

2024 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COMPARISON



Commitment to the common good calls us to political participation by knowing the issues, engaging in conversations about our nation's future, and casting our vote! Please prayerfully consider the candidates based on the issues in the freedoms below. This is a nonpartisan resource. More at: networkadvocates.org/be-a-voter.

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KAMALA HARRIS

FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES

- Pledges to cut taxes for workers and families with kids, by expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit and restoring the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC) that reduced child poverty by half in 2021.
- Voted to pass the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) that increased taxes on the wealthy and IRS funds to audit wealthy taxpayers.
- The Biden-Harris admin. fought to grant student loan relief to millions of people.
- Supports workers' rights to unionize and bargain with the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act.
- Supported raising the federal minimum wage nationally to \$17/hour by 2028.
- Supported expanding access to SNAP and food support for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY

- Said "health care should be a right."
- The Biden-Harris admin. implemented lower premium costs for Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollees by nearly \$2,000/yr.
- The Biden-Harris admin.'s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expanded Medicaid coverage in 41 states.
- Voted to pass the IRA's \$2,000/yr cap on prescription drug prices for seniors, and a \$35/month cap on insulin costs (2025).
- The Biden-Harris admin. increased investments in youth mental health care.
- Pledges to cancel \$7B in medical debt.

FREEDOM FROM HARM

- Supports a ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines.
- Oversees the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention.
- The Biden-Harris admin. expanded Brady Background Checks and safe firearm storage, & cracked down on "ghost guns."
- Worked to enact the 2022 Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to break cycles of generational violence and bolster mental health and school security initiatives.
- Has long worked to advance the rights of LGBTQ+ people, pro-equality legislation, and racial equity in the government.



DONALD TRUMP

- The 2017 Trump tax law gave \$1.4T in tax breaks benefitting the wealthy and corporations. He vows to extend the breaks if elected, costing \$4T, the Congressional Budget Office estimates.
- Proposed tariffs that economists predict to lower avg. household income and increase unemployment and inflation.
- Proposed cuts to student aid and rescinded \$2B from Pell Grant reserve funds in his 2020 budget.
- Appointed officials who rolled back workers' rights to form unions.
- Opposed raising the federal minimum wage.
- In 2016, cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by \$60B. His proposed 2021 budget cut \$180B more.
- Prioritized repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2017, cut enrollment funding by 90%, and flouted plans that failed to protect pre-existing conditions.
- During the Trump administration, 2M more people became uninsured.
- Proposed cuts to Medicaid (\$1.5T) and Medicare (\$800B) over 10 years in his 2020 budget.
- Repeatedly vowed to terminate the ACA if re-elected, putting coverage at risk for 40M enrollees, including patients with pre-existing conditions.

- Rolled back gun safety regulations, including one that made it harder for people with mental illness to buy a gun.
- Promised the National Rifle Association (NRA, Trump's largest financial backer in 2016) that he would be "the best friend gun owners have ever had."
- Promises to pass a national concealed carry law and roll back Biden-era restrictions if re-elected.
- Vows to focus on "anti-white" racism and dismantle the Biden-Harris DEIA initiatives.



KAMALA HARRIS

FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY

- Prioritizes democracy and the right to vote in free, fair, and secure elections.
- Pledges to certify the 2024 elections regardless of the winner.
- Condemns the use of violent language.
- Announced Biden-Harris admin.'s steps to promote accurate voter info. and student voter participation, protect election workers, and fight voter suppression.
- The Biden-Harris admin.'s Promoting Access to Voting Executive Order made voting and registration more accessible.
- Promotes the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, the Freedom to Vote Act, and legislation to combat artificial intelligence influences in elections.

FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET

- The U.S. rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement on the Biden-Harris admin.'s first day of office.
- Cast tie-breaking vote to pass the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the largest investment in climate initiatives to date, for renewable energy, electric cars and buses, home energy upgrades, and more.
- The Biden-Harris admin. secured funding for clean water infrastructure projects and \$15B to replace lead pipes.
- The Admin. launched the American Climate Corps to train young adults for green energy and climate resilience jobs.
- As Senator, sponsored bills like the Environmental Justice for All Act.

FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY THAT VALUES DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- The Biden-Harris admin. granted or renewed Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nearly 700,000 immigrants from 16 countries deemed unsafe because of violence or natural disasters.
- Supports comprehensive immigration reform and an earned pathway to citizenship, including for Dreamers.
- Oversaw efforts to address root causes of migration from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador.
- The Biden-Harris admin. expanded health care access for 600,000 DACA recipients.
- The Biden-Harris admin. granted work permits and protection from deportation to 500,000 eligible undocumented spouses of U.S. citizens.
- Pledged to sign the bipartisan border security bill which will severely limit the right to seek asylum in the U.S.

DONALD TRUMP

- Refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power before the 2020 election and to concede his loss after numerous court challenges. Still contends the 2020 election was stolen.
- Urges supporters to "guard the vote" during the 2024 election and said there will be a "bloodbath" if he loses.
- Went to court in 2020 to make it more difficult for voters in Texas to vote by mail. Continues to promote restrictive state voter-ID laws.
- Attempted to intervene in the 2020 census by removing undocumented immigrants from the count.

- Withdrew from the Paris Agreement.
- Suppressed public scientific research on climate change and agriculture.
- Rolled back improved fuel efficiency standards and ended an Obama-era executive order aimed at reducing the federal government's emissions by 40% over ten years.
- Trump's EPA loosened regulations on toxic chemicals and opened nearly a million acres of federal public land to mineral exploitation, coal mining, and new oil and gas drilling.
- Promises to reinvest in fossil fuels and eliminate all Biden-Harris administration clean energy initiatives.

- Attempted to end TPS for people from 6 countries, putting an estimated 300,000 people at risk of being deported to countries previously deemed unsafe.
- His administration intentionally separated thousands of children and infants from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Threatened repeatedly to withhold federal funds from "sanctuary cities."
- Adopted a 2017 "travel ban" on predominantly Muslim countries, dramatically increased immigrant detentions, and imposed tighter restrictions on legal immigration.
- Promises to launch "the largest domestic deportation operation in American history" if elected in 2024.
- Said migrants are "vermin" who will "poison the blood of the nation."