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.
# 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

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<td>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.</td>
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Sources: National Journal Research; Joebiden.com, CNN.
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. 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

**Stances**

**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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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.