

PRESIDENTIAL VOTER GUIDE

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As we approach the 2020 presidential election, we believe it's important to know where each candidate stands on critical issues of interest to the fate and future of the American family. In order to help voters make an informed and educated decision, our team at *The Daily Citizen* has created a non-partisan voter's guide.

To ensure accuracy, each candidate's stance on each issue portrayed is sourced and linked to additional background information, which is available at the bottom of this voter guide. If you're reading it in our voter guide, you can have confidence in the integrity of the positions presented.

So, read up, and be sure to vote in this year's presidential election!

THE HYDE AMENDMENT

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



SUPPORTS

"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."



OPPOSES

"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."

OVERTURNING ROE V. WADE



SUPPORTS

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."



OPPOSES

"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."

APPOINTING PRO-LIFE JUDGES



SUPPORTS

"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."



OPPOSES

"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*."

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR BUSINESS OWNERS



SUPPORTS

"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."



OPPOSES

"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."

BIOLOGICAL MALES COMPETING IN GIRLS SPORTS



OPPOSES

"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."



SUPPORTS

"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."

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT



OPPOSES

"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."



SUPPORTS

"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."

COMPLETING THE BORDER WALL



SUPPORTS

"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."



OPPOSES

"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."

RAISING BUSINESS AND PERSONAL INCOME TAXES



OPPOSES

“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%.”



SUPPORTS

“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.”

ADOPTING THE GREEN NEW DEAL



OPPOSES

“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.”



SUPPORTS

“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.”

ABOLISHING THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE



OPPOSES

"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."



OPPOSES

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."

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