President Donald Trump (R)

- 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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Former Vice President Joe Biden (D)

- 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.
Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (D)

- Served three terms as mayor of New York City from 2002 to 2013
- Ran once as an independent and twice as a Republican
- Received a BS from Johns Hopkins University and a MBA from Harvard University
- Founded financial data services firm Bloomberg LP in 1981, which has also grown into a major media organization
- Stepped down from Bloomberg LP when he launched his presidential campaign
- Born: 1942

Stances

**Health care:**
Would expand Obamacare and Medicare to achieve universal coverage. Has been critical of Medicare for All, saying that replacing all private insurance with a single payer system would bankrupt the United States “for a very long time.” Unveiled a public option plan in December.

**Climate Change:**
Has committed to achieving a 100% clean-energy economy before 2050, reducing emissions by half of their current levels by 2030, and achieving 80% clean electricity by the end of his second presidential term. Would also prioritize climate change in the US’ approach to foreign policy.

**Education:**
Doubled New York City’s education budget as a major, gave teachers a 43% raise, and led numerous other education reforms. Does not have an education plan, but would “make it a top national priority to increase student achievement, college preparedness, and career readiness.”

**Foreign Policy:**
Hopes to “restore global respect” to the White House. Is especially concerned with prioritizing climate change as a foreign policy issue. Ardently supports free trade. Has expressed support for the state of Israel and aggressive counterterrorism measures.

**Immigration:**
Supports access to legal counsel for immigrants facing removal. Launched numerous pro-immigration initiatives as mayor of New York, and formed the New American Economy, a pro-immigration organization.

Sources: National Journal Research; Bloomberg 2020, CNN, CFR, AILA.

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Mayor Pete Buttigieg (D)

- Mayor of South Bend, Indiana, since 2011
- Received a BA from Harvard University and attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar
- Ran for chairman of the Democratic National Committee in 2017
- Served in the Navy Reserve from 2009 to 2017, and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2014, while he was mayor
- Is the youngest 2020 contender and the only LGBTQ+ candidate
- Born: 1982

**Stances**

**Health care:**
Would put Medicare-for-all on the health care exchange as a public option, calling it “Medicare for All Who Want it.” Rural health plan addresses care shortages and the opioid epidemic.

**Climate Change:**
Supports ending subsidies for the fossil fuel industry and banning new fossil fuel leases on public lands. Climate plan outlines his goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

**Education:**
Supports increasing Title I funding, diversifying the teaching profession, expanding the Pell Grant program, and increasing resources by $25 billion for HBCUs and MSIs. Supports debt-free public college for low and middle income families through a state-federal partnership.

**Foreign Policy:**
Would “repeal and replace” the 2001 AUMF, rejoin the Paris Climate Accord and the Iran Nuclear Deal, and withhold some money to Israel if it annexes parts of the West Bank. Seeks to reinforce democratic capitalism in the US and restore American credibility.

**Immigration:**
Would call on Congress to provide funding towards legal counsel for immigrants and to work with local and state governments and legal service providers in order to expand access to counsel for immigrants facing removal.

Sources: National Journal Research; peteforamerica.com, AILA, CNN.

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Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI-2)

- U.S. representative from Hawaii's 2nd District since 2013
- Received a BSBA degree from Hawaii Pacific University
- Former vice chair of the DNC, but resigned to support Bernie Sanders in the 2016 election
- A member of the Hawaii Army National Guard, she served two tours abroad
- Between tours, she was a legislative aide in Sen. Akaka’s (D-HI) office
- Member of the Hawaii House of Representatives from 2002-04
- Born: 1981

Stances

Health care: Supports a Medicare for All system, but would not ban individuals from having private insurance.

Climate Change: Supports moving towards 100% renewable energy; would end fossil fuel subsidies and invest in renewable energy sources.

Education: Cosponsored legislation to provide universally free community college, as well as free four-year college for lower- and middle-income families.

Foreign Policy: Strongly opposes what she refers to as the US' “regime change wars.” Opposes US intervention in the Syrian Civil War. As president, would remain open to talks with Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Immigration: Supports the DACA program. Would provide Dreamers with a pathway to citizenship and ensure that agencies have enough funding to process claims of asylum-seekers.


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Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

- Senator from Minnesota since 2007
- Received a BA degree from Yale and a JD from U. of Chicago
- Corporate attorney before being elected Hennepin County Attorney (which contains Minneapolis) from 1999-2006
- Chairs the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach committee
- Ranking member of the Rules Committee and the Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights
- Born: 1960

**Stances**

**Health care:** Supports expanding the ACA with the addition of a public option. Her plans focus on expanding care for the elderly and finding treatments for chronic illnesses funded by a tax on trust funds.

**Climate Change:** Calls for 100% net zero emissions by 2050. Would rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and restore the Obama-era Clean Power Plan.

**Education:** Aims to increase teacher pay and public school funding. Would refinance student loans and forgive loans for in-demand occupations. Supports tuition-free community colleges and technical certifications.

**Foreign Policy:** Plans to rebuild the State Department and modernize the military against threats including cybersecurity. Seeks to reform consistent relationships with allies.

**Immigration:** Cosponsored legislation in the Senate which would require and allocate federal funding for the Department of Homeland Security to provide legal access for detained individuals.

Sources: National Journal Research; amyklobuchar.com, AILA, CNN.

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Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)

- Senator from Vermont since 2007
- Received a BA degree from U. of Chicago
- Former US representative for Vermont’s At-Large District from 1991-2007
- Mayor of Burlington, VT from 1981-89
- Caucuses with the Democrats, but is the longest serving Independent in congressional history
- Considered one of the most ideologically liberal members of the Senate
- Ran in the 2016 and won 23 primaries/caucuses, but lost the nomination to Hillary Clinton
- Born: 1941

Health care:
Would establish a Medicare-for-all system that rolls-out over four years and outlaws private insurance.

