

# ELECTION

# Trump & Biden Stances

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Republican and Democratic parties in the 2020 election. Trump administration has taken in its first term.

TRUMP	Environment	BIDEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on clean air and water, not carbon emissions.</li> <li>Expedited environmental assessments.</li> <li>Fund national parks cleanup.</li> <li>Rejects U.N. Agenda 21 as erosive of U.S. sovereignty, and opposes any form of global tax.</li> <li>Invalidated Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the United States rule that federally regulated puddles and ditches on farms.</li> <li>Supports development of all forms of energy without subsidies.</li> <li>Proposes shift of environmental regulation from federal to the states and transform EPA into an independent bipartisan commission.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest \$1.7 trillion over 10 years for "climate and environmental justice."</li> <li>Implement Green New Deal; move away from fossil fuels and fracking.</li> <li>Promises 100 percent clean energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050.</li> <li>Require aggressive methane pollution limits for new and existing oil and gas operations.</li> <li>Upgrade 4 million buildings and weatherize 2 million homes over 4 years. Reduce carbon footprint of U.S. building stock 50 percent by 2035.</li> <li>Demand worldwide ban on fossil fuel subsidies.</li> <li>Recommit to Paris Climate Agreement. Restore funding to Global Environment Facility and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.</li> </ul>	

TRUMP	Law Enforcement	BIDEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate "no-knock warrants."</li> <li>Fully fund and back police departments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decrease funding to police departments and increase diversity.</li> <li>Establish "no-knock warrants" standards.</li> <li>Limit the sale and transfer of surplus military weapons to domestic law enforcement agencies.</li> <li>Limit qualified immunity.</li> </ul>	

TRUMP	Criminal Justice	BIDEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed the First Step Act in 2018, which allowed for almost 3,100 inmates to be released, mostly drug offenders and inmates serving sentences for weapons charges.</li> <li>Supports death penalty.</li> <li>Crackdown on child sex trafficking and internet sites that facilitate it, as well as pornography.</li> <li>Opposes federal decriminalization of marijuana, but indicated support for allowing states to legalize it.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create new \$20 billion grant program to get states to shift from incarceration to prevention.</li> <li>Supports end of mandatory minimum sentences at federal level.</li> <li>Decriminalize cannabis use and automatically expunge prior convictions.</li> <li>End all incarceration for drug use alone and divert individuals to drug courts and treatment.</li> <li>Eliminate death penalty.</li> <li>End cash bail and the use of private prisons.</li> <li>Provide housing to all individuals upon release from prison.</li> <li>Liberally use clemency powers for certain nonviolent and drug crimes.</li> </ul>	

TRUMP	Second Amendment	BIDEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uphold Second Amendment rights.</li> <li>Opposes laws that would restrict magazine capacity or ban the sale of the most popular and common rifle.</li> <li>Condemns frivolous lawsuits against gun manufacturers and the harassment of firearm dealers.</li> <li>Opposes federal licensing or registration of law-abiding gun owners, and registration of ammunition.</li> <li>Banned bump stocks.</li> <li>Repealed law that required the SSA to send mental health information to the national background check system.</li> <li>Supports "red flag" laws.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ban manufacture and sale of military-style firearms and high-capacity magazines; regulate possession of existing assault weapons.</li> <li>Restrict individuals to one firearm purchase per month.</li> <li>Prohibit all online sales of firearms, ammunition, kits, and gun parts.</li> <li>Increase background check time from 3 days to 10 days. Require background checks for all gun sales, including gun show and online sales.</li> <li>Send information from the Social Security Administration to the national background check system to stop "certain people unable to manage their affairs for mental reasons" from owning a gun.</li> </ul>	

TRUMP	Second Amendment <i>Cont.</i>	BIDEN
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incentivize expansion of "red flag" laws in all states.</li> <li>Move toward a system where all guns sold are "smart guns," requiring an owner's fingerprint to operate.</li> </ul>

TRUMP	Military	BIDEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launched Space Force as the sixth branch of the military.</li> <li>Rebuilt troop numbers and readiness.</li> <li>Passed the VA Accountability and Veterans Choice acts.</li> <li>Dismantled the ISIS terrorist group.</li> <li>Killed Iranian terrorist Maj. Gen. Qasem Soleimani and ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.</li> <li>Bring more troops home.</li> <li>Build a strong cybersecurity defense system and missile defense system.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports sufficient military funding and modernization, but likely decrease in overall defense spending.</li> <li>Use force only to defend vital interests and with the informed consent of the American people.</li> <li>End Middle East wars, bring troops home from Afghanistan, end support from Saudi Arabia in Yemen conflict.</li> <li>Climate change to be at core of Department of Defense policies and plans.</li> <li>Allow transgender troops.</li> <li>Close Guantanamo Bay detention center.</li> </ul>

TRUMP	Foreign Affairs	BIDEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pulled out of Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, Paris climate accord, Iran nuclear deal, U.N. human rights council, U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization, and the International Criminal Court.</li> <li>Escalated sanctions on Iran and Russia.</li> <li>Peace agreement between Israel and the UAE, and aiming to add more countries.</li> <li>Moved U.S. embassy to Jerusalem.</li> <li>Facilitated a larger contribution from countries to NATO.</li> <li>Advance the complete, verifiable, and irreversible dismantlement of North Korea's nuclear weapons program.</li> <li>Expanding defense cooperation with Taiwan and Poland.</li> <li>Cut international aid.</li> <li>Supports Russia rejoining the G7.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports rejoining Iran deal, if Iran in compliance.</li> <li>Rejoin Paris Climate Agreement. Rejoin WHO and expand funding to it. Rejoin U.N. Human Rights Council, and U.N. Population Fund.</li> <li>Expand international aid and commit to the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals.</li> <li>Increase funding for diplomatic missions.</li> <li>Commits to Israel security.</li> <li>Strengthen ties with Japan, South Korea, and Australia.</li> <li>Call for commitment to NATO.</li> <li>Engage allies, including China, to push for North Korea denuclearization.</li> <li>Nuclear weapons only as a deterrent or retaliation.</li> <li>Supports extending New START treaty with Russia.</li> </ul>

TRUMP	China	BIDEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed Phase 1 trade deal.</li> <li>Pushed against proliferation of Huawei in 5G and other IT infrastructure, and took action against TikTok and WeChat.</li> <li>Cracks down on China's influence operations in United States, including Confucius institutes, Chinese state-run media.</li> <li>Cracks down on Chinese nationals stealing intellectual property and trade secrets.</li> <li>Closed consulate in Houston for spying. Expose and uproot Chinese propaganda and surveillance of Americans.</li> <li>Urges universities to divest from China stocks.</li> <li>Divest federal retirement funds from Chinese stocks.</li> <li>Scrutinize U.S.-listed Chinese companies for shady accounting practices.</li> <li>Highlights state-sanctioned religious persecution.</li> <li>Sanctioned Chinese entities for human rights violations.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make bilateral U.S.-China agreements on carbon mitigation contingent on China eliminating unjustified export subsidies for coal and other high-emissions technologies and making verifiable progress in reducing the carbon footprint of projects connected to the Belt and Road Initiative.</li> <li>Urge tech companies to pledge not to facilitate repression in China.</li> </ul>



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