President Donald Trump

- 45th president of the United States
- Received a BS degree from Penn’s Wharton School of Business
- Born and raised in New York City
- Appointed president of his family’s real estate business in 1971; made his fortune from building and renovating skyscrapers, hotels, casinos, and golf courses as well as brand licensing
- Starred in the reality TV competition, *The Apprentice* from 2003-15
- Managed The Trump Organization until his presidential inauguration
- Born: 1946

### Stances

**Health care:** Supports repealing the Affordable Care Act and signed a tax bill that removed funding for the law’s individual mandate. Voiced support for legislation that would reduce prescription drug costs.

**Climate Change:** Supports the repeal of the Clean Power Plan and has voiced concern over the amount of control the EPA has over states. Withdrew the US from the Paris Agreement, which includes pledges to combat global temperature increases.

**Education:** Advocates for expansion and increased funding for school choice. Supports reforming student aid and increasing distribution of Pell grants.

**Foreign Policy:** Implemented aluminum and steel import tariffs and withdrew the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Imposed new economic sanctions for Iran and pulled the US out of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

**Immigration:** Opposes access to counsel for immigrants undergoing removal. Has worked to remove legal orientation programs for immigrants. His “Remain in Mexico” program has created barriers for asylum-seekers to access and communicate with legal counsel.

Sources: National Journal Research; Donald J. Trump for President, Vox, New York Times, NBC News, Quorum, AILA, CNN.

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**Jobs and economy**

**Summary of stances:**
- The Trump administration has initiated a variety of rule rollbacks, including the likely reduction of a proposal that would have made more than four million additional salaried employees eligible for overtime pay and several other health and safety regulations.
- The White House’s top economic advisor, Larry Kudlow, has vocally opposed increasing the federal minimum wage. However, Trump’s position on minimum wage is unclear; in the primaries, he supported a minimum wage increase to $10.

**Immigration**

**Summary of stances:**
- President Trump has repeatedly attempted to secure funding for a wall along the US-Mexico border; this was one of his signature campaign promises in 2016.
- His administration has also taken action to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) programs.
- President Trump has also shown support for ending chain migration and eliminating the visa lottery system.

**Foreign policy**

**Summary of stances:**
- President Trump has escalated drone and air strike campaigns across the Middle East and North Africa, which had subsided under the Obama administration.
- However, President Trump has also shown a willingness to withdraw from global conflicts in which the US is engaged, such as Syria and Afghanistan.
- President Trump has used national security threats to justify diverse executive actions, including building a wall along the US’ southern border and imposing tariffs on foreign imports into the United States.

Former Vice President Joe Biden

- Served as vice president to President Obama for both terms, 2009-2017
- Received a BA from U. of Delaware and a JD from Syracuse University
- Was a key advisor to Obama and an experienced leader of the Senate
- Served as US senator for Delaware from 1973-2009
- Served as chairman of both the Judiciary and Foreign Relation Committees
- Known most widely for his work on criminal justice reform and the Violence Against Women Act
- Born: 1942

**Stances**

**Health care:** Would build on the Affordable Care Act by offering a public insurance option to compete with private insurance on the insurance exchanges.

**Climate Change:** Published a $1.7 trillion climate plan to achieve a 100% clean energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050. Has also committed to rejoining the Paris Agreement on his first day in office.

**Education:** Aims to triple Title I funding to eliminate funding gaps in public schools and support teacher's wages, reinstate the Obama-Biden actions to diversify schools, and institute universal pre-K for all 3 and 4 year olds.

**Foreign Policy:** Seeks to place America as a leading example of democracy by renewing international alliances, addressing threats such as climate change and nuclear proliferation, and reversing Trump administration policies.

**Immigration:** Would end family separation and the Trump administration’s travel ban. Plans to raise the US’ refugee admission target and to protect veterans, members of the armed forces, and those individuals’ spouses from deportation.

Sources: National Journal Research; Joebiden.com, CNN.

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**Infrastructure**

**Summary of stances:**
- Supports a $400 billion investment over ten years to build green infrastructure in order to reduce emissions
- Plans to invest $20 billion towards rural broadband infrastructure and triple “Community Connect” grants
- Proposes using infrastructure funding to modernize the lock and dam system to help get rural products to market
- Supports investing in infrastructure upgrades that can withstand the impacts of climate change
- Plans to invest in the climate resilience of military bases

**Jobs and economy**

**Summary of stances:**
- Has supported a $15/hour minimum wage since 2015
- Supports expanding opportunities for overtime pay
- Would ensure long-run social security solvency and implement a minimum benefit for lifelong workers
- Supports measures that protect workers who discuss their pay from employer retaliation
- Supports ending misclassification of workers to avoid overtime pay
- Supports banning non-compete clauses
- Was instrumental in the development of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (2014) while Vice President

**Gun violence**

**Summary of stances:**
- As a senator, Biden supported the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act in 1994, which banned the manufacture of a number of semi-automatic firearms
- In 1993, he pushed the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, which established a background check system, through Congress
- Voted against the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act in 2005, which protects gun manufacturers from being held civilly liable for their products
- Biden has said that if elected president, he will re-introduce an assault weapons ban and pair it with a buy back program

Dr. Jo Jorgensen

- Professor at Clemson University and teaches courses on psychology
- Received a Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology in 2002 from Clemson University and an MBA in 1980 from Southern Methodist University
- Prior to pursing academia, Dr. Jorgensen worked for IBM and later started her own software sales company; in 2002, she founded a business consulting company
- Ran as the Libertarian Party candidate in South Carolina’s 4th district in 1992 and the Libertarian VP nominee alongside Harry Browne in 1996
- Born: 1957

Stances

**Health care:**
Supports reforming the FDA’s drug approval process to increase accessibility. Opposes Medicare-for-All; supports a free market healthcare system to lower high premiums and high out-of-pocket expenditures.

**Climate Change:**
Opposes the Green New Deal; supports ending all energy subsidies that incentivize fossil fuel companies and limit innovation for clean energy alternatives.

**Education:**
Strongly opposes the Department of Education and favors local control over educational policy.

**Foreign Policy:**
Supports free trade policies and ending all military foreign aid. Supports ending US involvement in foreign wars and ending deployment for all US troops stationed outside of the United States.

**Immigration:**
Supports repealing immigration quotas and expanding visa opportunities. Supports a pathway to citizenship and shortening wait times for refugees and immigrants.

Sources: National Journal Research; Ballotpedia; Jo20.com.

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**Infrastructure**

*Summary of stances:*
- Opposes the Trump administration’s infrastructure spending on a southern border wall
- Supports limiting all federal spending, including infrastructure spending

**Jobs and economy**

*Summary of stances:*
- Opposes the federal minimum wage
- Supports lowering the national debt to help spur economic growth
- Cut federal spending and eliminate any unnecessary federal agencies, departments, or offices
- Eliminate the federal income tax
- Lower rent and healthcare costs by removing regulations to increase competition

**Gun violence**

*Summary of stances:*
- Opposes policies that would ban gun sales
- Supports policies that would end the sale of military-style weapons and equipment to police forces
- Would limit federal dollars for police forces and defund the DEA to ensure that federal involvement in local police happens as a last resort
- Ending no-knock raid policies and qualified immunity

Sources: National Journal Research; Ballotpedia; Jo20.com, Libertarian National Committee.

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