sex marriages. <u>Helped repeal</u> California's anti-gay marriage initiative. Biden administration <u>protected</u> LGBTQ medical patients from discrimination.	<u>Limit</u> . <u>Weakened</u> an Obama order protecting LGBTQ federal contractors from discrimination. <u>Banned transgender</u> military servicemembers and <u>ended</u> anti-discrimination protections for transgender patients.
MARIJUANA Ban or legal?	<u>Legal</u> . " <u>Nobody</u> should have to go to jail for smoking weed." <u>Legalize</u> and regulate. <u>Supports</u> Biden's easing federal prohibition.	<u>Unclear</u> . It <u>does</u> "significant damage." <u>Reversed</u> Obama rule to not prosecute in states where legal, but ultimately <u>didn't</u> prosecute.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise federal minimum from \$7.25 an hour?	<u>Yes</u> . <u>Supports</u> Congress raising the national minimum wage to <u>\$15</u> . Biden administration raised to <u>\$15</u> for federal contractors.	<u>No</u> . A \$15 minimum wage <u>would</u> "eliminate jobs." <u>Threatened</u> to veto. Questioned need for a federal minimum wage: let the <u>states decide</u> .
SOCIAL SECURITY Cut Social Security or raise retirement age to stabilize program?	<u>No</u> . <u>Would protect</u> and stabilize Social Security <u>by</u> making wealthier Americans pay into Social Security at the same rate as everyone else; they'd keep paying in above their <u>current</u> \$168,600/year income cap.	<u>Mostly yes</u> . There's " <u>a lot you can do</u> in... cutting." Also flags bad management. Proposed <u>\$35 billion cuts</u> in Social Security disability programs. But " <u>will never do anything</u> " to "hurt Social Security."
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	<u>Yes</u> . <u>Supported</u> Biden forgiving \$144 billion for over 4 million borrowers, after the Supreme Court blocked the Biden-Harris <u>\$430 billion</u> forgiveness plan.	<u>No</u> . <u>Called</u> student loan forgiveness "unfair" to those not attending college. <u>Vetoed</u> forgiving loans of defrauded students. <u>Proposed cutting</u> support programs for student borrowers.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on the wealthy and corporations?	<u>Raise</u> . <u>Voted against</u> Trump tax cuts, which included the <u>largest</u> corporate cut in US history. <u>Supported</u> increasing corporate tax rates. To boost teacher salaries, <u>proposed</u> raising estate taxes on the very wealthy.	<u>Lower</u> . His 2017 <u>tax cut</u> included the largest corporate cuts in US history and major tax cuts for the wealthy. <u>Would extend and expand</u> when they expire in 2025. <u>Raising</u> business taxes "will lead to the destruction of your jobs."
UKRAINE/RUSSIA Support defending Ukraine against Russian invasion?	<u>Yes</u> . "Regarding Putin's unprovoked, unjustified war against Ukraine... we are <u>committed</u> to... defend democratic values and stand up to dictators."	<u>Mostly no</u> . To end the war, will push Ukraine to <u>give up territory</u> to Russia. Russia <u>should</u> "do whatever the hell they want" to NATO countries that don't pay enough.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	<u>Easier</u> . <u>Pass</u> bills to <u>protect voting rights</u> and make voting and registration easier. Biden administration <u>directed</u> federal agencies to help people register.	<u>Harder</u> . Has <u>long supported</u> stronger voter ID requirements. <u>Sued</u> to bar ballot drop boxes. Encouraged Republicans to vote early but said <u>early ballots</u> "get lost" or are "phony."

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