Climate Change:
Supports a Green New Deal (based on legislation of the same name), which would mobilize $16.3 trillion and includes a commitment to create 20 million union jobs. Wants to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030 and complete decarbonization by 2050.

Education:
Supports tuition-free public higher education and universal Pre-K. Would restructure the federal student loan program by cutting interest rates and eliminating current debt.

Foreign Policy:
Emphasizes giving Congress stronger powers over authorization of military use. Highlights that the US must lead the world in protecting democracy and combating global inequity.

Immigration:
Would ensure the right to legal counsel for immigrants and would guarantee access to interpretation and translation services.

Sources: National Journal Research; berniesanders.com, AILA, CNN.

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Billionaire political activist Tom Steyer (D)

- Founded climate activism group NextGen America in 2013
- Received a B.A. from Yale and M.B.A. from Stanford
- Founded and managed investment firm Farallon Capital
- Along with his wife Kathryn, runs a cattle ranch focusing on holistic agriculture solutions
- Born: 1957

**Stances**

**Health care:**
Argues that health care is a fundamental right. Believes a public option would lower costs, increase coverage rates, and offer quality care. Supports covering undocumented immigrants. Also mentions lowering prescription drug costs and ending surprise bills.

**Climate Change:**
Has referred to climate change as his top priority. Targets a 100% clean energy economy and net-zero global warming pollution by 2045. Would challenge Congress to enact his Green New Deal but is committed to using presidential powers, including emergency powers.

**Education:**
Supports free public education from pre-school through community college. Also supports free skills and workforce training. Would increase resources for public schools, invest in facilities, and raise teacher salaries. Is committed to closing the “education achievement gap.”

**Foreign Policy:**
Hopes to rebuild alliances with the aim of solving global problems as a coalition of nations. Would prioritize climate change. Supports including environmental and labor groups in trade negotiations. Would “reinvigorate” the Department of State.

**Immigration:**
Has not taken a position on access to counsel for immigrants facing removal. Supports comprehensive immigration reform, including reinstating DACA and TPS and upheaving the visa system to attract skilled immigrants. Would increase aid for Central American countries.

Sources: National Journal Research; Tom 2020, AILA.
**Former Rep. Joe Walsh (R-IL-8)**

- Served as a representative for Illinois’ 8th district for one term, 2011 to 2013
- Received a BA from the University of Iowa and an MPP from the University of Chicago
- After leaving Congress, Walsh hosted a conservative radio show
- Prior to being elected to Congress, he worked as a political consultant and history teacher
- From North Barrington, Illinois
- Born: 1961

### Stances

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<td>Opposes family separation. Has said that he would be “tougher” on illegal immigration but also increase the amount of resources devoted towards cases involving asylum-seekers.</td>
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Sources: National Journal Research; Chicago Tribune, Congress.gov, PBS News Hour, Business Insider, Center for Public Integrity, CNN.
Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

- US senator from Massachusetts since 2013
- Attended GWU; BS, University of Houston; JD, Rutgers
- Former Harvard law professor focused on bankruptcy law
- Served as chair from 2008-10 of the Congressional Oversight Panel that oversaw the Troubled Asset Relief Program
- Helped design the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and was appointed by Obama to set it up after the agency was established by Dodd-Frank in 2010
- Born: 1949

Stances

Health care:
Supports Medicare-for-all, including an outlaw of private health insurance. Her plan would increase taxes on the wealthy and middle class to fund Medicare-for-all but claims lower out-of-pocket costs would result in lower overall individual expenditures.

Climate Change:
Aims to achieve 100% renewable electricity generation by 2035. Would ban fracking, and has expressed commitment to goals set out by Washington Governor Jay Inslee.

Education:
Proposes a $1.25 trillion plan to cancel up to $50,000 in student loan debt for Americans and eliminate tuition at public colleges. Would prohibit colleges from considering citizenship and criminal background in admissions and create a $50 billion fund for HBCUs and MSIs.

Foreign Policy:
Aims to reinvest funds into diplomacy and cut defense budgets. Seeks to establish trade policies that benefit America’s middle class and use military force sparingly.

Immigration:
Supports access to counsel for immigrants. Has proposed creating a national corps of immigration public defenders. Cosponsored legislation in the Senate to require and allocate federal funding for the Department of Homeland Security to provide legal access for detained individuals.

Sources: National Journal Research; elizabethwarren.com, AILA, CNN.

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Former Governor Bill Weld (R-MA)

- Massachusetts governor from 1991-97
- Received BA and JD degrees from Harvard
- Libertarian candidate for Vice President in 2016 alongside Gary Johnson
- Nominated by Pres. Clinton in 1997 to be the US ambassador to Mexico, but was denied a Senate confirmation hearing due to his soft stance on drugs
- Appointed by Pres. Reagan to be US attorney for Massachusetts from 1981-86
- Born: 1945

**Stances**

### Health care:
Supports establishing personal health care savings accounts and allowing consumers to choose their health care providers. As governor, petitioned for additional Medicaid funding for Massachusetts and relaxed the state’s Medicaid requirements.

### Climate Change:
Supports rejoining the Paris agreement and opposes the Trump administration’s environmental approach. Has advocated for carbon emissions pricing and increased use of renewable energy.

### Education:
Has voiced support for eliminating the Department of Education in order to shrink the size of the federal government. As governor, supported legislation that increased public school standards.

### Foreign Policy:
Opposes the Trump administration’s tariffs on Chinese imports. Supported the Iran nuclear deal and non-proliferation efforts.

### Immigration:
Has sharply criticized Trump’s calls for mass deportations of immigrants. Would expand access to work permits and visas.


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