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2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION VOTER GUIDE

Sources Used and Dates Accessed

President Donald Trump (R) vs. Vice President Joe Biden (D)

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THE HYDE AMENDMENT

(The Hyde Amendment is a legislative provision barring the use of federal funds for abortion.)

Biden: OPPOSES

joebiden.com/womens-agenda/ (Accessed September 10, 2020)

“Vice President Biden supports repealing the Hyde Amendment because health care is a right that should not be dependent on one’s zip code or income.”

Trump: SUPPORTS

whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-proclamation-national-sanctity-human-life-day-2019/ (January 18, 2019; accessed September 10, 2020)

“At home, we have issued a proposed regulation to implement the Title X prohibition on funding programs that include abortion as a method of family planning. I am supporting the effort in the United States Senate to make permanent the Hyde Amendment, which has been added year after year to spending bills and prevents taxpayer funding for abortion. And I have explicitly informed the Congress that I will veto any legislation that weakens existing Federal protections for human life.”

OVERTURNING ROE V. WADE

Biden: OPPOSES

joebiden.com/womens-agenda/ (Accessed September 10, 2020)

“Stop state laws violating Roe v. Wade. Biden will work to codify Roe v. Wade, and his Justice Department will do everything in its power to stop the rash of state laws that so blatantly violate Roe v. Wade.”

Trump: SUPPORTS

[washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/10/19/the-final-trump-clinton-debate-transcript-annotated/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/10/19/the-final-trump-clinton-debate-transcript-annotated/) (October 19, 2016; accessed September 10, 2020)

Debate moderator: “Do you want to see the court overturn *Roe v. Wade*?”

TRUMP: “Well, if we put another two or perhaps three justices on, that's really what's going to be – that will happen. And that'll happen automatically, in my opinion, because I am putting pro-life justices on the court. I will say this: It will go back to the states, and the states will then make a determination.”

APPOINTING PRO LIFE JUDGES

Biden: OPPOSES

[joebiden.com/blackamerica/](https://www.joebiden.com/blackamerica/) (Accessed 09 08 2020)

“Appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who look like America, are committed to the rule of law, understand the importance of individual civil rights and civil liberties in a democratic society, and respect foundational precedents like *Brown vs. Board of Education* and *Roe v. Wade*.”

Trump: SUPPORTS

[donaldjtrump.com/media/trump-campaign-statement-on-scotus-abortion-law-decision/](https://www.donaldjtrump.com/media/trump-campaign-statement-on-scotus-abortion-law-decision/) (June 29, 2020; accessed September 10, 2020)

“This case underscores the importance of re-electing President Trump, who has a record of appointing conservative judges, rather than Joe Biden, who will appoint radical, activist judges who will legislate from the courts.”

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

Biden: OPPOSES

[nationalreview.com/corner/biden-says-he-would-rescind-exemption-for-little-sisters-of-poor/](https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/biden-says-he-would-rescind-exemption-for-little-sisters-of-poor/) (July 9, 2020; accessed September 10, 2020)

“If I am elected, I will restore the Obama-Biden policy that existed before the Hobby Lobby ruling: providing an exemption for houses of worship and an accommodation for nonprofit organizations with religious missions. The accommodation will allow women at these organizations to access contraceptive coverage, not through their employer-provided plan, but instead through their insurance company or a third-party administrator.”

Trump: SUPPORTS

whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-trump-champion-religious-freedom/ (February 8, 2018; accessed September 10, 2020)

“The Trump administration has taken a stand on behalf of religious liberty in the courts. ... supported baker Jack Phillips’s right to operate his bakery in accordance with his religious beliefs.”

“In October 2017, the Department of Justice issued twenty principles of religious liberty to guide the Administration’s litigation strategy to protect religious freedom.”

BIOLOGICAL MALES COMPETING IN GIRLS SPORTS

Biden: SUPPORTS

joebiden.com/lgbtq-policy/ (Accessed September 8, 2020)

“Guaranteeing transgender students have access to facilities based on their gender identity. On his first day in office, Biden will reinstate the Obama-Biden guidance revoked by the Trump-Pence Administration, which will restore transgender students’ access to sports, bathrooms, and locker rooms in accordance with their gender identity. He will direct his Department of Education to vigorously enforce and investigate violations of transgender students’ civil rights.”

Trump: OPPOSES

justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-files-statement-interest-title-ix-womens-equal-opportunities-case (March 24, 2020; accessed September 10, 2020)

“The Department of Justice today filed a Statement of Interest in federal court in Connecticut against the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) policy that requires biological males to compete against biological females — despite the real physiological differences between the sexes — if the male is a transgender individual who publicly identifies with the female gender.”

justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-files-statement-interest-defending-constitutionality-idaho-s-fairness (June 19, 2020; accessed September 14, 2020)

“The Department of Justice today filed a statement of interest in Idaho federal court defending Idaho’s Fairness in Women’s Sports Act against a challenge under the Constitution’s Equal Protection Clause.”

“In its statement of interest, the United States explains that the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution does not require States to abandon their efforts to provide biological women with equal opportunity to compete for, and enjoy the life-long benefits that flow from, participation in school athletics in order to accommodate the team preferences of transgender athletes. Put differently, the Constitution does not require Idaho to provide the special treatment plaintiffs

request, under which biological males are allowed to compete against biological females if and only if the biological males are transgender.”

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Biden: SUPPORTS

joebiden.com/healthcare/ (Accessed September 8, 2020)

“As president, Biden will protect the Affordable Care Act from these continued attacks. He opposes every effort to get rid of this historic law – including efforts by Republicans, and efforts by Democrats. Instead of starting from scratch and getting rid of private insurance, he has a plan to build on the Affordable Care Act by giving Americans more choice, reducing health care costs, and making our health care system less complex to navigate.”

Trump: OPPOSES

whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-signing-proclamation-honor-national-nurses-day/ (May 6, 2020; accessed September 10, 2020)

“But just so you understand, Obamacare is a disaster, but we’ve run it very well. And we’ve made it barely acceptable. It was a disaster under President Obama, and it’s very bad healthcare. What we want to do is terminate it and give great healthcare. ... we want to terminate healthcare for — under Obamacare, because it’s bad, and we’re replacing it with a great healthcare at far less money, and it includes preexisting conditions.”

COMPLETING THE BORDER WALL

Biden: OPPOSES

joebiden.com/immigration/ (Accessed September 8, 2020)

“Today, our immigration system is under great stress as a direct result of Trump’s misguided policies, even as he has failed to invest in smarter border technology that would improve our cargo screening. His obsession with building a wall does nothing to address security challenges while costing taxpayers billions of dollars.”

“End the so-called National Emergency that siphons federal dollars from the Department of Defense to build a wall. Building a wall will do little to deter criminals and cartels seeking to exploit our borders. Instead of stealing resources from schools for military children and recovery efforts in Puerto Rico, Biden will direct federal resources to smart border enforcement efforts, like investments in improving screening infrastructure at our ports of entry, that will actually keep America safer.”

Trump: SUPPORTS

promiseskept.com/achievement/overview/immigration/ (Accessed September 14, 2020)

“Upon entering office, President Trump called on Congress to fully fund a wall along the Southern border, to close legal loopholes that enable illegal immigration, to end chain migration, and to eliminate the visa lottery program.”

RAISING BUSINESS AND PERSONAL INCOME TAXES

Biden: SUPPORTS

crfb.org/papers/understanding-joe-bidens-2020-tax-plan (July 30, 2020; accessed September 11, 2020)

“Biden would raise the corporate tax rate from 21 to 28 percent, set minimum corporate taxes for domestic and foreign income, restore the top individual tax rate from 37 to 39.6 percent, tax capital gains as ordinary income and at death for very high earners, limit various tax breaks for higher earners, subject wages above \$400,000 to the Social Security payroll tax, and pass various other cuts and increases.”

Biden would also: “Establish first time homebuyers’ and renters’ tax credits” and “increase the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit.”

Trump: OPPOSES

promiseskept.com/achievement/overview/economy-and-jobs/# (Accessed September 11, 2020)

“Under President Trump’s leadership, Congress passed historic tax cuts and relief for hard-working Americans. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act:

- Nearly doubled the standard deduction, a change that simplified the tax filing process for millions of Americans.
- Cut taxes for small business by 20%, providing \$415 billion in tax relief for small business owners.
- Repealed Obamacare’s burdensome individual mandate.
- Made U.S. companies competitive on the world stage, lowering the corporate tax rate from one of the highest in the industrialized world (35%) to 21%.”

ADOPTING THE GREEN NEW DEAL

Biden: SUPPORTS

joebiden.com/climate-plan/ (Accessed September 10, 2020)

“Biden believes the Green New Deal is a crucial framework for meeting the climate challenges we face. It powerfully captures two basic truths, which are at the core of his plan: (1) the United States urgently needs to embrace greater ambition on an epic scale to meet the scope of this challenge, and (2) our environment and our economy are completely and totally connected.”

Trump: OPPOSES

[whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-jobs-numbers-report/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-jobs-numbers-report/) (June 8, 2020; accessed September 11, 2020)

“But the Green New Deal would kill our country. The deal — the Green New Deal would have a devastating effect on the world. And it’s not going to happen anyway because it’s impossible for them to do it. If you ever look at what they want to do under the Green New Deal, it’s — it’s like baby talk.”

ABOLISHING THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Biden: OPPOSES

[nytimes.com/interactive/2020/01/17/opinion/joe-biden-nytimes-interview.html](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/01/17/opinion/joe-biden-nytimes-interview.html) (December 16, 2019; accessed September 10, 2020)

Reporter: “Speaking of those other candidates, several of them have proposed major structural reforms to our government and to our democracy. These include abolishing the Electoral College, expanding the size of the Supreme Court, setting term limits for justices, abolishing the legislative filibuster. Which, if any of these, do you support?”

Biden: “None.”

Reporter: “Why not?”

Biden: “Because that structural change requires constitutional amendments. It raises problems that are more damaging than the problem that exists. We’re in a situation where the reason they gave judges lifetime tenure, you know why.”

Trump: OPPOSES

twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1108187855954870272;
twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1108190837257764864 (March 19, 2019; accessed September 10, 2020)

“Campaigning for the Popular Vote is much easier & different than campaigning for the Electoral College. It’s like training for the 100-yard-dash vs. a marathon. The brilliance of the Electoral College is that you must go to many States to win. With the Popular Vote, you go to just the large States - the Cities would end up running the Country. Smaller States & the entire Midwest would end up losing all power – & we can’t let that happen.”